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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****Implementation of the Fertility Clinic Success Rate and Certification Act of 1992—A Model Program for the Certification of Embryo Laboratories; Correction**

In notice document beginning on page 39374, in the **Federal Register** issue of Wednesday, July 21, 1999, make the following date corrections:

1. On page 39380, second column, line 14, change date "July 20" to "July 21"
2. On page 39386, second column, line 23, change date "July 20" to "July 21"
3. On page 39387, first column, section c. fourth line, change date "July 20" to "July 21"; same page, in the second column, section c. fourth line, change date "July 20" to "July 21"

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 99F-2533]

**Hercules, Inc.; Filing of Food Additive Petition**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Hercules, Inc., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to permit a change in the softening point specifications of currently listed gum or wood rosin derivatives and provide for their safe use as plasticizing materials (softeners) in chewing gum base.

**DATES:** Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by September 7, 1999.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary E. LaVecchia, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3072.

**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 9A4655) has been filed by Hercules, Inc., c/o 1001 G St. NW., Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 172.615 *Chewing gum base* (21 CFR 172.615) to permit a change in the softening point specifications of currently listed gum or wood rosin derivatives and provide for their safe use as plasticizing materials (softeners) in chewing gum base. More specifically, the petition proposes to eliminate the upper limits on the permissible softening point ranges for these gum or wood rosin derivatives.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations issued under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice on public display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before September 7, 1999, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the **Federal Register**. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the

regulation in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: July 9, 1999.

**Alan M. Rulis,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 91F-0328]

**Yoshitomi Fine Chemicals, Ltd.; Withdrawal of A Food Additive Petition**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of the food additive petition (FAP 1B4275) proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 4,5-dichloro-1,2-dithiol-3-one as a slimicide in the manufacture of paper and paperboard articles intended to contact food.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark A. Hepp, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3098

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of September 19, 1991 (56 FR 47478), FDA announced that food additive petition (FAP 1B4275) had been filed by Yoshitomi Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd., now Yoshitomi Fine Chemicals, Ltd., c/o suite 1000, 1625 K St. NW., Washington, DC 20006-1604. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in § 176.300 *Slimicides* (21 CFR 176.300) to provide for the safe use of 4,5-dichloro-1,2-dithiol-3-one as a slimicide in the manufacture of paper and paperboard articles intended to contact food. Yoshitomi Fine Chemicals, Ltd. has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

Dated: July 20, 1999.

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