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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Parts 10, 12, and 510

[Docket No. 99N-4957]

Removal of Designated Journals; Confirmation of Effective Date

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration,
HHS.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of
effective date.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug
Administration (FDA) is confirming the
effective date of April 24, 2000 for the
final rule that appeared in the **Federal
Register** of December 10, 1999 (64 FR
69188). The direct final rule amends the
regulation that lists the veterinary and
scientific journals available in FDA's
library. The purpose of the list is to
allow individuals to reference articles
from listed journals in new animal drug
application documents submitted to
Dockets Management Branch, and
objections and requests for hearing on a
regulation or order instead of submitting
a copy or reprint of the article. FDA is
taking this action because this list of
journals is outdated and because
individuals rarely use the regulation.
This document confirms the effective
date of the direct final rule.

DATES: Effective date confirmed: April
24, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail
L. Schmerfeld, Center for Veterinary
Medicine (HFV-100), Food and Drug
Administration, 7500 Standish Pl.,
Rockville, MD 20855, 301-827-0205.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the
Federal Register of December 10, 1999
(64 FR 69188), FDA solicited comments
concerning the direct final rule for a 75-
day period ending February 23, 2000.
FDA stated that the effective date of the
direct final rule would be on April 24,
2000, 60 days after the end of the
comment period, unless any significant
adverse comment was submitted to FDA
during the comment period. FDA did

not receive any significant adverse
comments.

Therefore, under the Federal Food,
Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under
authority delegated to the Commissioner
of Food and Drugs, the amendments
issued thereby will go into effect on
April 24, 2000.

Dated: March 24, 2000.

William K. Hubbard,

*Senior Associate Commissioner for Policy,
Planning, and Legislation.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 177

[Docket No. 94F-0246]

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 ethylene-vinyl acetate-
vinyl alcohol copolymers with revised
specifications that provide for a
decreased minimum acceptable
ethylene content and an increased
maximum permitted level of migration
of ethylene-vinyl acetate-vinyl alcohol
oligomers for use as articles or
components of articles intended for
contact with food. This action responds
to a petition filed by Kuraray Co., Ltd.
DATES: This rule is effective March 31,
2000. Submit written objections and
requests for a hearing by May 1, 2000.
The Director of the Office of the Federal
Register approves the incorporation by
reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C.
552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 of a certain
publication in 21 CFR 177.1360(d), as of
March 31, 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:
Mitchell A. Cheeseman, Center for Food
Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-
215), Food and Drug Administration,
200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204,
202-418-3083.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice
published in the **Federal Register** of
August 17, 1994 (59 FR 42277), FDA
announced that a food additive petition

(FAP 4B4421) had been filed by Kuraray
Co., Ltd., c/o 1001 G St. NW., suite 500
West, Washington, DC 20001. The
petition proposed to amend § 177.1360
*Ethylene-vinyl acetate-vinyl alcohol
copolymers* (21 CFR 177.1360) of the
food additive regulations to provide for
the safe use of ethylene-vinyl acetate-
vinyl alcohol copolymers with revised
specifications that provide for a
decreased minimum acceptable
ethylene content and an increased
maximum permitted level of migration
of ethylene-vinyl acetate-vinyl alcohol
oligomers for use as articles or
components of articles intended for
contact with food.

FDA has evaluated data in the
petition and other relevant material.
Based on this information, the agency
concludes that: (1) The proposed use of
the additive is safe, (2) the additive will
achieve its intended technical effect,
and (3) the regulations in § 177.1360
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 potential environmental effects of
this action. FDA has concluded that the
action will not have a significant impact
on the human environment, and that an
environmental impact statement is not
required. The agency's finding of no
significant impact and the evidence
supporting that finding, contained in an
environmental assessment, may be seen
in the Dockets Management Branch
(address above) between 9 a.m. and 4
p.m., Monday through Friday.

This final rule contains no collections
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 May 1, 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