drug application became effective was on August 19, 1987.

2. *The date the application was initially submitted with respect to the human drug product under section 505 of the act*: April 15, 1996. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that the new drug application (NDA) for Flowmax™ (NDA 20–579) was initially submitted on April 15, 1996.

3. *The date the application was approved:* April 15, 1997. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that NDA 20–579 was approved on April 15, 1997.

This determination of the regulatory review period establishes the maximum potential length of a patent extension. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office applies several statutory limitations in its calculations of the actual period for patent extension. In its application for patent extension, this applicant seeks 1,669 days of patent term extension.

Anyone with knowledge that any of the dates as published is incorrect may, on or before September 8, 1998, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments and ask for a redetermination. Furthermore, any interested person may petition FDA, on or before January 6, 1999, for a determination regarding whether the applicant for extension acted with due diligence during the regulatory review period. To meet its burden, the petition must contain sufficient facts to merit an FDA investigation. (See H. Rept. 857, part 1, 98th Cong., 2d sess., pp. 41–42, 1984.) Petitions should be in the format specified in 21 CFR 10.30.

Comments and petitions should be submitted to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) in three copies (except that individuals may submit single copies) and identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Comments and petitions may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: June 23, 1998.

Thomas J. McGinnis,

Deputy Associate Commissioner for Health Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Antimicrobial Drugs and Resistance; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a public meeting to discuss the development of drug products for the treatment of resistant bacteria, including selective spectrum agents. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the agency's plans for future public scientific discussions of issues unique to the development of these drug products and to invite members of the public to provide comments on the agency's plans.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 1998, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in conference rooms G and H, Parklawn Bldg., 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas H. Hassall, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD–104), Food and Drug Administration, 9201 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850, 301–827–2489.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA will hold a public meeting on July 28, 1998, to discuss its plans for a presentation at a fall 1998 advisory committee meeting and possible future meetings on the development of drug products to treat resistant bacteria, including selective spectrum agents. At the fall 1998 advisory committee meeting, FDA plans to discuss issues unique to the development of such products, including clinical trial design and labeling issues. At the meeting, FDA will present its thoughts on the issues that should be presented to the advisory committee and will solicit public input on the structure of the discussion and additional issues that should be presented.

There is no registration for this meeting, however, space is limited. Persons interested in attending the meeting should contact the person listed above.

An agenda for the public meeting will be available 2 weeks before the meeting, via the Internet using the World Wide Web (WWW). To connect to the CDER home page, type ''http://www.fda.gov/cder'' and go to the ''What's Happening'' section.

Dated: July 3, 1998.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

1998 FDA Science Forum—Biotechnology: Advances, Applications, and Regulatory Challenges

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) Office of Science is announcing the following meeting: ''1998 FDA Science Forum—Biotechnology: Advances, Applications, and Regulatory Challenges.'' The Forum will bring FDA research and review scientists together with representatives of industry, academia, Government agencies, consumer groups, and the public to discuss the impact of the enormous advances in biotechnology on product development and regulation.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 8 and 9, 1998; registration from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.; meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on December 8, and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 9.

Location: The meeting will be held at the Washington Convention Center, rms. 29–32 (lower level) and Hall C (upper level) 900 Ninth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001.

Contact: American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists at <meetings@aaps.org>, 703–518–8429, or Susan A. Homire, Food and Drug Administration, Office of Science (HF–32), 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD, 20857, 301–827–3366, e-mail <shomire@bangate.fda.gov>.

Registration: Registration information will be available in mid-July. Attendance will be limited; therefore, interested parties are encouraged to register early.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists at least 3 weeks in advance.

Agenda: The program will encompass bioengineered products, novel therapeutic and preventive approaches, diagnostics and detection methodologies, and safety and efficacy