Juices'' is being issued as a level 1 draft guidance consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). This draft guidance represents the agency's current thinking on this subject. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (*see* **ADDRESSES**) written or electronic comments on the draft guidance. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The draft guidance and received comments may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the guidance at *http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/guidance.html*.

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Margaret M. Dotzel,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 02D–0384]

Draft Guidance for Industry: Standardized Training Curriculum for Application of HACCP Principles to Juice Processing; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance document entitled ''Guidance for Industry: Standardized Training Curriculum for Application of HACCP Principles to Juice Processing'' (the draft guidance). The draft guidance advises juice processors of FDA's view that the first edition of the ''Juice HACCP Training Curriculum'' of the Juice HACCP Alliance (the standardized curriculum) is adequate for use in training individuals to meet the requirements of the juice hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) regulation. The draft guidance also advises processors and educators on how the requirements of the juice HACCP regulation may be met using the standardized curriculum or alternative curricula for training individuals and on how they can view, download, or purchase the standardized curriculum.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments concerning this draft guidance by December 6, 2002, to ensure adequate consideration in preparation of the final guidance document. Comments on this draft guidance may be submitted at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to Michael E. Kashtock, (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your request. Submit written comments on the draft guidance to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the draft guidance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael E. Kashtock, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740–3835, 301–436–2022, FAX 301–436–2651, e-mail: mkashtoc@cfsan.fda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA's juice HACCP regulation in part 120 (21 CFR part 120) includes in §120.13 a requirement that individuals who perform certain specified functions, e.g., developing the hazard analysis or the HACCP plan, ''shall have successfully completed training in the application of HACCP principles to juice processing at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration, or shall be otherwise qualified through job experience to perform these functions.'' This draft guidance advises juice processors of FDA's view that the first edition of the ''Juice HACCP Training Curriculum'' of the Juice HACCP Alliance (coordinated through the efforts of the National Center for Food Safety and Technology at the Illinois Institute of Technology) (the standardized curriculum) is adequate for use in training individuals to meet the requirements of the juice HACCP regulation. This guidance also advises processors and educators on how the requirements of the juice HACCP regulation may be met using the standardized curriculum or alternative curricula for training individuals and on how they can view, download, or purchase the standardized curriculum.

The draft guidance entitled ''Guidance for Industry: Standardized Training Curriculum for Application of HACCP Principles to Juice Processing,'' is being issued as a level 1 draft guidance consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). This draft guidance represents the agency's current thinking on curricula for training juice processing personnel in the application of HACCP principles to juice processing. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statute and regulations.

II. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (see **ADDRESSES**) written or electronic comments on the draft guidance. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in the brackets in the heading of this document. The draft guidance and received comments may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the document at the CFSAN Web site at http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/guidance.html.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 01D–0493]

Guidance for Industry: Exemptions From the Warning Label Requirement for Juice—Recommendations for Effectively Achieving a 5-Log Pathogen Reduction; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a guidance entitled ''Exemptions from the Warning Label Requirement for Juice—Recommendations for Effectively Achieving a 5-Log Pathogen Reduction.'' This guidance is intended to provide revised FDA guidance to small and very small fruit and vegetable juice processors for effectively achieving a 5-log pathogen reduction that is the basis for exempting juice products from the warning label requirement established by the final rule entitled ''Food Labeling: Warning and Notice Statement: Labeling of Juice Products'' (''the juice labeling rule''). A 5-log pathogen reduction is also a requirement of the final rule entitled ''Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP); Procedures for the Safe and Sanitary Processing and Importing of Juice'' (the ''juice HACCP rule'').

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments concerning the guidance at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of this guidance entitled ''Guidance for Industry: Exemptions from the Warning Label Requirement for Juice—Recommendations for Effectively Achieving a 5-Log Pathogen Reduction'' to Jennifer A. Burnham (*see* **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Submit written comments on the guidance to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. *See* the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the guidance. Submit electronic comments to *http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer A. Burnham, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–306), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740, 301–436–2030, FAX: 301–436–2632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On December 21, 2001, FDA issued a draft guidance document that outlined the agency's current recommendations for effectively achieving a 5-log pathogen reduction in juice. The purpose of this draft guidance was to encourage processors who are not subject to the juice HACCP rule and who are performing a 5-log pathogen reduction to attain exemption from the warning label requirement to apply effective 5-log pathogen reduction treatments based upon FDA's most current scientific understanding. In the **Federal Register** notice of December 21, 2001 (66 FR 65978), announcing the availability of the draft guidance document, FDA provided a 60-day period for comment on the draft guidance.

FDA received four comments in response to the December 21, 2001, draft guidance document. These comments represented the views of trade associations representing small farm family citrus operations, commercial fresh citrus shippers, juice and juice beverage producers and suppliers, and a public health group. The comments suggested changes or modifications to FDA's revised recommendations for effectively achieving a 5-log pathogen reduction. FDA has considered the submitted comments and determined that the suggested changes or modifications are beyond the scope of this guidance or are not consistent with FDA's current scientific understanding of pathogen reduction. On its own initiative, FDA is making certain editorial changes in the guidance.

II. Conclusion

The agency is adopting the revised recommendations for effectively achieving a 5-log pathogen reduction that is the basis for exempting juice products from the warning label requirement as presented in the draft guidance document. After considering the comments the agency received, the agency has determined that no changes are warranted.

The guidance entitled ''Guidance for Industry: Exemptions from the Warning Label Requirement for Juice—Recommendations for Effectively Achieving a 5-Log Pathogen Reduction'' is being issued as a level 1 guidance, consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). This guidance represents the agency's current recommendations for effectively achieving a 5-log pathogen reduction in juice. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

III. Comments

Interested persons may, at any time, submit written or electronic comments to the Dockets Management Branch (*see* **ADDRESSES**) on this guidance. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in the brackets in the heading of this document. The guidance and received comments may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

IV. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the document at *http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/guidance.html*.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by November 6, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358–2104.