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List of Subjects in 17 CFR Part 1

Commodity futures, Minimum financial and related reporting requirements.

In consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority contained in the Commodity Exchange Act, and in particular, Sections 4f, 4g and 8a(5) thereof, 7 U.S.C. 6f, 6g and 12a(5), the Commission hereby amends Part 1 of chapter I of title 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 1—GENERAL REGULATIONS UNDER THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT

1. The authority citation for Part 1 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1a, 2, 2a, 4, 4a, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 6f, 6g, 6h, 6i, 6j, 6k, 6l, 6m, 6n, 6o, 6p, 7, 7a, 7b, 8, 9, 12, 12a, 12c, 13a, 13a-1, 16, 16a, 19, 21, 23 and 24.

2. Section 1.12 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(1), by revising the first sentence of paragraph (b)(4), by adding the phrase "or facsimile" after the word "telegraphic" in paragraphs (c) and (d), by revising paragraph (e), by adding the phrase "telephonic, confirmed in writing by" before the word "telegraphic," by adding the phrase "or facsimile," after the word "telegraphic" and by revising the phrase at the end which reads "within 24 hours" to read "immediately" in paragraphs (f)(1) and (f)(2), by adding the phrase "telephonic, confirmed in writing by" before the word "telegraphic" and by adding the phrase "or facsimile," after the word "telegraphic" in paragraph (f)(3), by adding the phrase "by telephone, confirmed in writing immediately by telegraphic or facsimile notice," after the word "immediately" in paragraphs (f)(4) and (f)(5), by revising the phrase in paragraph (g)(2) which reads "§ 1.10(f)" to read "§ 1.17(f)", by redesignating paragraphs (h)(1) and (h)(2) as paragraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2), respectively, by revising the last sentence of paragraph (i)(2), and by adding a new paragraph (h). The additions and revisions follow:

§ 1.12 Maintenance of minimum financial requirements by futures commission merchants and introducing brokers.

(a) * * *

(1) Give telephonic notice, to be confirmed in writing by telegraphic or facsimile notice, as set forth in paragraph (i) of this section that the applicant's or registrant's adjusted net capital is less than required by § 1.17 or by other capital rule, identifying the applicable capital rule. The notice must be given immediately after the applicant or registrant knows or should know that its adjusted net capital is less than required by any of the aforesaid rules to which the applicant or registrant is subject; and

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(b) * * *

(4) For securities brokers or dealers, the amount of net capital specified in Rule 17a-11(b) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 CFR 240.17a-11(b)), must file written notice to that effect as set forth in paragraph (i) of this section within five (5) business days of such event. * * *

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(e) Whenever any self-regulatory organization learns that a member registrant has failed to file a notice or written report as required by § 1.12, that self-regulatory organization must immediately report this failure by telephone, confirmed in writing immediately by telegraphic or facsimile notice, as provided in paragraph (i) of this section.

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(h) Whenever a person registered as a futures commission merchant knows or should know that the total amount of its funds on deposit in segregated accounts on behalf of customers, or that the total amount set aside on behalf of customers trading on non-United States markets, is less than the total amount of such funds required by the Act and the Commission's rules to be on deposit in segregated or secured amount accounts on behalf of such customers, the registrant must report immediately by telephone, confirmed in writing immediately by telegraphic or facsimile notice, such deficiency to the registrant's designated self-regulatory organization and the principal office of the Commission in Washington, D.C., to the attention of the Director and the Chief Accountant of the Division of Trading and Markets.

(i) * * *

(2) * * * Any notice or report filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed for all purposes to be filed with, and to be the official record of, the Commission.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on August 24, 1998 by the Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 178

[Docket No. 98F-0057]

Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers

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 calcium bis[monoethyl(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)phosphonate] as a stabilizer for polyethylene phthalate polymers intended for use in contact with food. This action is in response to a petition filed by Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp.

DATES: The regulation is effective August 27, 1998; written objections and requests for a hearing by September 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written objections to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of February 6, 1998 (63 FR 6193), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 8B4578) had been filed by Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., 540 White Plains Rd., Tarrytown, NY 10591-9005. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.2010 *Antioxidants and/or stabilizers for polymers* (21 CFR 178.2010) to provide for the safe use of calcium bis[monoethyl(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)phosphonate] as a stabilizer for polyethylene phthalate polymers complying with 21 CFR 177.1630, intended for use in contact with food.

FDA has evaluated data in the petition and other relevant material.

Based on this information, the agency concludes that the proposed use of the additive is safe, that the additive will achieve its intended technical effect, and therefore, that the regulations in § 178.2010 should be amended as set forth below.

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.

The agency has previously considered the environmental effects of this rule as announced in the notice of filing for FAP 8B4578 (63 FR 6193). No new information or comments have been received that would affect the agency's previous determination that there is no significant impact on the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required.

This final rule contains no collection of information. Therefore, clearance by the Office of Management and Budget

under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 is not required.

Any person who will be adversely affected by this regulation may at any time on or before September 28, 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 178

Food additives, Food packaging. 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 178 is amended as follows:

PART 178—INDIRECT FOOD ADDITIVES: ADJUVANTS, PRODUCTION AIDS, AND SANITIZERS

1. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 178 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321, 342, 348, 379e.

2. Section 178.2010 is amended in the table in paragraph (b) for the entry "calcium bis[monoethyl(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)phosphonate]" by adding entry "15" under the heading "Limitations" to read as follows:

§ 178.2010 Antioxidants and/or stabilizers for polymers.

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(b) * * *

Substances	Limitations
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Calcium bis[monoethyl(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)phosphonate] (CAS Reg. No. 65140-91-2).	For use only: * * * 15. At levels not to exceed 0.3 percent by weight of polyethylene phthalate polymers, complying with § 177.1630 of this chapter. Provided, that the finished polymers contact food only under conditions of use B through H described in Table 2 of § 176.170(c) of this chapter.
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Dated: August 17, 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 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Parts 803 and 804

[Docket No. 98N-0170]

Medical Device Reporting: Manufacturer Reporting, Importer Reporting, User Facility Reporting, Distributor Reporting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Direct final rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published in the **Federal Register** of May 12, 1998, a proposed rule (63 FR 26129) and a direct final rule (63 FR 26069) to implement amendments to the medical device reporting provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended by the FDA Modernization Act of 1997 (FDAMA). The comment period closed July 27, 1998. FDA is withdrawing the direct final rule because the agency received significant adverse comment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The direct final rule published at 63 FR 26069, May 12, 1998, is withdrawn on August 27, 1998.