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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 179

[Docket No. FDA-2024-F-5467]

Leprino Nutrition; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notification of petition.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is announcing that we have filed a petition, submitted by Leprino Nutrition, proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of ultraviolet light for the reduction of microorganisms in whey products.

DATES: The food additive petition was filed on November 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: For access to the docket to read background documents or 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 Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lane A. Highbarger, Human Foods Program, Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Dr., College Park, MD 20740, 240-402-1204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 409(b)(5) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5)), we are giving notice that we have filed a food additive petition (FAP 5M4840), submitted on behalf of Leprino Nutrition by Keller and Heckman LLP, 1001 G St. NW, Suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 179.39 (21 CFR 179.39), "Ultraviolet radiation for the processing and treatment of food," to

provide for the safe use of ultraviolet light for the reduction of microorganisms in whey products.

The petitioner has claimed that this action is categorically excluded under 21 CFR 25.32(j), which applies to an action for substances used as a component of a food-contact surface of permanent or semipermanent equipment or of another food-contact article intended for repeated use. In addition, the petitioner has stated that, to its knowledge, no extraordinary circumstances exist that would warrant an environmental assessment (see 21 CFR 25.21). If FDA determines a categorical exclusion applies, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required. If FDA determines a categorical exclusion does not apply, we will request an environmental assessment and make it available for public inspection.

Dated: December 4, 2024.

P. Ritu Nalubola,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

28 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. FBI-158; AG Order No. 6100-2024]

RIN 1110-AA36

Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 and Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022—Implementation Revisions for National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)

AGENCY: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Justice ("Department") proposes to amend its regulations pertaining to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System ("NICS") of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") to implement parts of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 ("CAA") and the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act ("BSCA") by proposing additional, relevant definitions and procedures to reflect and implement the statutory mandates described above.

DATES: Written comments must be postmarked, and electronic comments must be submitted, on or before February 10, 2025. Commenters should be aware the electronic Federal Docket Management System will not accept comments after 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on the last day of the comment period.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by RIN 1110-AA36 or Docket No. FBI-158, by either of the following methods:

■ **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

■ **Mail:** Charles Klebe, Assistant General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of the General Counsel, Module C-3, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306-0110; ATTN: Docket No. FBI-158.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and RIN (1110-AA36) or docket number (FBI-158) for this notice of proposed rulemaking. In general, all properly completed comments received will be posted without change to the Federal eRulemaking portal, <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the "Public Participation" heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill A. Montgomery, NICS Business and Liaison Unit Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, NICS Section. Telephone: (304) 625-0606 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Comments Sought

The Department welcomes public comments from any interested person on any aspect of the changes proposed in this rule. In particular, and as discussed in more detail in the parts of this preamble that describe specific changes, the Department seeks comments from the public on the proposed amendments to NICS regulations regarding: (1) identifying firearms prohibitions imposed by local