On April 23, 2012, Glaxo submitted a prior approval labeling supplement requesting removal of the rituximab-naïve indication for BEXXAR (tositumomab and iodine I 131 tositumomab) Injection from the package insert. In the cover letter accompanying the supplement, Glaxo requested that FDA withdraw the rituximab-naïve indication for BEXXAR (tositumomab and iodine I 131 tositumomab) Injection from the market and waived its opportunity for a hearing. In a letter dated May 11, 2012, FDA acknowledged receipt of the prior approval labeling supplement and Glaxo’s request to withdraw the rituximab-naïve indication for BEXXAR (tositumomab and iodine I 131 tositumomab) Injection. Glaxo’s labeling supplement was approved by FDA in a letter dated August 15, 2012. Therefore, under section 506 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 356) and § 601.43, and under authority delegated by the Commissioner to the Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, approval of the rituximab-naïve indication for BEXXAR (tositumomab and iodine I 131 tositumomab) Injection is withdrawn as of October 23, 2013.

Dated: October 18, 2013.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Food and Drug Administration
[Docket No. FDA–2013–P–0665]

Determination That INTAL (cromolyn sodium) Inhalation Capsule, 20 Milligrams, Was Not Withdrawn From Sale for Reasons of Safety or Effectiveness

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined that INTAL (cromolyn sodium) Inhalation Capsule, 20 milligrams (mg), was not withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness. This determination will allow FDA to approve abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) for cromolyn sodium inhalation capsule, 20 mg, if all other legal and regulatory requirements are met.

INTAL (cromolyn sodium) Inhalation Capsule, 20 mg, is the subject of NDA 16–990, held by Rhoœ-Poulenc Rorer Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and initially approved on June 20, 1973. INTAL is indicated for management of patients with bronchial asthma.

In a letter dated August 16, 1999, Rhoœ-Poulenc Rorer Pharmaceuticals, Inc., notified FDA that INTAL (cromolyn sodium) Inhalation Capsule, 20 mg, had been discontinued in 1995 and requested withdrawal of NDA 16–990 for INTAL. In the Federal Register of March 20, 2000 (65 FR 14983), FDA announced that it was withdrawing approval of NDA 16–990, effective April 19, 2000.

Alan G. Minsk and Kelley C. Nduom submitted a citizen petition dated May 23, 2013 (Docket No. FDA–2013–P–0665), under 21 CFR 10.30, requesting that the Agency determine whether INTAL (cromolyn sodium) Inhalation Capsule, 20 mg, was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness.

After considering the citizen petition and reviewing Agency records and based on the information we have at this time, FDA has determined under § 314.161 that INTAL (cromolyn sodium) Inhalation Capsule, 20 mg, was not withdrawn for reasons of safety or effectiveness. The petitioner has identified no data or other information suggesting that INTAL (cromolyn sodium) Inhalation Capsule, 20 mg, was withdrawn for reasons of safety or effectiveness. We have carefully reviewed our files for records concerning the withdrawal of this product from sale. We have also independently evaluated relevant literature and data for possible postmarketing adverse events. We have found no information that would indicate that this product was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness.

Accordingly, the Agency will continue to list INTAL (cromolyn sodium) Inhalation Capsule, 20 mg, in the “Discontinued Drug Product List” section of the Orange Book. The “Discontinued Drug Product List” delineates, among other items, drug products that have been discontinued from marketing for reasons other than safety or effectiveness. ANDAs that refer to INTAL (cromolyn sodium) Inhalation Capsule, 20 mg, may be approved by the Agency as long as they meet all other legal and regulatory requirements for the approval of ANDAs. If FDA determines that labeling for this drug product should be revised to meet current standards, the Agency will advise ANDA applicants to submit such labeling.


Leslie Kux,
Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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