

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a collection of information entitled "Electronic Records; Electronic Signatures" has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Nelson, Office of Management Programs (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1482.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of July 23, 2003 (68 FR 43531), the agency announced that the proposed information collection had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance under 44 U.S.C. 3507. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has now approved the information collection and has assigned OMB control number 0910-0303. The approval expires on May 31, 2005. A copy of the supporting statement for this information collection is available on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets>.

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**Jeffrey Shuren,**

*Assistant Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2000D-1598]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Suggested Documentation for Substantiating Whether Foods Have or Have Not Been Developed Using Bioengineering; Withdrawal**

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

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document withdraws a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) notice that published in the **Federal Register** of October 31, 2003 (68 FR 62086).

**DATES:** This notice is withdrawn on November 21, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catalina Ferre-Hockensmith, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

(HFS-820), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740, 301-436-2371.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FDA published a notice in the **Federal Register** of October 31, 2003, informing interested parties that the proposed collection of information entitled "Suggested Documentation for Substantiating Whether Foods Have or Have Not Been Developed Using Bioengineering" had been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. However, this request for comments was issued prematurely. Thus, FDA is withdrawing the proposed collection of information at this time. FDA will reissue the request for comments when appropriate.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2002D-0231 and 1993D-0139]

**International Conference on Harmonisation; Stability Data Package for Registration Applications in Climatic Zones III and IV; Stability Testing of New Drug Substances and Products; Availability**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of two guidances prepared under the auspices of the International Conference on Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH). The first is a guidance entitled "Q1F Stability Data Package for Registration Applications in Climatic Zones III and IV" (the Q1F guidance). The second is a revised guidance entitled "Q1A(R2) Stability Testing of New Drug Substances and Products" (the Q1A guidance). The Q1F guidance, which is an annex to the Q1A guidance, defines an approach for broader use of the Q1A guidance for territories in climatic zones III and IV. The revised Q1A guidance incorporates relevant Q1F recommendations.

**DATES:** The guidance is effective November 21, 2003. Submit written comments at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the guidances to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. Submit written requests for single copies of the guidances to the Division of Drug Information (HFD-240), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; or the Office of Communication, Training and Manufacturers Assistance (HFM-40), Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-1448, 301-827-3844, FAX: 888-CBERFAX. Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist the office in processing your requests. Requests and comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the guidance documents.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Regarding the guidances:* Chi-wan Chen, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-830), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-2001; or Andrew Shrake, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-345), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20052-1148, 301-402-4635.

*Regarding the ICH:* Michelle Limoli, Office of International Programs (HFG-1), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-0864.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

In recent years, many important initiatives have been undertaken by regulatory authorities and industry associations to promote international harmonisation of regulatory requirements. FDA has participated in many meetings designed to enhance harmonisation and is committed to seeking scientifically based harmonized technical procedures for pharmaceutical development. One of the goals of harmonization is to identify and then reduce differences in technical requirements for drug development among regulatory agencies.