Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in Direction Generale De L'Aviation Civile (France) AD 94–077–016(B)R1 and AD 94–076–036(B)R1, both dated December 4, 1996.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on February 26, 1998.

Eric Bries,

Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98–ANE–92]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Laconia, NH; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This action corrects a charting error in the description of revised Class E airspace at Laconia, NH (KLCI) published in the **Federal Register** on February 20, 1998 (63 FR 8563) and intended to provide adequate controlled airspace for those aircraft using the new GPS RWY 26 standard instrument approach procedure to Laconia Municipal Airport.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, April 23, 1998.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before March 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the rule to: Manager, Airspace Branch ANE–520, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 98–ANE–92, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803–5299; telephone (781) 238–7520; fax (781) 238–7596. Comments may also be sent electronically via the internet to the following address: ''9 ne airspacefaa.dot.gov''. Comments sent electronically must indicate Docket 98–ANE–92 in the subject line.

The official docket file may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel, New England Region, ANE–7, Room 401, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803–5299; telephone (781) 238–7050; fax (781) 238–7055.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the Air Traffic Division, Room 408, by contacting the Acting Manager, Airspace Branch at the first address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David T. Bayley, ANE–520.3, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803–5299; telephone (781) 238–7523; fax (781) 238–7596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 20, 1998, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a direct final rule revising the Class E airspace at Laconia, NH (KLCI) to provide for adequate controlled airspace for those aircraft using the new GPS RWY 26 standard instrument approach procedure to Laconia Municipal Airport (63 FR 8563). Since publication of that direct final rule, the FAA has been advised of a charting error in the description of the Class E airspace at Laconia. This action corrects that error.

Correction to the Direct Final Rule

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the amendment to Class E airspace at Laconia, NH as published in the **Federal Register** on February 20, 1998 (63 FR 8563), **Federal Register** document 98–4314; and the description in FAA Order 7400.9E, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 are corrected as follows:

§ 71.1 [Corrected]

On page 8564, column 3, 9th and 10th lines, correct the words ''Belknap NDP 249° bearing'' to read ''Belknap NDB 249°/069° bearings''.

Issued in Burlington, MA, on February 26, 1998.

Bill Peacock,

Manager, Air Traffic Division, New England Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 173

[Docket No. 97F–0038]

Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of acidified solutions of sodium chlorite as an antimicrobial agent in the processing of red meat. This action is in response to a petition filed by Alcide Corp.

DATES: This regulation is effective March 6, 1998; written objections and requests for a hearing by April 6, 1998. The Director of the Office of the Federal Register approves the incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 of certain publications in § 173.325(d) (21 CFR 173.325(d)), effective March 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written objections may be sent to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1–23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert L. Martin, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–217), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204–0001, 202–418–3074.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of February 5, 1997 (62 FR 5428), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 7A4532) had been filed by Alcide Corp., Inc., 8561 154th Ave. NE., Redmond, WA 98052, proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of acidified sodium chlorite solutions for red meat disinfection in processing plants. In its evaluation of the petition, the agency has concluded that red meat is not disinfected, but that the microbial contamination of the meat is reduced. Therefore, the agency is approving this additive as an antimicrobial agent in red meat processing.

FDA has evaluated data in the petition and other relevant material. The agency has also consulted with scientists from the Food Safety and Inspection Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, concerning the technological and practical aspects of the proposed use of acidified sodium chlorite solutions. Based upon this information and consultation, the agency concludes that the proposed use of the additive is safe, and the additive will have the intended technical effect of reducing microbial contamination on red meat. Therefore, § 173.325 is being amended as set forth below. Additionally, the agency is revising § 173.325 to eliminate redundancy. This revision is strictly editorial and is not a substantive change in the regulation.

In accordance with § 171.1(h) (21 CFR 171.1(h)), the petition and the documents that FDA considered and relied upon in reaching its decision to approve the petition are available for inspection at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition by appointment with the information contact person

listed above. As provided in § 171.1(h), the agency will delete from the documents any materials that are not available for public disclosure before making the documents available for inspection.

In the notice of filing, FDA gave interested parties an opportunity to submit comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment. FDA received no comments in response to that notice.

The agency has carefully considered the potential environmental effects of this action. FDA has concluded that the action will not have a significant impact on the human environment, and that an environmental impact statement is not required. The agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding, contained in an environmental assessment, may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Any person who will be adversely affected by this regulation may at any time on or before April 6, 1998, file with the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written objections thereto. Each objection shall be separately numbered, and each numbered objection shall specify with particularity the provisions of the regulation to which objection is made and the grounds for the objection. Each numbered objection on which a hearing is requested shall specifically so state. Failure to request a hearing for any particular objection shall constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing on that objection. Each numbered objection for which a hearing is requested shall include a detailed description and analysis of the specific factual information intended to be presented in support of the objection in the event that a hearing is held. Failure to include such a description and analysis for any particular objection shall constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing on the objection. Three copies of all documents shall be submitted and shall be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Any objections received in response to the regulation may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 173

Food additives, Incorporation by reference.

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and redelegated to the Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, 21 CFR part 173 is amended as follows:

PART 173—SECONDARY DIRECT FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

1. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 173 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321, 342, 348.

2. Section 173.325 is amended by revising paragraph (b) and adding paragraphs (c) and (d) to read as follows:

§ 173.325 Acidified sodium chlorite solutions.

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(b) The additive is used as an antimicrobial agent in poultry processing water as a component of a carcass spray or dip solution prior to immersion of the carcass in a prechiller or chiller tank, or in a prechiller or chiller solution in accordance with current industry practice for use of poultry process water.

(1) When used in a carcass spray or dip solution, the additive is used at levels that result in sodium chlorite concentrations between 500 and 1,200 parts per million (ppm), in combination with any GRAS acid at levels sufficient to achieve a solution pH of 2.5 to 2.9.

(2) When used in a prechiller or chiller tank, the additive is used at levels that result in sodium chlorite concentrations between 50 and 150 ppm, in combination with any GRAS acid at levels sufficient to achieve a solution pH of 2.8 to 3.2.

(c) The additive is used as an antimicrobial agent in the processing of red meat as a component of a carcass spray in accordance with current industry practice. In the carcass spray, the additive is used at levels that result in sodium chlorite concentrations between 500 and 1,200 parts per million (ppm) in combination with any GRAS acid at levels sufficient to achieve a solution pH of 2.5 to 2.9.

(d) The concentration of sodium chlorite is determined by a method entitled ''Determination of Sodium Chlorite: 50 ppm to 1500 ppm Concentration,'' September 13, 1995, developed by Alcide Corp., Redmond, WA, which is incorporated by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies are available from the Division of Petition Control (HFS–215), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204–0001, or may be examined at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition's Library, 200 C St. SW., rm. 3321, Washington, DC 20204–0001, or the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol St. NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Dated: February 27, 1998

L. Robert Lake,

Director, Office of Policy, Planning and Strategic Initiatives, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of the Attorney General

28 CFR Part 60

[AG Order No. 2144–98]

Authorization of Federal Law Enforcement Officers to Request the Issuance of a Search Warrant

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Rule 41(h) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure authorizes the Attorney General to designate categories of federal law enforcement officers who may request the issuance of search warrants. This rule adds the Office of Inspector General of the United States Postal Service to the list of agencies having federal law enforcement officers authorized to request the issuance of search warrants pursuant to Rule 41(h).

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frederick D. Hess, Director, or Donald B. Nicholson, Attorney, Office of Enforcement Operations, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530 (202–305–4023) (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Previous authorizations by the Attorney General under Rule 41(h) were made by Order No. 510–73 (38 FR 7244, March 19, 1973), as amended by Order No. 521–73 (38 FR 18389, July 10, 1973), Order No. 826–79 (44 FR 21785, April 12, 1979), Order No. 844–79 (44 FR 46459, August 8, 1979), Order No. 960–81 (46 FR 52360, October 27, 1981), Order No. 987–82 (47 FR 39161, September 7, 1982), Order No. 1005–83 (48 FR 11450, March 18, 1983), Order No. 1026–83 (48 FR 37376, August 18, 1983), Order No. 1137–86 (51 FR 22282, June 19, 1986), Order No. 1143–86 (51 FR 26878, July 28, 1986), Order No. 1188–87 (52 FR 19137, May 21, 1987), Order No. 1327–89 (54 FR 9430, March 7, 1989), Order No. 1344–89 (54 FR 20123, May 10, 1989), and Order No. 2000–95 (60 FR 62733, December 7, 1995).