

1998, and 1988, and has withdrawn fourteen guidance documents in response to comments received and because these guidance documents were determined to no longer represent the Agency's current thinking. One guidance has been revised and issued as a draft guidance, and the revision of several guidance documents is also being considered as resources permit.

Consistent with the Good Guidance Practices regulation at 21 CFR 10.115(f)(4), CDRH would appreciate suggestions that CDRH revise or withdraw an already existing guidance document. We request that the suggestion clearly explain why the guidance document should be revised or withdrawn and, if applicable, how it should be revised. While we are requesting feedback on the list of previously issued final guidances located in the annual agenda website, feedback on any guidance is appreciated and will be considered.

### III. Website Location of Guidance Lists

This notice announces the website location of the document that provides the A and B lists of guidance documents, which CDRH is intending to publish during FY 2019. To access these two lists, visit FDA's website at <https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm529396.htm>. We note that the topics on this and past guidance priority lists may be removed or modified based on current priorities, as well as comments received regarding these lists. Furthermore, FDA and CDRH priorities are subject to change at any time (e.g., newly identified safety issues). The Agency is not required to publish every guidance on either list if the resources needed would be to the detriment of meeting quantitative review timelines and statutory obligations. In addition, the Agency is not precluded from issuing guidance documents that are not on either list.

Stakeholder feedback on guidance priorities is important to ensure that the CDRH guidance program meets the needs of stakeholders. The feedback received on the FY 2018 list was mostly in agreement, and CDRH continued to work toward issuing the guidances on this list. In FY 2018, CDRH issued sixteen of twenty guidances on the FY 2018 list (fourteen from the A-list, two from the B-list).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2018-D-2310]

#### Process To Request a Review of the Food and Drug Administration's Decision Not To Issue Certain Export Certificates for Devices; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) is extending the comment period for the notice of availability that appeared in the **Federal Register** of August 17, 2018. FDA requested comments on the draft guidance for industry and FDA staff entitled "Process To Request a Review of FDA's Decision Not To Issue Certain Export Certificates for Devices." The Agency is taking this action in response to a request for an extension to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments.

**DATES:** FDA is extending the comment period on the document published August 17, 2018 (83 FR 41078). Submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by November 15, 2018, to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on any guidance at any time as follows:

#### *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-2018-D-2310 for "Process to Request a Review of FDA's Decision Not to Issue Certain Export Certificates for Devices; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff." Received comments 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.

- *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." The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as "confidential." Any information marked as "confidential" will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting

of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

*Docket:* 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.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

An electronic copy of the guidance document is available for download from the internet. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on electronic access to the guidance. Submit written requests for a single hard copy of the draft guidance document entitled "Process to Request a Review of FDA's Decision Not to Issue Certain Export Certificates for Devices; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff" to the Office of the Center Director, Guidance and Policy Development, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5431, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, or the Office of Communication, Outreach, and Development, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 3128, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joann Belt, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 3658, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, [joann.belt@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:joann.belt@fda.hhs.gov), 301-796-6836; or Stephen Ripley, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave, Bldg. 71, Rm. 7301, Silver Spring, MD 20993, 240-402-7911.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

In the *Federal Register* of August 17, 2018, FDA published a notice of availability with a 60-day comment period to request comments on the draft guidance for industry and FDA staff entitled "Process to Request a Review of

FDA's Decision Not to Issue Certain Export Certificates for Devices."

The Agency has received a request for a 30-day extension of the comment period. The request conveyed concern that the current 60-day comment period does not allow sufficient time to develop a meaningful or thoughtful response.

FDA has considered the request and is extending the comment period for the notice of availability for 30 days, until November 15, 2018. The Agency believes that a 30-day extension allows adequate time for interested persons to submit comments without significantly delaying guidance on these important issues.

##### **II. Significance of Guidance**

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the current thinking of FDA on the process to request a review of FDA's decision not to issue certain export certificates for devices. It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations. This guidance is not subject to Executive Order 12866.

##### **III. Electronic Access**

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the draft guidance may do so by downloading an electronic copy from the internet. A search capability for all Center for Devices and Radiological Health guidance documents is available at <https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/default.htm>. This guidance document is also available at <https://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/default.htm> or <https://www.regulations.gov>. Persons unable to download an electronic copy of "Process to Request a Review of FDA's Decision Not to Issue Certain Export Certificates for Devices; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff" may send an email request to [CDRH-Guidance@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CDRH-Guidance@fda.hhs.gov) to receive an electronic copy of the document. Please use the document number 17044 to identify the guidance you are requesting.

##### **IV. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995**

This draft guidance refers to previously approved collections of information. These collections of information are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The collections of information in sections 801(e) and 802 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(e) and 382) have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0498; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 807, subparts A through E, have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0625; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 820 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0073; and the collections of information in the guidance "Center for Devices and Radiological Health Appeals Processes" have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0738.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA-2018-N-3636]

#### **United States Food and Drug Administration and Health Canada Joint Public Consultation on the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use; Public Meeting and Webcast; Request for Comments**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and webcast; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing a regional public meeting entitled "U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Health Canada Joint Public Consultation on International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH)." The purpose of this public meeting is to provide information and solicit public input on the current activities of ICH as well as the upcoming ICH Assembly Meeting and the Expert Working Group Meetings in Charlotte, NC, scheduled for November 11 through 15, 2018. The topics to be discussed are the topics for discussion at the forthcoming ICH Assembly Meeting in Charlotte, NC.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on October 17, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eastern Time. Submit either electronic or written comments on this