

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Family Provider Assistants .....	9	1	.17	1
Relative Care Providers .....	113	1	.5	57
Relative Provider Assistants .....	25	1	.17	4
Child Care Provider Observation Protocol:				
Child Care Centers:				
Family Child Care Providers .....	161	1	2	321
Relative Care Providers .....	40	1	2	79
	113	1	2	227
Staff Questionnaire .....	190	1	1	190
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours .....				2,146

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained by writing to The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20047, Attn.: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by title.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance to quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted on or before July 6, 1998.

Dated April 30, 1998.

**Bob Sargis,**

*Acting Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 98F-0291]

**Asahi Denka Kogyo K.K.; Filing of Food Additive Petition**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Asahi Denka Kogyo K.K., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the expanded safe use of sodium 2,2'-methylenebis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl)phosphate as a clarifying agent in olefin polymers intended for use in contact with food.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3081.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 8B4592) has been filed by Asahi Denka Kogyo K.K., 5-2-13, Shirahata, Urawa City, Saitama 336, Japan. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3295 *Clarifying agents for polymers* (21 CFR 178.3295) to provide for the expanded safe use of sodium 2,2'-methylenebis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl)phosphate as a clarifying agent in olefin polymers intended for use in contact with food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of the type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: April 24, 1998.

**Laura M. Tarantino,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 98F-0290]

**The Dow Chemical Company; Filing of Food Additive Petition**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that The Dow Chemical Co., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of certain olefin basic copolymers, derived from ethylene and alpha monomers with eight or fewer carbon atoms, as articles or as components of articles intended for use in contact with food.

**DATES:** Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by June 8, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hortense S. Macon, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-205), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3086.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 8B4586) has been filed by the Dow Chemical Co., 2030 Dow Center, Midland, MI 48674. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 177.1520 *Olefin polymers* (21 CFR 177.1520) to provide for the safe use of certain olefin basic copolymers derived from ethylene and alpha olefin monomers with eight or fewer carbon atoms, as articles or as