review by FDA before the item was marketed. Under these acts, a product’s regulatory review period forms the basis for determining the amount of extension an applicant may receive.

A regulatory review period consists of two periods of time: A testing phase and an approval phase. For human drug products, the testing phase begins when the exemption to permit the clinical investigations of the drug becomes effective and runs until the approval phase begins. The approval phase starts with the initial submission of an application to market the human drug product and continues until FDA grants permission to market the drug product. Although only a portion of a regulatory review period may count toward the actual amount of extension that the Director of Patents and Trademarks may award (for example, half the testing phase must be subtracted as well as any time that may have occurred before the patent was issued), FDA’s determination of the length of a regulatory review period for a human drug product will include all of the testing phase and approval phase as specified in 35 U.S.C. 156(g)(1)(B).

FDA recently approved for marketing the human drug product FERAHEME (ferumoxytol). FERAHEME is indicated for the treatment of iron deficiency anemia in adult patients with chronic kidney disease. Subsequent to this approval, the Patent and Trademark Office received a patent term restoration application for FERAHEME (U.S. Patent No. 6,599,498) from AMAG Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and the Patent and Trademark Office requested FDA’s assistance in determining this patent’s eligibility for patent term restoration. In a letter dated May 2, 2011, FDA advised the Patent and Trademark Office that this human drug product had undergone a regulatory review period and that the approval of FERAHEME represented the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the product. Thereafter, the Patent and Trademark Office requested that FDA determine the product’s regulatory review period.

FDA has determined that the applicable regulatory review period for FERAHEME is 3,680 days. Of this time, 3,120 days occurred during the testing phase of the regulatory review period, while 560 days occurred during the approval phase. These periods of time were derived from the following dates:

1. The date the application was initially submitted with respect to the human drug product under section 505(b) of the FD&C Act: December 19, 2007. The applicant claims December 18, 2007, as the date the new drug application (NDA) for FERAHEME (NDA No. 22–180) was initially submitted. However, FDA records indicate that NDA 22–180 was submitted on December 19, 2007.

2. The date the application was approved: June 30, 2009. FDA has verified the applicant’s claim that NDA 22–180 was approved on June 30, 2009.

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 1,209 days of patent term extension.

Any one with knowledge that any of the dates as published are incorrect may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see ADDRESSES) either electronic or written comments and ask for a redetermination by July 3, 2012. Furthermore, any interested person may petition FDA for a determination regarding whether the applicant for extension acted with due diligence during the regulatory review period by October 31, 2012. 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.

Interested persons may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see ADDRESSES) electronic or written comments and written petitions. It is only necessary to send one set of comments. However, if you submit a written petition, you must submit three copies of the petition. Identify comments with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

Comments and petitions that have not been made publicly available on http://www.regulations.gov may be viewed in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Food and Drug Administration


Determination of Regulatory Review Period for Purposes of Patent Extension; JEVTANA

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined the regulatory review period for JEVTANA and is publishing this notice of that determination as required by law. FDA has made the determination because of the submission of applications to the Director of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, for the extension of a patent which claims that human drug product.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments to http://www.regulations.gov. Submit written petitions along with three copies and written comments to the Division of Dockets Management (see ADDRESSES) for the extension of a patent which claims that human drug product.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Friedman, Office of Regulatory Policy, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 51, rm. 6294, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–3602.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98–417) and the Generic Animal Drug and Patent Term Restoration Act (Pub. L. 100–670) generally provide that a patent may be extended for a period of up to 5 years so long as the patented item (human drug product, animal drug product, medical device, food additive, or color additive) was subject to regulatory review by FDA before the item was marketed. Under these acts, a product’s regulatory review period forms the basis for determining the amount of extension an applicant may receive.

A regulatory review period consists of two periods of time: a testing phase and an approval phase. For human drug products, the testing phase begins when
the exemption to permit the clinical investigations of the drug becomes effective and runs until the approval phase begins. The approval phase starts with the initial submission of an application to market the human drug product and continues until FDA grants permission to market the drug product. Although only a portion of a regulatory review period may count toward the actual amount of extension that the Director of Patents and Trademarks may award (for example, half the testing phase must be subtracted as well as any time that may have occurred before the patent was issued), FDA’s determination of the length of a regulatory review period for a human drug product will include all of the testing phase and approval phase as specified in 35 U.S.C. 156(g)(1)(B).

FDA recently approved for marketing the human drug product JEVTANA (cabazitaxel). JEVTANA, in combination with prednisone, is indicated for treatment of patients with hormone-refractory metastatic prostate cancer previously treated with a docetaxel-containing treatment regimen. Subsequent to this approval, the Patent and Trademark Office received patent term restoration applications for JEVTANA (U.S. Patent Nos. 5,847,170 and 6,331,635) from Aventis Pharma S.A., and the Patent and Trademark Office requested FDA’s assistance in determining this patent’s eligibility for patent term restoration. In a letter dated February 11, 2011, FDA advised the Patent and Trademark Office that this human drug product had undergone a regulatory review period and that the approval of JEVTANA represented the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the product. Thereafter, the Patent and Trademark Office requested that FDA determine the product’s regulatory review period.

FDA has determined that the applicable regulatory review period for JEVTANA is 4,250 days. Of this time, 4,171 days occurred during the testing phase of the regulatory review period, while 79 days occurred during the approval phase. These periods of time were derived from the following dates:

1. The date an exemption under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 355(i)) became effective: October 30, 1998. FDA has verified the applicant’s claim that the date the investigational new drug application became effective was on October 30, 1998.

2. The date the application was initially submitted with respect to the human drug product under section 505(b) of the FD&C Act: March 31, 2010.

FDA has verified the applicant’s claim that the new drug application (NDA) for JEVTANA (NDA 201023) was submitted on March 31, 2010.

3. The date the application was approved: June 17, 2010. FDA has verified the applicant’s claim that NDA 201023 was approved on June 17, 2010.

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 applications for patent extension, this applicant seeks 1,591 days and 5 years of patent term extension.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ), is requesting approval for a revision to the National Mental Health Services Survey (N–MHSS) (OMB No. 0930–0119), which expires on February 28, 2013. The N–MHSS provides national and state-level data on the number and characteristics of mental health treatment facilities in the United States. An immediate need under N–MHSS in 2012 is to update the information about facilities on SAMHSA’s online Mental Health Facility Locator (see: http://store.samhsa.gov/mhlocator), which was last updated with information from the 2010 N–MHSS. A full N–MHSS is anticipated within about two years, and a separate request for OMB approval will be submitted for that collection. However, until then, an abbreviated version of the N–MHSS will be conducted to collect only the information needed to update the Locator, such as the facility name and address, specific services offered, and special client groups served. The data on the Locator are becoming outdated and need an update method. Other fields in the full N–MHSS not needed for updating the Locator, such as client counts and client demographics, will not be collected in the Locator survey. In addition to the data collection for updating facilities on the Locator, a data collection in conjunction with adding new facilities to the Locator is being requested. Both activities will use the same abbreviated N–MHSS–Locator instrument.

This requested revision seeks to change the content of the currently approved full-scale N–MHSS survey instrument into an abbreviated survey