SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled “Self-Selection Studies for Nonprescription Drug Products.” The draft guidance is intended to provide recommendations to industry on the design of self-selection studies for nonprescription drug products. Self-selection studies are conducted to ensure that consumers are able to make the correct decision to use, or not use, a nonprescription drug product based on their personal medical situation.

DATES: Although you can comment on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)), to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance, submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by November 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to the Division of Drug Information, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 51, Rm. 2201, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the draft guidance document. Submit electronic comments on the draft guidance to http://www.regulations.gov.

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I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled “Self-Selection Studies for Nonprescription Drug Products.” This draft guidance is intended to provide recommendations to industry involved in the development of self-selection studies for nonprescription drug products. The draft guidance discusses general concepts to be considered in the design and conduct of a self-selection study. The draft guidance also incorporates advice obtained from the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee at a meeting held on September 25, 2006, which considered issues related to the analysis and interpretation of consumer studies conducted to support the marketing of nonprescription drug products.

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the Agency’s current thinking on self-selection studies for nonprescription drug products. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This guidance refers to previously approved collections of information that are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). The collections of information in 21 CFR parts 312 and 314 have been approved under OMB control numbers 0910–0014 and 0910–0001, respectively.

III. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see ADDRESSES) either electronic or written comments regarding this document. It is only necessary to send one set of comments. It is no longer necessary to send two copies of mailed comments. Identify comments with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

IV. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the document at either http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm or http://www.regulations.gov.

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