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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97N–0260]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Customer/Partner Satisfaction Surveys

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA).

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by January 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW., rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Desk Officer for FDA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JonnaLynn P. Capezzuto, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA–250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–4659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with section 3507 of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3507), FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

Customer/Partner Satisfaction Surveys (OMB Control Number 0910–0360—Extension)

Under section 903 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 393), FDA is authorized to conduct research relating to regulated articles and to conduct educational and public information programs relating to responsibilities of the agency. Executive Order 12862, entitled ''Setting Customer Service Standards,'' directs Federal agencies that ''provide significant services directly to the public'' to ''survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services.'' FDA is seeking OMB clearance to conduct a series of surveys to implement Executive Order 12862. Participation in the surveys will be voluntary. This request covers customer service surveys of regulated entities, such as: Food processors; cosmetic, drug, biologic and medical device manufacturers; consumers; and health professionals. The request also covers partner surveys of State and local governments. FDA will use the information gathered from these surveys to identify strengths and weaknesses in service to customers/partners and to make improvements. The surveys will assess timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, and problem resolution in the context of individual programs. FDA projects 14 customer/partner service surveys per year, with a sample of between 50 and 6,000 customers each. Some of these surveys will be repeats of earlier surveys, for purposes of monitoring customer/partner service and developing long-term data.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN[1]

Type of Survey	No. of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Hours per Response	Total Hours
Mail/telephone surveys	20,000	1	.30	6,000
Total				6,000

[1] There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

These estimates are based on the number of customer/partner service surveys FDA has conducted since January 26, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 92F–0443]

Dow Corning Corp.; Filing of Food Additive Petition; Amendment

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the filing notice for a food additive petition filed by Dow Corning Corp. to indicate that the petitioner has also proposed that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 1,2-dibromo-2,4-dicyanobutane as an antimicrobial agent in the manufacture of dimethylpolysiloxane coatings produced by cross-linking a vinyl-containing dimethylpolysiloxane with methylhydrogen-containing polysiloxane and dimethylmethylhydrogen polysiloxane polymers using a platinum catalyst.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julius Smith, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3091.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of February 12, 1993 (58 FR 8290), FDA announced that a petition (FAP 3B4346) had been filed by Dow Corning Corp., P.O. Box 994, Midland, MI 48686–0994. The petition proposed to amend § 175.300 *Resinous and polymeric coatings* (21 CFR 175.300), § 175.320 *Resinous and polymeric coatings for polyolefin films* (21 CFR 175.320), and § 176.170 *Components of paper and paperboard in contact with aqueous and fatty foods* (21 CFR 176.170) to provide for the safe use of dimethylpolysiloxane coatings produced by cross-linking a vinyl-containing dimethylpolysiloxane with methylhydrogen-containing polysiloxane and dimethylmethylhydrogen polysiloxane polymers using a platinum catalyst. The petition also proposed that the food additive regulations be amended to

provide for the safe use of 3,5-dimethyl-1-hexyne-3-ol, 1-ethynylcyclohexene, bis(methoxymethyl)ethyl maleate and methylvinyl cyclosiloxane as optional polymerization inhibitors. Additionally, the petition proposed that the regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one and 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one mixture, optionally containing magnesium nitrate, as an antimicrobial agent for emulsion-based silicone coating formulations.

Subsequent to publication of the filing notice, the petitioner amended the petition to request the use of tetramethyltetravinylcyclotetrasiloxane as an optional polymerization inhibitor in the manufacture of dimethylpolysiloxane coatings produced by cross-linking a vinyl-containing dimethylpolysiloxane with methylhydrogen-containing polysiloxane and dimethylmethylhydrogen polysiloxane polymers using a platinum catalyst.

Therefore, in a notice published in the **Federal Register** of July 2, 1998 (63 FR 36246), FDA amended the filing notice of February 12, 1993, to indicate that the petitioner requests that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the additional safe use of tetramethyltetravinylcyclotetrasiloxane as an optional polymerization inhibitor in the manufacture of dimethylpolysiloxane coatings produced by cross-linking a vinyl-containing dimethylpolysiloxane with methylhydrogen-containing polysiloxane and dimethylmethylhydrogen polysiloxane polymers using a platinum catalyst.

Additionally, subsequent to publication of the filing notice of July 2, 1998, the petitioner amended the petition to request the use of 1,2-dibromo-2,4-dicyanobutane as an antimicrobial agent in the manufacture of dimethylpolysiloxane coatings produced by cross-linking a vinyl-containing dimethylpolysiloxane with methylhydrogen-containing polysiloxane and dimethylmethylhydrogen polysiloxane polymers using a platinum catalyst.

Therefore, FDA is amending the filing notice of July 2, 1998, to indicate that the petitioner requests that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 1,2-dibromo-2,4-dicyanobutane as an antimicrobial agent in the manufacture of dimethylpolysiloxane coatings produced by cross-linking a vinyl-containing dimethylpolysiloxane with methylhydrogen-containing polysiloxane and dimethylmethylhydrogen polysiloxane polymers using a platinum catalyst.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of a 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: December 11, 1998.

Eugene C. Coleman,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98F–1192]

Troy Corp.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Troy Corp. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 3-iodo-2-propynyl butyl carbamate as a fungicidal additive for wood products intended to contact food.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark A. Hepp, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3098.

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 7B4533) has been filed by Troy Corp., c/o S. L. Graham & Associates, 1801 Peachtree Lane, Bowie, MD 20721. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3800 *Preservatives for wood* (21 CFR 178.3800) to provide for the safe use of 3-iodo-2-propynyl butyl carbamate as a fungicidal additive for wood products intended to contact food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(q) that this action is of a 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98F–1192]

Troy Corp.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Troy Corp. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 3-iodo-2-propynyl butyl carbamate as a fungicidal additive for resinous and polymeric coatings intended to contact food.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark A. Hepp, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3098.

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 7B4546) has been filed by Troy Corp., c/o S.L. Graham & Associates, 1801 Peachtree Lane, Bowie, MD 20721. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 175.300 *Resinous and polymeric coatings* (21 CFR 178.300) to provide for the safe use of 3-iodo-2-propynyl butyl carbamate as a fungicidal additive for resinous and polymeric coatings intended to contact food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(q) that this action is of a 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.

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