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Six observers are eligible to participate in the VICH Steering Committee: One representative from the government of Australia/New Zealand, one representative from the industry in Australia/New Zealand, one representative from the government of Canada, one representative from the industry of Canada, one representative from the government of South Africa, and one representative from the industry of South Africa. The VICH Secretariat, which coordinates the preparation of documentation, is provided by the International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH).

## II. Guidance on Bioequivalence: Blood Level Bioequivalence Study

In the **Federal Register** of September 24, 2014 (79 FR 57113), FDA published the notice of availability for a draft guidance for industry entitled “Bioequivalence: Blood Level Bioequivalence Study” (VICH GL52) giving interested persons until November 24, 2014, to comment on the draft guidance. FDA received one comment on the draft guidance, and that comment, as well as those received by other VICH member regulatory agencies, was considered as the guidance was finalized. The guidance announced in this notice finalizes the draft guidance dated September 2014. The final guidance is a product of the Bioequivalence Expert Working Group of the VICH.

This VICH guidance document is intended to harmonize the data recommendations associated with in vivo blood level bioequivalence (BE) for veterinary pharmaceutical products. To meet this objective, the guidance addresses the following topics: A harmonized definition of BE, factors/variables that should be considered when developing scientifically sound blood level BE study designs, and information that should be included in a blood level BE study report.

## III. Significance of Guidance

This guidance, developed under the VICH process, is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). For example, the document has been designated “guidance” rather than “guideline.” In addition, guidance documents must not include mandatory

language such as “shall,” “must,” “require,” or “requirement,” unless FDA is using these words to describe a statutory or regulatory requirement.

This guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on “Bioequivalence: Blood Level Bioequivalence Study.” It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

## IV. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This guidance refers to previously approved collections of information found in FDA regulations. These collections of information 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 part 514 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0032. The collections of information in section 512(n)(1) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 360K) have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0669.

## V. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the guidance at either <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/GuidanceComplianceEnforcement/GuidanceforIndustry/default.htm> or <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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**Leslie Kux,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2015–D–4361]

#### Gifts to the Food and Drug Administration: Evaluation and Acceptance; Guidance for the Public and Food and Drug Administration; Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, we, or Agency) is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled “Gifts to FDA: Evaluation and Acceptance.” The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has the authority to accept conditional or unconditional gifts on behalf of the

United States. The Secretary has delegated this gift authority to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs. This guidance provides the process and principles we will use in implementing this authority.

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

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments as follows:

#### *Electronic Submissions*

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

#### *Written/Paper Submissions*

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- **Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):** Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Division of Dockets Management, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2015–D–4361 for “Gifts to FDA: Evaluation and Acceptance; Guidance for the Public and FDA Staff; Availability.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential

Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Confidential Submissions—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.” The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Division of Dockets Management. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as “confidential.” Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA’s posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <http://www.fda.gov/regulatoryinformation/dockets/default.htm>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Division of Dockets Management, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

Submit written requests for single copies of this guidance to the Office of Policy, Office of Policy, Planning, Legislation, and Analysis, Food and Drug Administration, Bldg. 32, Rm. 4238, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 20993. 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Berlin, Office of Policy, Office of Policy, Planning, Legislation, and

Analysis, Food and Drug Administration, Bldg. 32, Rm. 4238, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 20993, 301-796-8828, [robert.berlin@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:robert.berlin@fda.hhs.gov). Alternate contact: Office of Policy, 301-796-4830.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

FDA is announcing the availability of a guidance for the public and FDA staff entitled “Gifts to FDA: Evaluation and Acceptance.” The Secretary of HHS has the authority to accept conditional or unconditional gifts on behalf of the United States. The Secretary has delegated this gift authority to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs. This guidance provides the process and principles we will use in implementing this authority.

FDA will consider gifts from all sources except the Reagan-Udall Foundation (RUF) on a case-by-case basis using a balancing test, described in the guidance. While any person may offer a gift, there are five reasons we should reject a gift without additional evaluation. We should not accept a gift if: (1) The donor imposes conditions that are illegal, are contrary to public policy, are unreasonable to administer, are contrary to FDA’s current policies and procedures, or are contrary to generally accepted public standards; (2) the donor requires us to provide the donor with some privilege, concession, or other present or future benefit in return for the gift; (3) a debarred entity offers the gift; (4) a different authority or financial mechanism applies; or (5) the total costs associated with acceptance are expected to exceed the cost of purchasing a similar item and the cost of normal care and maintenance.

In the **Federal Register** of June 29, 2016 (81 FR 42365), FDA announced the availability of a draft guidance entitled “Gifts to FDA: Evaluation and Acceptance: Evaluation and Acceptance.” FDA received one comment expressing concern regarding the policy described in the guidance. It appears the commenter may have misunderstood the policy and incorrectly believed that gifts would not be limited, would be unreported, and would be provided to Federal employees themselves. As explained in the guidance, that is not the case. Rather, the recipients of any gifts would be the Agency, gifts are extensively reviewed to ensure receipt would be appropriate, and the Agency intends to publish a summary of received gifts. The Agency has made only minor changes to the guidance to clarify that the evaluation of gifts from RUF will reflect RUF’s unique role in support of

the Agency and the statutory safeguards in 21 U.S.C. 379dd. In addition, the discussion of restrictions on funds for travel has been clarified to better reflect the scope of statutes and policies governing the use of non-Agency funds for travel.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on this matter. It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

##### **II. Electronic Access**

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the guidance at either <http://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm> or <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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**Leslie Kux,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA-2016-N-3995]

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Medical Devices; Pediatric Uses of Devices; Requirement for Submission of Information on Pediatric Subpopulations That Suffer From a Disease or Condition That a Device Is Intended To Treat, Diagnose, or Cure**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the Agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal Agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information collection associated with the requirement for submission of information on pediatric subpopulations