

Brooklyn, New York. The facility (with some 1,200 employees) produces finished pharmaceutical products, primarily Atarax®, Cardura®, Diflucan®, Glucotrol XL®, Navane®, Norvasc®, Unisom®, Zithromax®, and Zoloft®. Pfizer is considering expanding production at the plant to include three new products, VIAGRA® treatment for erectile dysfunction (HTSUS 3004.90.9040), TIKOSYN® anti-arrhythmia treatment (HTSUS 3004.90.9020) and eletriptan migraine treatment (HTSUS 3004.90.9040). Foreign-sourced materials will account for, on average, 70 percent of material value, and include items from the following categories:

Aromatic ethers and their derivatives
HTSUS 2909.30.4000 10.3%

Aromatic monoamines and their derivatives, salts
HTSUS 2921.49.4500 10.7%

Organo-sulfur compounds
HTSUS 2930.90.9050 3.7%

Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atoms(s):

HTSUS 2933.19.9000 6.8%

HTSUS 2933.59.5300 6.6%

HTSUS 2933.59.7000 10.7%

HTSUS 2933.90.7900 10.7%

HTSUS 2933.90.9000 3.7%

Chemically pure sugar ethers/salts, other than sucrose
HTSUS 2940.00.6000 5.8%

The company may also purchase from abroad other ingredients and materials in the following general categories: gums, starches, waxes, vegetable extracts, mineral oils, sugars, empty capsules, protein concentrates, prepared animal feed, mineral products, inorganic acids, chlorides, chlorates, sulfites, sulfates, phosphates, cyanides, silicates, radioactive chemicals, rare-earth metal compounds, hydroxides, hydrazine and hydroxylamine, chlorides, phosphates, carbonates, hydrocarbons, alcohols, phenols, ethers, epoxides, acetals, aldehydes, ketone function compounds, mono- and polycarboxylic acids, phosphoric esters, amine-, carboxymide, nitrile- and oxygen-function compounds, heterocyclic compounds, sulfonamides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides and herbicides, fertilizers, vitamins, hormones, antibiotics, gelatins, enzymes, pharmaceutical glaze, essential oils, albumins, gelatins, activated carbon, residual lyes, acrylic polymers, color lakes, soaps and detergents, various packaging and printing materials, medicaments, pharmaceutical products, and instruments and appliances used in medical sciences.

Zone procedures would exempt Pfizer from Customs duty payments on foreign

materials used in production for export (some 9 percent of production). On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rates that apply to the finished products (duty-free) rather than the duty rates that would otherwise apply to the foreign-sourced materials noted above (duty-free to 18.6 percent). At the outset, it is expected that zone savings would primarily involve choosing the finished product duty rate on Viagra®, Tikosyn®, Zeldox® and eletriptan (duty-free), rather than the rates for their foreign components listed above (duty rates ranging from 3.7% to 10.7%). The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures will help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is [60 days from date of publication]. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to January 27, 1999).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, 6 World Trade Center, Rm. 635, New York, New York 10048

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230

Dated: November 4, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 9801013257-8258-00]

Proposed Withdrawal of Thirty-One Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The following Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications are proposed for withdrawal from the FIPS series:

- FIPS 21-4, COBOL (ANSI X3.23-1985, X3.23a-1989&X3.23b-1993)
- FIPS 29-3, Interpretation Procedures for Federal Information Processing Standards for Software
- FIPS 101, Guideline for Lifecycle Validation, Verification, and Testing of Computer Software
- FIPS 106, Guideline on Software Maintenance
- FIPS 119-1, Ada (ANSI/ISO/IEC 8652:1995)
- FIPS 132, Guideline for Software Verification and Validation Plans (ANSI/IEEE 1012-1986)
- FIPS 137, Analog to Digital Conversion of Voice by 2,400 Bit/Second Linear Predictive Coding
- FIPS 139, Interoperability and Security Requirements for Use of the Data Encryption Standard in the Physical Layer of Data Communications
- FIPS 141, Interoperability and Security Requirements for Use of the Data Encryption Standard with CCITT Group 3 Facsimile Equipment
- FIPS 144, Data Communication Systems and Services User-Oriented Performance Parameters (ANSI X3.102-1983/R1990)
- FIPS 150, Facsimile Coding Schemes and Coding Control Functions for Group 4 Facsimile Apparatus (EIA-538-1988)
- FIPS 151-2, Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX)—System Application Program Interface [C Language] (ISO/IEC 9945-1:1990)
- FIPS 155, Data Communication Systems and Services User-Oriented Performance Measurement Methods (ANSI X3.141-1987)
- FIPS 162, 1,200 Bits Per Second Two-Wire Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits
- FIPS 163, 2,400 Bits Per Second Two-Wire Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits
- FIPS 164, 2,400 Bits Per Second Four-Wire Duplex and Two-Wire Half-Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits
- FIPS 165, 4,800 Bits Per Second Four-Wire Duplex and Two-Wire Half-Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits
- FIPS 166, 4,800 and 9,600 Bits Per Second Two-Wire Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits

- FIPS 167, 9,600 Bits Per Second Four-Wire Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits
- FIPS 168, 12,000 and 14,400 Bits Per Second Four-Wire Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits
- FIPS 169, Error Correction in Modems Employing Asynchronous-To-Synchronous Conversion
- FIPS 170, Data Compression in Modems Employing CCITT Recommendation V.42 Error Correction
- FIPS 172-1, VHSIC Hardware Description Language (VHDL) (ANSI/IEEE 1076-1993)
- FIPS 175, Federal Building Standard for Telecommunications Pathways and Spaces (ANSI/EIA/TIA-569-1990)
- FIPS 176, Residential and Light Commercial Telecommunications Wiring Standard (ANSI/EIA/TIA-570-1991)
- FIPS 182, Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN)
- FIPS 187, Administration Standard for the Telecommunications Infrastructure of Federal Buildings (ANSI/TIA/EIA-606-1993)
- FIPS 189, Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX)—Part 2: Shell and Utilities (ISO/IEC 9945-2:1993)
- FIPS 193, SQL Environments
- FIPS 194, Open Document Architecture (ODA) Raster Document Application Profile (DAP) (ISO/IEC 12064-1 ISP/FOD112)
- FIPS 195, Federal Building Grounding and Bonding Requirements for Telecommunications (ANSI/TIA/EIA-607-1994)

Many of these FIPS adopt voluntary industry standards for Federal government use, but the FIPS documents have not been updated to reference current or revised voluntary industry standards. Others of these FIPS provide advisory guidance to Federal agencies with no requirements for compulsory and binding use. Federal agencies and departments are directed by the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-113, to use technical standards that are developed in voluntary consensus standards bodies. Consequently, there no longer is a need for FIPS that duplicate voluntary industry standards.

Prior to the submission of this proposed withdrawal to the Secretary of Commerce for review and approval, it is essential to assure that consideration is given to the needs and views of manufacturers, the public, and State and local governments. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views.

Interested parties may obtain copies of these standards and guidelines from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22161, telephone 1-800-553-NTIS (6847) or (703) 605-6000.

DATES: Comments on this proposed withdrawal of these FIPS must be received on or before February 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the withdrawal should be sent to: Information Technology Laboratory, ATTN: Proposed Withdrawal of 31 FIPS, Building 820, Room 562, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Electronic comments should be sent to: fips.comments@nist.gov

Comments received in response to this notice will be made part of the public record and will be made available for inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shirley M. Radack, telephone (301) 975-2833, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

Authority: Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 and the Computer Security Act of 1987, Pub. L. 104-106.

Dated: November 6, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Computer System Security and Privacy Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Computer System Security and Privacy Advisory Board (CSSPAB) will meet Wednesday, December 2, 1998, and Thursday, December 3, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Advisory Board was established by the Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-235) to advise the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of NIST on security and privacy issues pertaining to federal computer systems. All sessions will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 2-3, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the National Institute of Standards and Technology Gaithersburg, MD in the Administration Building, Lecture Room A.

AGENDA:

- Welcome and Overview
- Issues Update and Briefings
- Trust in Cyberspace Briefing
- GITS/CIO Security Committees Updates
- Privacy Issues Updates
- NIST Computer Security Updates
- Discussion
- Pending Business
- Public Participation
- Agenda Development for March 1999 Meeting
- Wrap-Up

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The Board agenda will include a period of time, not to exceed thirty minutes, for oral comments and questions from the public. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Members of the public who are interested in speaking are asked to contact the Board Secretariat at the telephone number indicated below. In addition, written statements are invited and may be submitted to the Board at any time. Written statements should be directed to the CSSPAB Secretariat, Information Technology Laboratory, Building 820, Room 426, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001. It would be appreciated if 35 copies of written material were submitted for distribution to the Board and attendees no later than November 30, 1998. Approximately 20 seats will be available for the public and media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Edward Roback, Board Secretariat, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 820, Room 426, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001, telephone: (301) 975-3696.

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Robert E. Hebner,

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