

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 603(b).

Mary C. Jones,

ACF OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-1998-P-0083 (formerly 76N-0377); DESI 7661]

Drugs for Human Use; Drug Efficacy Study Implementation: Estrogen-Androgen Fixed-Combination Drug Products; Extension of Effective Date of Final Resolution of Drug Efficacy Study Implementation 7661

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice; extension of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, Agency, or we) is extending the effective date of the notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2026, titled *Drugs for Human Use; Drug Efficacy Study Implementation: Estrogen-Androgen Fixed-Combination Drug Products; Syntest D.S. and Syntest H.S. Tablets; Withdrawal of Hearing Requests; Final Resolution of Drug Efficacy Study Implementation 7661* (91 FR. 31462) (the "May 2026 Notice"), by 90 days. The effective date of the May 2026 Notice is hereby extended from June 26, 2026, to September 24, 2026. This extension is necessary to allow FDA sufficient time to consider issues raised by interested parties following publication of the May 2026 Notice.

DATES: The effective date of the May 27, 2026, notice (91 FR 31462) is extended to September 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: 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 Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-402-7500 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Publicly available submissions may be seen in the docket.

The most relevant background documents regarding this matter are available in the docket. However, additional background documents are available upon request (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On May 27, 2026, FDA published a notice in the **Federal Register** (91FR 31462) announcing the final resolution of Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI) 7661 for estrogen-androgen fixed-combination drug products, including Syntest D.S. and Syntest H.S. Tablets. The May 2026 Notice concluded that all outstanding hearing requests for estrogen-androgen fixed-combination drug products under Docket FDA-1998-P-0083 had been withdrawn, and that such products lack substantial evidence of effectiveness for the treatment of moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms associated with the menopause in patients not improved by estrogen alone. The May 2026 Notice stated that shipment in interstate commerce of any drug product identified in the docket, or any identical, related, or similar (IRS) product, that is not the subject of an approved new drug application (NDA) or abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) would be unlawful as of June 26, 2026.

The title of the May 2026 Notice mistakenly included reference to two products subject to this proceeding. However, because this proceeding is not specific to those two products, we have removed that language from the title of the current notice.

II. Extension of Effective Date

FDA has determined that additional time is needed before the May 2026

Notice takes effect in order to fully consider the issues raised by interested parties following publication of the May 2026 Notice. Accordingly, FDA is extending the effective date of the May 2026 Notice by 90 days, from June 26, 2026, to September 24, 2026.

Grace R. Graham,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2026-P-4566]

Determination That RECTIV (Nitroglycerin) Ointment, 0.4%, 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, Agency, or we) has determined that RECTIV (nitroglycerin) ointment, 0.4%, was not withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness. This determination means that FDA will not begin procedures to withdraw approval of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) that refer to this drug product, and it will allow FDA to continue to approve ANDAs that refer to the product as long as they meet relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 355(j)) allows the submission of an ANDA to market a generic version of a previously approved drug product. To obtain approval, the ANDA applicant must show, among other things, that the generic drug product: (1) has the same active ingredient(s), dosage form, route of administration, strength, conditions of use, and (with certain exceptions) labeling as the listed drug, which is a version of the drug that was previously approved, and (2) is bioequivalent to the listed drug. ANDA applicants do not have to repeat the extensive clinical testing otherwise necessary to gain

approval of a new drug application (NDA).

Section 505(j)(7) of the FD&C Act requires FDA to publish a list of all approved drugs. FDA publishes this list as part of the "Approved Drug Products With Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations," which is known generally as the "Orange Book." Under FDA regulations, drugs are removed from the list if the Agency withdraws or suspends approval of the drug's NDA or ANDA for reasons of safety or effectiveness or if FDA determines that the listed drug was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness (21 CFR 314.162).

A person may petition the Agency to determine, or the Agency may determine on its own initiative, whether a listed drug was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness. This determination may be made at any time after the drug has been withdrawn from sale, but must be made prior to approving an ANDA that refers to the listed drug (§ 314.161 (21 CFR 314.161)). FDA may not approve an ANDA that does not refer to a listed drug.

RECTIV (nitroglycerin) ointment, 0.4%, is the subject of NDA 021359, held by AbbVie Inc., and initially approved on June 21, 2011. RECTIV is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe pain associated with chronic anal fissure.

In a letter dated March 27, 2026, AbbVie Inc. notified FDA that RECTIV (nitroglycerin) ointment, 0.4%, was being discontinued, and FDA moved the drug product to the "Discontinued Drug Product List" section of the Orange Book.

Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc., submitted a citizen petition dated April 23, 2026 (Docket No. FDA-2026-P-4566), under 21 CFR 10.30, requesting that the Agency determine whether RECTIV (nitroglycerin) ointment, 0.4%, 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 RECTIV (nitroglycerin) ointment, 0.4%, was not withdrawn for reasons of safety or effectiveness. The petitioner has identified no data or other information suggesting that RECTIV (nitroglycerin) ointment, 0.4%, was withdrawn for reasons of safety or effectiveness. We have carefully reviewed our files for records concerning the withdrawal of RECTIV (nitroglycerin) ointment, 0.4%, 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 drug product was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness.

Accordingly, the Agency will continue to list RECTIV (nitroglycerin) ointment, 0.4%, 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. FDA will not begin procedures to withdraw approval of approved ANDAs that refer to this drug product. Additional ANDAs for this drug product may also 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.

Grace R. Graham,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2025-P-5535]

Determination That Prednisolone Tablet, 5 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 or Agency) has determined that prednisolone tablet, 5 milligrams (mg), was not withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness. This determination means that FDA will not begin procedures to withdraw approval of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) that refer to this drug product, and it will allow FDA to continue to approve ANDAs that refer to the product as long as they meet relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 355(j)) allows the submission of an ANDA to market a generic version of a previously approved drug product. To obtain approval, the ANDA applicant must show, among other things, that the generic drug product: (1) has the same active ingredient(s), dosage form, route of administration, strength, conditions of use, and (with certain exceptions) labeling as the listed drug, which is a version of the drug that was previously approved, and (2) is bioequivalent to the listed drug. ANDA applicants do not have to repeat the extensive clinical testing otherwise necessary to gain approval of a new drug application (NDA).

Section 505(j)(7) of the FD&C Act requires FDA to publish a list of all approved drugs. FDA publishes this list as part of the "Approved Drug Products With Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations," which is known generally as the "Orange Book." Under FDA regulations, drugs are removed from the list if the Agency withdraws or suspends approval of the drug's NDA or ANDA for reasons of safety or effectiveness or if FDA determines that the listed drug was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness (21 CFR 314.162).

A person may petition the Agency to determine, or the Agency may determine on its own initiative, whether a listed drug was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness. This determination may be made at any time after the drug has been withdrawn from sale, but must be made prior to approving an ANDA that refers to the listed drug (§ 314.161 (21 CFR 314.161)). FDA may not approve an ANDA that does not refer to a listed drug.

Prednisolone tablet, 5 mg, is the subject of ANDA 080326, held by Heather Drug Co. Inc., and initially approved on May 29, 1974. Prednisolone is indicated for endocrine disorders, rheumatic disorders, collagen diseases, dermatologic diseases, allergic states, ophthalmic diseases, respiratory diseases, hematologic disorders, neoplastic diseases, edematous states, gastrointestinal diseases, nervous system, and miscellaneous diseases or conditions.

In a letter dated April 28, 1992, Heather Drug Co. Inc., via its agent Lachman Consulting Services, Inc., notified FDA that prednisolone tablet, 5 mg was being discontinued. FDA then moved the drug product to the "Discontinued Drug Product List" section of the Orange Book.