dated October 21, 1999. Repeat the functional test thereafter at intervals not to exceed 1,000 flight hours.

(b) For Model 747 and 767 series airplanes equipped with thrust reversers that have been modified in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 747–78–2151 or 767–78–0063, as applicable, or a production equivalent: Within 180 days after the effective date of this AD, perform a functional test of the DPV of the thrust reversers to detect pneumatic leakage in accordance with Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747–78A2170, or Boeing Service Bulletin 767–78–0084, as applicable, both dated October 21, 1999. Repeat the functional test thereafter at intervals not to exceed 6,000 flight hours.

Note 2: For airplanes modified during production: Functional tests accomplished in accordance with a production equivalent are acceptable for the initial functional test required by paragraph (b) of this AD.

Corrective Action

(c) If any functional test required by paragraph (a) or (b) of this AD cannot be successfully performed as specified in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747–78A2170, or Boeing Service Bulletin 767–78–0084, as applicable, both dated October 21, 1999; or if any discrepancy is detected during any functional test required by paragraph (a) or (b) of this AD: Prior to further flight, correct the discrepancy in accordance with the procedures specified in the applicable Boeing Model 747 or 767 Airplane Maintenance Manual. Additionally, prior to further flight, any failed functional test required by paragraph (a) or (b) of this AD must be repeated and successfully accomplished. Repeat the functional test thereafter at the intervals required by paragraph (a) or (b) of this AD, as applicable.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Incorporation by Reference

(f) Except as provided by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this AD, the functional test shall be done in accordance with Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747–78A2170, dated October 21, 1999; or Boeing Service Bulletin 767–78–0084, dated October 21, 1999. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124–2207. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(g) This amendment becomes effective on October 5, 2000.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 21, 2000.

Donald L. Riggin,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 177

[Docket No. 98F–0484]

Indirect Food Additives: Polymers

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of di-2-ethylhexyl terephthalate as a component of closures with sealing gaskets for food containers This action responds to a petition filed by Eastman Chemical Co.

DATES: This rule is effective August 31, 2000. Submit written objections and request for a hearing by October 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written objections to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hortense S. Macon, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–206), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of July 2, 1998 (63 FR 36246), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 8B4593) had been filed by Eastman Chemical Co., P.O. Box 431, Kingsport, TN 37662. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in § 177.1210 *Closures with sealing gaskets for food containers* (21 CFR 177.1210) to provide for the safe use of di-2-ethylhexyl terephthalate as a component of closure-sealing gaskets for food containers.

FDA has evaluated the data in the petition and other relevant material. Based on this information, the agency concludes that the proposed use of the additive is safe, that the additive will achieve its intended technical effect, and therefore, that the regulations in § 177.1210 should be amended as set forth below.

In accordance with § 171.1(h) (21 CFR 171.1(h)), the petition and the documents that FDA considered and relied upon in reaching its decision to approve the petition are available for inspection at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition by appointment with the information contact person listed above. As provided in § 171.1(h), the agency will delete from the documents any materials that are not available for public disclosure before making the documents available for inspection.

The agency has previously considered the environmental effects of this rule as announced in the notice of filing for FAP 8B4593. No new information or comments have been received that would affect the agency's previous determination that there is no significant impact on the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required.

This final rule contains no collection of information. Therefore, clearance by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 is not required.

Any person who will be adversely affected by this regulation may at any time file with the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written objections by October 2, 2000. Each objection shall be separately numbered, and each numbered objection shall specify with particularity the provisions of the regulation to which objection is made and the grounds for the objection. Each numbered objection on which a hearing is requested shall specifically so state. Failure to request a hearing for any particular objection shall constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing on that objection. Each numbered objection for which a hearing is requested shall include a detailed description and analysis of the specific factual information intended to be presented in support of the objection in the event that a hearing is held. Failure to include such a description and analysis for any particular objection shall constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing on the objection. Three copies of all documents are to be submitted and are to be identified with the docket number

found in brackets in the heading of this document. Any objections received in response to the regulation may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 177

Food additives, Food packaging.

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs and redelegated to the Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, 21 CFR part 177 is amended as follows:

PART 177—INDIRECT FOOD ADDITIVES: POLYMERS

1. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 177 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321, 342, 348, 379e.

2. Section 177.1210 is amended in the table in paragraph (b)(5) by alphabetically adding an entry under the headings ''List of substances'' and ''Limitations'' to read as follows:

§ 177.1210 Closures with sealing gaskets for food containers.

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List of substances	Limitations (expressed as percent by weight of closure-sealing gasket composition)
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Di-2-ethylhexyl terephthalate (CAS Reg. No. 006422–86–2).	For use as a plasticizer at levels not exceeding 75 parts per hundred by weight of permitted vinyl chloride homo- and/or copolymer resins used in contact with food of Types I, II, IV–B, VI–A, VI–B, VI–C (up to 15 percent alcohol by volume), VII–B, and VIII described in § 176.170(c) of this chapter, table 1, and under conditions of use A through H described in § 176. 170 (c) of this chapter, table 2.
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Dated: August 21, 2000.

L. Robert Lake,

Director of Regulations and Policy, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 178

[Docket No. 99F–0127]

Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of trimethylolethane as a dispersant for pigments used as components of food-contact articles. This action is in response to a petition filed by GEO Specialty Chemicals.

DATES: This rule is effective August 31, 2000. Submit written objections and requests for a hearing by October 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written objections to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

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: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of February 3, 1999 (64 FR 5300), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 9B4635) had been filed by GEO Specialty Chemicals, c/o Keller and Heckman, 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3725 *Pigment dispersants* (21 CFR 178.3725) to provide for the safe use of trimethylolethane as a dispersant for pigments used as components of food-contact articles.

FDA has evaluated the data in the petition and other relevant material. Based on this information, the agency concludes that the proposed use of the additive is safe, that the additive will achieve its intended technical effect, and therefore, that the regulations in § 178.3725 should be amended as set forth below.

In accordance with § 171.1(h) (21 CFR 171.1(h)), the petition and the documents that FDA considered and relied upon in reaching its decision to approve the petition are available for inspection at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition by appointment with the information contact person listed above. As provided in § 171.1(h), the agency will delete from the documents any materials that are not available for public disclosure before making the documents available for inspection.

The agency has carefully considered the environmental effects of this rule as announced in the notice of filing for the petition. No new information or comments have been received that would affect the agency's previous determination that there is no significant impact on the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required.

This final rule contains no collection of information. Therefore, clearance by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 is not required.

Any person who will be adversely affected by this regulation may at any time file with the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written objections by October 2, 2000. Each objection shall be separately numbered, and each numbered objection shall specify with particularity the provisions of the regulation to which objection is made and the grounds for the objection. Each numbered objection on which a hearing is requested shall specifically so state. Failure to request a hearing for any particular objection shall constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing on that objection. Each numbered objection for which a hearing is requested shall include a detailed description and analysis of the specific factual information intended to be presented in