

the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(3) *Required for Compliance (RC)*: Except as required by paragraph (i)(2) of this AD, if any material contains procedures or tests that are identified as RC, those procedures and tests must be done to comply with this AD; any procedures or tests that are not identified as RC are recommended. Those procedures and tests that are not identified as RC may be deviated from using accepted methods in accordance with the operator's maintenance or inspection program without obtaining approval of an AMOC, provided the procedures and tests identified as RC can be done and the airplane can be put back in an airworthy condition. Any substitutions or changes to procedures or tests identified as RC require approval of an AMOC.

(j) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Frank Carreras, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 206-231-3539; email: frank.carreras@faa.gov.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2025-0208, dated September 24, 2025.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu. You may find this material on the EASA website at ad.easa.europa.eu.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

Issued on August 13, 2026.

Brian Knaup,

Acting Deputy Director, Integrated Certificate Management Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FDA-2026-C-8086]

GNT USA, LLC.; Filing of Color 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 GNT USA, LLC., c/o Exponent, Inc., proposing that we amend our color additive regulations to provide for the safe use of safflower (*Carthamus tinctorius* L.) extract as a color additive in various foods at levels consistent with good manufacturing practices.

DATES: The color additive petition was filed on July 20, 2026.

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: Stephen DiFranco, Office of Food Chemical Safety, Dietary Supplements, and Innovation, Human Foods Program, Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Dr., College Park, MD 20740, 240-402-2710.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 721(d)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379e(d)(1)), we are giving notice that we have filed a color additive petition (CAP 5C0338), submitted by GNT USA, LLC., c/o Exponent, Inc., 1150 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC, 20036. The petition proposes that we amend our color additive regulations in 21 CFR Part 73 (*Listing of Color Additives Exempt from Certification*) to provide for the safe use of safflower (*Carthamus tinctorius* L.) extract as a color additive in: (1) tortilla wraps; (2) alcoholic beverages; (3) non-alcoholic beverages and beverage bases; (4) colored extruded breakfast cereals; (5) chewing gum; (6) flavored ready-to-drink tea and tea concentrates; (7) pickles, relish, pickled jalapenos, banana pepper rings, and pepperoncini; (8) sugar decorations, frostings

(excluding chocolate frosting), and marshmallows; (9) salad dressings (ready-to-use); (10) frozen dairy desserts and mixes; (11) shelf stable ice pops; (12) fillings (excluding chocolate), and ready-to-eat gelatins and puddings; (13) hard candy; (14) flavored milk and milk shakes, flavored yogurt, yogurt drinks, and non-dairy yogurt; (15) soft candy and candy coated nuts; (16) ready-to-use chicken and vegetable broth; and (17) flavored syrups for beverages and desserts (excluding chocolate syrup), at levels consistent with good manufacturing practices.

The petitioner claims that this action is categorically excluded under 21 CFR 25.32(k) because granting this petition would authorize the use of a substance intended to remain in food through ingestion by consumers and is not intended to replace macronutrients in food. In addition, the petitioner states that, to their knowledge, no extraordinary circumstances exist. 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.

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

21 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FDA-2026-C-8831]

Gardenia Blue Interest Group; Filing of Color 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 Gardenia Blue Interest Group (GBIG or petitioner), c/o Exponent, Inc., proposing that we amend our color additive regulations to expand the safe use of gardenia (genipin) blue in various foods at levels consistent with good manufacturing practice. The petition also proposes to lower the specification for arsenic in gardenia (genipin) blue.

DATES: The color additive petition was filed on August 4, 2026.

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:

Stephen DiFranco, Office of Food Chemical Safety, Dietary Supplements, and Innovation, Human Foods Program, Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Dr., College Park, MD 20740, 240-402-2710.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 721(d)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379e(d)(1)), we are giving notice that we have filed a color additive petition (CAP 6C0343), submitted by GBIG, c/o Exponent, Inc., 1150 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20036. The petition proposes that we amend our color additive regulations in 21 CFR 73.168 (“Gardenia (genipin) blue”) to expand the safe use of gardenia (genipin) blue to include use in: (1) sponge cake; (2) alcoholic mixed drinks; (3) carbonated drinks; (4) powdered beverages; (5) processed breakfast cereals; (6) chewing gum; (7) instant iced tea; (8) wasabi paste and powder; (9) sugar coating; (10) syrup for shaved ice; (11) icing; (12) creamers and whiteners; (13) ice cream and frozen dairy desserts; (14) frozen desserts (edible ices); (15) gelatin, puddings, custards, and pie filling; (16) jam, jellies, and marmalade; (17) flavored milk and both flavored and unflavored yogurt; (18) snack foods; (19) fruit preparation, syrup, and toppings; and (20) chewable tablets, at levels consistent with good manufacturing practice. The petition also proposes to lower the specification for arsenic in gardenia (genipin) blue from ≤ 2 mg/kg (ppm) to ≤ 1 mg/kg (ppm). FDA may also consider other changes to the regulation, as appropriate, during the course of our review.

The petitioner claims that this action is categorically excluded under 21 CFR 25.32(k) because granting this petition would authorize the use of a substance intended to remain in food through ingestion by consumers and is not intended to replace macronutrients in food. In addition, the petitioner has stated that, to their knowledge, no extraordinary circumstances exist. 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.

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

21 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FDA-2026-C-8883]

International Association of Color Manufacturers; Filing of Color 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 the International Association of Color Manufacturers, proposing that we amend our color additive regulations to provide for the safe use of acetone as a solvent in the manufacture of carrot oil. The petition also proposes to add heavy metal limits and secondary names for carrot oil. FDA may also consider other changes to the regulation, as appropriate, during the course of our review.

DATES: The color additive petition was filed on August 3, 2026. Either electronic or written comments on the petitioner’s environmental assessment must be submitted by September 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered. The <https://www.regulations.gov> electronic filing system will accept comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time at the end of September 18, 2026. Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are received on or before that date.

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):** Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, 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-2026-C-8883 for “International Association of Color Manufacturers; Filing of Color Additive Petition.” Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see **ADDRESSES**), will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

- **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.” We will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in our consideration of comments. The second