

phosphorous acid, cyclic butylethyl propanediol, 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenyl ester, a stabilizer for olefin polymers intended for use in contact with food.

DATES: Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by November 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 6B4522) has been filed by General Electric Co., One Lexan Lane, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620-9364. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.2010 *Antioxidants and/or stabilizers for polymers* (21 CFR 178.2010) to provide for the expanded safe use of trisopropanolamine as a component of phosphorous acid, cyclic butylethyl propanediol, 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenyl ester, a stabilizer for olefin polymers intended for use in contact with food.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice on public display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before November 12, 1996, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the Federal Register. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the

evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the Federal Register in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: September 27, 1996.

Alan M. Rulis,

*Director, Office of Premarket Approval,
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-3322-N-03]

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; State and Local Fair Housing Laws: Public Notices of Substantial Equivalency of the Fair Housing Laws of Various States and Localities

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 24 CFR 115.102, HUD is publishing this notice which: (1) Lists all the State and local fair housing enforcement agencies to which HUD has granted substantially equivalent certification or interim certification; (2) lists those enforcement agencies to which HUD has issued a notice of denial of interim certification; and (3) lists the enforcement agencies to which HUD is considering granting substantially equivalent certification and solicits public comment on these proposed certifications.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* November 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Office of General Counsel, Rules Docket Clerk, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410. Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcella O. Brown, Director, Fair Housing Assistance Programs Division, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 5234, Washington, DC

20410, telephone (202) 708-0455. (This telephone number is not toll-free.) Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) (the Act) provides that whenever a complaint alleges a discriminatory housing practice, arising in the jurisdiction of a State or local agency which has been certified by the Secretary under section 810(f) of the Act, HUD shall refer the complaint to the State or local agency. HUD has implemented section 810(f) at 24 CFR part 115, which establishes the criteria the Secretary of HUD utilizes to certify State and local fair housing enforcement agencies. On February 28, 1996 (61 FR 7674), HUD published an interim rule which revised and streamlined part 115. The interim rule, which became effective on March 29, 1996, established several Federal Register publication requirements. The policies and procedures described in the February 28, 1996 interim rule were finalized in a rule published on August 7, 1996 (61 FR 41282).

Paragraph (a) of 24 CFR 115.102 requires that HUD periodically publish in the Federal Register: (1) A list of all agencies which have received interim certification or certification; and (2) a list of agencies to which HUD has issued a notice of denial of interim certification or for which withdrawal of certification is being proposed. This notice implements § 115.102(a) by listing the appropriate State and local fair housing enforcement agencies. Paragraph (b) of § 115.102 requires that HUD "publish in the Federal Register a notice soliciting public comment before granting certification to a State or local agency." This notice identifies the agencies to which HUD proposes to grant substantially equivalent certification and solicits comment on these proposed certifications. HUD invites the public to comment on the State and local fair housing laws, as well as on the performance of the relevant agencies in enforcing these laws. All comments will be considered before a final decision on certification is made.

II. Agencies With Interim Certification

HUD's Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (the Assistant Secretary) has determined, after application of the criteria set forth in 24 CFR 115.202, that the fair housing

laws for the following States and localities provide, on their face, substantive rights and remedies for alleged discriminatory housing practices that are substantially equivalent to those provided by the Fair Housing Act. The following is the list of State and local agencies which enforce these fair housing laws, organized by geographic location:

New England: Rhode Island

Commission for Human Rights

Mid-Atlantic: Delaware Human Relations Division, Maryland Commission on Human Relations, City of Reading, PA, Huntington, WVA Human Relations Commission

Southeast/Caribbean: Hillsborough County (FL) Equal Opportunity Office, St. Petersburg (FL) Human Relations Department, Tampa (FL) Office of Community Relations Services, Durham (NC) Human Relations Commission, Mecklenburg County (NC)—Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Community Relations Committee, Winston-Salem (NC) Human Relations Commission

Midwest: Fort Wayne (IN) Metropolitan Human Relations Commission, Hammond (IN) Human Relations Commission, Parma (OH) Department of Law

Great Plains: Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Cedar Rapids (IA) Civil Rights Commission, Des Moines (IA) Human Rights Commission, Lawrence (KS) Human Relations Commission,¹ Omaha (NE) Human Relations Department

Rocky Mountain: Utah Anti-Discrimination Division

Pacific/Hawaii: California Department of Fair Employment and Housing

Northwest/Alaska: Washington State Human Rights Commission, Seattle (WA) Human Rights Department, Tacoma (WA) Human Rights Department

III. Agencies With Certification

The Assistant Secretary has determined, after application of the criteria described in §§ 115.202 and 115.203, that the fair housing laws for the following States and localities, and the administrative enforcement of these laws by the relevant State and local enforcement agencies, provide, in operation, substantive rights and remedies for alleged discriminatory housing practices that are substantially

¹ The State of Kansas has voluntarily withdrawn its association with HUD in the enforcement of its fair housing laws and ordinances. This notice, however, identifies the enforcement agencies within the State of Kansas that HUD has determined meet the requirements for certification or interim certification described in 24 CFR part 115.

equivalent to those provided by the Fair Housing Act. The following is the list of these enforcement agencies, organized by geographic location:

New England: Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Compliance, Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, Cambridge Human Rights Commission

Mid-Atlantic: Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, West Virginia Human Rights Commission, Charleston (WVA) Human Rights Commission

Southeast/Caribbean: Florida Human Relations Division, Clearwater (FL) Office of Community Relations, Orlando (FL) Human Relations Department, Pinellas County (FL) Office of Human Rights, Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, Lexington-Fayette (KY) Urban County Human Rights Commission, Louisville and Jefferson County (KY) Human Relations Commission, North Carolina Human Relations Commission, Asheville-Buncombe County (NC) Community Relations Council, Charlotte (NC) and Mecklenburg County (NC) Community Relations Committee, Greensboro (NC) Human Relations Department, New Hanover County (NC) Human Relations Commission, South Carolina Human Affairs Commission

Midwest: Springfield (IL) Human Relations Commission and Fair Housing, Indiana Civil Rights Commission, Gary (IN) Human Relations Commission, South Bend (IN) Human Relations Commission, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Dayton (OH) Human Relations Council, Shaker Heights (OH) Fair Housing Review Board

Southwest: Louisiana Attorney General's Office, Public Protection Division, Oklahoma Human Rights Commission, Texas Commission on Human Rights, Dallas (TX) Office of Compliance, Fair Housing Administrator

Great Plains: Dubuque (IA) Human Rights Department, Olathe (KS) Human Relations Commission, Salina (KS) Human Relations Department, Missouri Commission on Human Rights, Kansas City (MO) Human Relations, Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, Omaha Human Relations Department

Rocky Mountains: Colorado Civil Rights Division, Montana Human Rights Commission

Pacific/Hawaii: Arizona Office of Attorney General, Human Services Division, Phoenix (AZ) Equal Opportunity Department, Hawaii Civil Rights Commission
Northwest/Alaska: King County (WA) Office of Civil Rights and Compliance

IV. Agencies To Which a Notice of Denial of Interim Certification Has Been Issued.

The Assistant Secretary has determined, after application of the criteria described in § 115.202, that the fair housing laws of the following States and localities are substantially equivalent "on their face" to the Fair Housing Act. However, after application of the criteria set forth in 24 CFR 115.203, the Assistant Secretary has determined that the fair housing enforcement agencies charged with the administrative enforcement of these laws do not provide substantive rights and remedies for alleged discriminatory housing practices. The following is the list of agencies to which HUD has denied, or proposes to deny, certification, organized by geographic location:

Southeast/Caribbean: Tennessee Human Rights Commission, Knoxville Department of Community Development

Midwest: Illinois Department of Human Rights, Elgin Human Relations Commission, Evanston Human Relations Commission

V. Agencies for Which Comments Are Requested Before the Granting of Certification.

Following a review of the performance standards and other materials pertaining to the fair housing laws of the following States and localities, HUD expects to make final determinations that the law of each State and locality, in operation, provides rights and remedies that are substantially equivalent to those available under the Fair Housing Act. HUD intends to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the agency charged with enforcement of the fair housing law of each State and locality in accordance with 24 CFR 115.210.

In accordance with 24 CFR 115.102, the public is invited to submit written comments on the agencies listed below. Specifically, HUD requests written comments on the proposed determinations that the current practices and past performance of the following State and local agencies demonstrate that, in operation, their fair housing laws provide substantive rights and remedies that are substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act. This

notice also invites comments from the public on HUD's determination that the fair housing laws of the following States and localities are, on their face, substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act.

In submitting comments, HUD requests that commenters clearly identify the State or locality for which comments are being submitted. The following is a list of these enforcement agencies by geographic location:

New England: Rhode Island

Commission for Human Rights

Mid-Atlantic: Delaware Human Relations Division, Maryland Commission on Human Relations, City of Reading (PA), Huntington (WVA) Human Relations Commission

Southeast/Caribbean: Hillsborough County (FL) Equal Opportunity Office, St. Petersburg (FL) Human Relations Department, Tampa (FL) Office of Community Relations Services, Durham (NC) Human Relations Commission, Mecklenburg County (NC)—Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Community Relations Committee, Winston-Salem (NC) Human Relations Commission

Midwest: Fort Wayne (IN) Metropolitan Human Relations Commission, Hammond (IN) Human Relations Commission, South Bend (IN) Human Relations Commission, Dayton (OH) Human Relations Council, Parma (OH) Department of Law

Southwest: Fort Worth (TX) Human Relations Commission

Great Plains: Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Cedar Rapids (IA) Civil Rights Commission, Des Moines (IA) Human Rights Commission, Dubuque (IA) Human Rights Department, Lawrence (KS) Human Relations Commission, Omaha (NE) Human Relations Department

Rocky Mountain: Utah Anti-Discrimination Division

Pacific/Hawaii: California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, Phoenix (AZ) Equal Opportunity Department

Northwest/Alaska: Washington State Human Rights Commission, Seattle (WA) Human Rights Department, Tacoma (WA) Human Rights Department

Dated: September 17, 1996.

Elizabeth K. Julian,

Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

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[Docket No. FR-4124-N-07]

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development; Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 11, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7256, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TDD number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, NO. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: October 2, 1996.

Jacque M. Lawing,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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[Docket No. FR-4147-D-01]

Office of the Secretary; Office of the General Counsel; Delegation and Redefinition of Authority Under the Privacy Act of 1974

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary and Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of delegation and redefinition of authority.

SUMMARY: Under this notice, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development delegates to the General Counsel for the Department of Housing and Urban Development the authority

under the Privacy Act of 1974 to make written requests, for purposes of law enforcement activities, to other agencies for the transfer of records or copies of records maintained by such other agencies, as the General Counsel deems necessary. Under this notice, the General Counsel also redefines such authority to make written requests to other agencies to the Associate General Counsel for Program Enforcement, the Associate General Counsel for Finance and Regulatory Enforcement, and the Associate General Counsel for Litigation and Fair Housing Enforcement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emmett N. Roden, Assistant General Counsel for Administrative Proceedings, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, S.W., Room 10251, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-2350. (This is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice delegates and redefines authority, as specified, under the Privacy Act, to the General Counsel and to certain Associate General Counsels. This delegation and redefinition is necessary to assist in enforcement activities carried out by the Office of General Counsel on behalf of the Department.

Accordingly, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development delegates, and the General Counsel redefines, authority, as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development delegates to the General Counsel for the Department of Housing and Urban Development: The authority under subsection (b)(7) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(7)) ("Privacy Act") to make written requests, for purposes of civil or criminal law enforcement activities, to other agencies for the transfer of records or copies of records maintained by such agencies.

Section B. Authority Redefined

The General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development hereby redefines all of the power and authority delegated in Section A., above, to the following Associate General Counsels:

The Associate General Counsel for Program Enforcement;