

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aydin Örstan, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3076.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 721(d)(1) (21 U.S.C. 379e(d)(1))), notice is given that a color additive petition (CAP 8C0257) has been filed by EM Industries, Inc., 7 Skyline Dr., Hawthorne, NY 10532. The petition proposes to amend the color additive regulations to provide for the safe use of synthetic iron oxide to color ingested drugs at levels higher than the current limit and to provide for the safe use of mica to color ingested drugs.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(r) that this action is of a 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: June 10, 1998.

Laura M. Tarantino,
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food And Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98F-0432]

Ticona; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Ticona has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of chromium oxide green, Cr₂O₃ (C.I. Pigment Green 17) as a colorant for polymers intended for use in contact with food.

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Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), 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 8B4603) has been filed by Ticona, c/o Keller and Heckman, 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of chromium oxide green, Cr₂O₃ (C.I. Pigment Green 17) as a colorant for 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: June 4, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2) (A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans, call the

HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

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 the 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Application for NHSC Recruitment and Retention Assistance and Waiver of NHSC Site Bill—(in use Without Approval)

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) of the HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care, assists underserved communities through the development, recruitment, and retention of primary health care clinicians dedicated to serving people in health professional shortage areas.

The Application for NHSC Recruitment and Retention Assistance submitted by sites or clinicians requests information on the practice site, sponsoring agency, recruitment contact, staffing levels, service users, site's 5-year infant mortality or low birth rate averages, and next nearest site. Assistance in completing the application may be obtained through the appropriate State Primary Care Offices, State Primary Care Associations and HRSA field offices. A form requesting a waiver of the NHSC site bill for a calendar year may be requested at the same time. The information on the application is used for determining eligibility of sites and to verify the need for NHSC providers. Sites must submit applications annually or when they need a provider. The request for a waiver is used to suspend the educational and loan repayment costs of NHSC providers.

Estimates of annualized reporting burden are as follows:

Type of report	Number of respondents	Hours per response	Total burden hour
Application	1,000	.75	750
Waiver	738	4	2,952
Total	1,000	3,702