DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Modifications to the List of Recognized Standards, Recognition List Number: 035

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a publication containing modifications the Agency is making to the list of standards FDA recognizes for use in premarket reviews (“FDA Recognized Consensus Standards”). This publication, entitled “Modifications to the List of Recognized Standards, Recognition List Number: 035” (“Recognition List Number: 035”), will assist manufacturers who elect to declare conformity with consensus standards to meet certain requirements for medical devices.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments concerning this document at any time. See section VI for the effective date of the recognition of standards announced in this document.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the document entitled “Modifications to the List of Recognized Standards, Recognition List Number: 035” to the Division of Industry and Consumer Education, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, rm. 4613, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your requests, or fax your request to 301–847–8149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott A. Colburn, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, rm. 3632, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–6287, standards@cdRH.fda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background


In a notice published in the Federal Register of February 25, 1998 (63 FR 9561), FDA announced the availability of a guidance entitled “Recognition and Use of Consensus Standards.” The notice described how FDA would implement its standard recognition program and provided the initial list of recognized standards.

Modifications to the initial list of recognized standards, as published in the Federal Register, can be accessed at http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/Standards/ucm123792.htm.

These notices describe the addition, withdrawal, and revision of certain standards recognized by FDA. The Agency maintains hypertext markup language and portable document format versions of the list of FDA Recognized Consensus Standards. Both versions are publicly accessible at the Agency’s Internet site. See section V for electronic access information.

II. Modifications to the List of Recognized Standards, Recognition List Number: 035

FDA is announcing the addition, withdrawal, correction, and revision of certain consensus standards the Agency will recognize for use in premarket submissions and other requirements for devices. We will incorporate these modifications in the list of FDA Recognized Consensus Standards in the Agency’s searchable database, using the term “Recognition List Number: 035” to identify these current modifications.

In table 1 of this document, FDA describes the following modifications: (1) The withdrawal of standards and their replacement by others, if applicable, (2) the correction of errors made by FDA in listing previously recognized standards, and (3) the changes to the supplementary information sheets of recognized standards that describe revisions to the applicability of the standards.

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1 All standard titles in this table conform to the style requirements of the respective organizations.

III. List of Recognized Standards

FDA maintains the Agency’s current list of FDA Recognized Consensus Standards in a searchable database that may be accessed directly at our Internet site at http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfStandards/search.cfm. We will incorporate the modifications and revisions described in this notice into the database and, upon publication in the Federal Register, this recognition of consensus standards will be effective. We will announce additional modifications and revisions to the list of recognized consensus standards, as needed, in the Federal Register once a year, or more often if necessary. Beginning with Recognition List Number: 033, we will no longer announce minor revisions to the list of recognized consensus standards such as technical contact person, relevant guidance, processes affected, Code of Federal Regulations citations, and product codes.

IV. Recommendation of Standards for Recognition by FDA

Any person may recommend consensus standards as candidates for recognition under section 514 of the FD&C Act by submitting such recommendations, with reasons for the recommendation, to the contact person (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). To be properly considered, such recommendations should contain, at a minimum, the following information: (1) Title of the standard, (2) any reference number and date, (3) name and address of the national or international standards development organization, (4) a proposed list of devices for which a declaration of conformity to this standard should routinely apply, and (5) a brief identification of the testing or performance or other characteristics of the device(s) that would be addressed by a declaration of conformity.

V. Electronic Access

You may obtain a copy of “Guidance on the Recognition and Use of Consensus Standards” by using the Internet. The Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) maintains a site on the Internet for easy access to information including text, graphics, and files that you may download to a personal computer with access to the Internet. Updated on a regular basis, the CDRH home page includes the guidance as well as the current list of recognized standards and other standards-related documents. After publication in the Federal Register, this notice announcing “Modification to the List of Recognized Standards, Recognition List Number: 035” will be available on the CDRH home page. You may access the CDRH home page at http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices.


This Federal Register document on modifications in FDA’s recognition of consensus standards is available at http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/Standards/ucm123792.htm.

VI. Submission of Comments and Effective Date

Interested persons may submit either electronic or written comments concerning this document or concerning recommendations for additional standards for recognition to the contact person (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). FDA will consider any comments received in determining whether to amend the current listing of modifications to the list of recognized standards, Recognition List Number: 035. These modifications to the list of recognized standards are effective upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Dated: May 9, 2014.

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[Docket No. FDA–2014–D–0547]

Guidance for Industry on Abbreviated New Drug Applications: Stability Testing of Drug Substances and Products, Questions and Answers; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled “ANDAs: Stability Testing of Drug Substances and Products, Questions and Answers.” It replaces the draft guidance with the same name that published on August 27, 2013 (78 FR 52931). This guidance clarifies stability testing recommendations discussed in International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) stability guidelines Q1A(R2) through Q1E for abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) and provides responses to public comments in a questions-and-answers format.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidances at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of this 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 20993–0602. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the guidance document.

Submit electronic comments on the guidance to http://www.regulations.gov. Submit written comments to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

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