comment a draft guide early in 1998, and a final guide later in 1998.

On November 17, 1997, at a public meeting in Washington, DC, FDA and USDA provided details on a broad, general draft approach on how to minimize microbial contamination through the control of water, manure, worker sanitation and health, field and facility sanitation, and transportation and handling. A draft guide entitled ''Guide to Minimizing Microbial Food Safety Hazards for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables,'' will be available December 1, 1997, on FDA's World Wide Web Home Page (http//www.fda.gov).

The grassroots and the international meetings will include an overview of the President's initiative and a review of the general draft guide. The meetings are intended to obtain input into the draft guide. While all meetings are open to any interested parties, the grassroots meetings will focus specifically on domestic produce, and the international meeting will focus on imported produce.

Transcripts of the grassroots and international meetings may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI–35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A–16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximated 15 working days after each meeting at a cost of 10 cents per page. The transcripts of the grassroots and the international meetings will be available for public examination at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

TABLE 1.—DOMESTIC MEETINGS

Meeting Address	Date	FDA Contact Person
GRAND RAPIDS: Amway Grand Hotel, Pearl and Monroe, Grand Rapids, MI..	December 1, 1997	Evelyn Denke, Food and Drug Administration, Detroit District Office (HFR–MW245), 1500 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48207–3179, 313–226–6158.
GENEVA: New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, 630 West North St., Geneva, NY..	December 3, 1997	Beverly Kent, Food and Drug Administration, Buffalo District Office, 599 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14202, 716–551–4461 ext. 3131.
WEST PALM BEACH: Clayton Hutchinson Agricultural Center, 559 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL..	December 5, 1997	Lynn Isaacs, Food and Drug Administration, Florida District Office, 7200 Lake Ellenor Dr., suite 120, Orlando, FL 32809, 407–648–6922 ext. 202.
SAN ANTONIO: Helotes 4–H Center, San Antonio, TX, 12132 Leslie Rd., Helotes, TX..	December 8, 1997	Sylvia Yetts, Food and Drug Administration, Dallas District Office (HFR–SW100), 3310 Live Oak St., Dallas, TX 75204, 214–655–5315 ext. 344.
SALINAS: Salinas Community Center, 490 North Main St., Salinas, CA..	December 10, 1997	Mary Acton, Food and Drug Administration, San Francisco District Office (HFR–PA150), 1431 Harbor Bay Pkwy., Alameda, CA 94502, 510–337–6765.
PORTLAND: Monarch Hotel, 12566 SE. 93d Ave., Clackamas, OR..	December 12, 1997	Debra Tucker, Food and Drug Administration, Portland District Office, 9780 SW. Nimus Ave., Beaverton, OR 97008, 503–671–9711 ext. 10.

TABLE 2.—INTERNATIONAL MEETING

Meeting Address	Date	FDA Contact Person
WASHINGTON, DC: Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert Humphrey Bldg., 200 and Independence, Washington, DC..	Monday, December 8, 1997	Marilyn Veek, Food and Drug Administration, Office of International Affairs (HFG–1), 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–0906

Dated: November 24, 1997.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food And Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97F–0468]

Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of tris(2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphite by removing the restrictions on the temperature of use in low density polyethylene films of thickness greater than 0.051 millimeter (mm) (0.002 inch (in)), provided that the film does not contain a total of tris(2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphite in excess of 0.062 milligram (mg) per in^2 of the food-contact surface.

DATES: Written comments on petitioner's environmental assessment by December 29, 1997.

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 8B4563) has been filed by Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., c/o Keller and Heckman, 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. 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 safe use of tris(2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphite by removing the restriction on the temperature of use in low density polyethylene films of thickness greater than 0.051 mm (0.002 in), provided that the film does not contain a total of tris(2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphite in excess of 0.062 mg per in^2 of the food-contact surface.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of the type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: November 4, 1997.

Alan M. Rulis,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443–1129.

Comments are invited 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) ways to enhance 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.

Proposed Project: Assessment of Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)-Funded Providers' Level of Knowledge and Training Needs for Reducing Perinatal Transmission of HIV—NEW

The HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) intends to conduct a survey of 300 health care providers who work in BPHC-funded programs and who treat women of childbearing age. The specific topic area for this study relates to perinatal transmission of HIV.

The purpose of this survey is to determine:

—the specific training and learning needs of providers in BPHC-funded programs with regard to HIV/AIDS issues (especially perinatal transmission of HIV) and women of childbearing age.

—the preferred modes of training.

—the level of knowledge of, and adherence to, Government protocols for treating women of childbearing age and reducing the risk of perinatal transmission of HIV.

—the familiarity of practitioners with recent advances in HIV/AIDS treatments such as protease inhibitors and combined therapies.

Results from this research will be used to develop specific training curricula for these providers and to enhance educational and service delivery-related support for Bureau-funded providers and clinics.

The study will be done by mail, with phone follow-up if necessary to improve response rates. The estimate of burden is as follows:

Type of Respondent	(1)
Number of Respondents	300
Responses Per Respondent	1
Hours Per Response	.25
Total Burden Hours	75

[1] Physicians.

Send comments to Patricia Royston, HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14–36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received on or before January 27, 1998.

Dated: November 21, 1997.

Jane Harrison,

Acting Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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Proposed Project: Data Collection and Reporting Requirements for Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities Program (OMB No. 0915–0188)—Extension, No Change—The Healthy schools, Healthy Communities (HSHC) Initiative was established in Fiscal Year 1994 by the HRSA Bureau of Primary Healthy Care (BPHC) in coordination with the HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

HSHC grantees are required to offer comprehensive primary care services to