Alternative Methods of Compliance

(b) 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, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Wichita ACO.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Wichita ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(c) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 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

(d) The actions shall be done in accordance with Bombardier Service Bulletin 60–32–10, Revision 1, dated June 22, 2000; and Bombardier Service Bulletin 55–32–14, dated November 9, 1999; as applicable. 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 Learjet, Inc., One Learjet Way, Wichita, Kansas 67209–2942. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, 1801 Airport Road, Room 100, Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Effective Date

(e) This amendment becomes effective on July 18, 2001.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 4, 2001.

Donald L. Riggin,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Part 200

[Release No. 34–44397]

Delegation of Authority to the Director of the Division of Market Regulation

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission is amending its rules to delegate to the Director of the Division of Market Regulation authority to publish notice of a filing of an application for registration as a national securities exchange, or for exemption from registration based on limited volume, and amendments to such applications filed under section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This delegation will facilitate and expedite the process of exchange registration and exemption from registration based on limited volume. This delegation will not include the authority to approve an application for registration as a national securities exchange or exemption from registration based on limited volume.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 13, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebekah Liu, Special Counsel, at (202) 942–0133; Susie Cho, Attorney, at (202) 942–0748, Office of Market Supervision, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549–1001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') has adopted an amendment to Rule 30–3 of its Rules of Organization and Program Management governing Delegations of Authority to the Director of the Division of Market Regulation (''Director'').[1] The amendment adds new paragraph (a)(73) to Rule 30–3 authorizing the Director to publish notice of a filing of an application for registration as a national securities exchange, or for exemption from registration as a national securities exchange based on limited volume, and amendments to such applications filed under section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Exchange Act'').[2]

Section 6(a) of the Exchange Act provides that an exchange may be registered as a national securities exchange ''by filing with the Commission an application for registration in such form as the Commission, by rule, may prescribe containing the rules of the exchange and such other information and documents as the Commission, by rule, may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.'' [3] Rule 6a–1 [4] specifies that an application for registration as a national securities exchange, or for exemption from such registration based on limited volume, shall be filed on Form 1.[5]

The delegation of authority to the Director to publish a notice of filing of an application for registration, or an exemption from registration based on limited volume, and amendments to such applications filed pursuant to Rule 6a–1, is intended to conserve Commission resources by permitting Division staff to review and publish for comment a notice of filing of an application and any amendments to such applications on a more expedited basis. The Division has received several applications for registration as a national securities exchange which, after careful review by Division staff, must be published for comment. In addition, the Division anticipates that, when an application for registration as a national securities exchange or exemption from registration based on limited volume is filed and published for comment, there will be significant comment on the application and amendments to the application will be necessary. Granting the Division delegated authority to publish amendments will provide the Division with greater flexibility to respond to any commenters' concerns, and may expedite the process of publishing amendments to the Form 1. Nevertheless, the staff may submit matters to the Commission for consideration as it deems appropriate. The Commission retains authority to approve an application for exchange registration or exemption from exchange registration based on limited volume.

The Commission finds, in accordance with section 553(b)(3)(A) of the Administrative Procedures Act,[6] that this amendment relates solely to agency organization, procedure, or practice, and does not relate to a substantive rule. Accordingly, notice, opportunity for public comment, and publication of the amendment prior to its effective date are unnecessary.

List of Subjects in 17 CFR Part 200

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations (Government agencies), Organization and functions (Government agencies).

Text of Amendment

In accordance with the preamble, the Commission hereby amends Title 17, Chapter II of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

[1] 17 CFR 200.30–3.

[2] 15 U.S.C. 78f.

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78f(a).

[4] 17 CFR 240.6a–1.

[5] 17 CFR 249.1.

[6] 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

PART 200—ORGANIZATION; CONDUCT AND ETHICS; AND INFORMATION AND REQUESTS

Subpart A—Organization and Program Management

1. The authority citation for Part 200, Subpart A, continues to read, in part, as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 77s, 78d–1, 78d–2, 78w, 78*ll*(d), 78mm, 79t, 77sss, 80a–37, 80b–11, unless otherwise noted.

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2. Section 200.30–3 is amended by adding paragraph (a)(73) to read as follows:

§ 200.30–3 Delegation of authority to Director of Division of Market Regulation.

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(73) Pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 78f(a), and Rule 6a–1 thereunder, 17 CFR 240.6a–1:

(i) To publish a notice of filing of an application for registration as a national securities exchange, or for exemption from registration based on limited volume; and

(ii) To publish amendments to an application for registration as a national securities exchange, or for exemption from registration based on limited volume.

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Dated: June 7, 2001.

By the Commission.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 173

[Docket No. 00F–1488]

Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption

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 acidified sodium chlorite solutions as an antimicrobial agent on processed, comminuted or formed meat food products (unless precluded by United States Department of Agriculture's standards of identity) prior to packaging of the food for commercial purposes in accordance with current industry standards of good manufacturing practice. This action is in response to a petition filed by Alcide Corp.

DATES: This rule is effective June 13, 2001. Submit written objections and requests for a hearing by July 13, 2001.

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: Robert L. Martin, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–215), Food and Drug Administration, Washington, DC 20204–0001, 202–418–3074.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of September 11, 2000 (65 FR 54855), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 0A4724) had been filed by Alcide Corp., 8561 154th Ave. NE., Redmond, WA 98052. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in § 173.325 *Acidified sodium chlorite solutions* (21 CFR 173.325) to provide for the safe use of acidified sodium chlorite solutions as an antimicrobial agent on processed, comminuted, or formed meat food products prior to packaging of the food.

FDA has evaluated data in the petition and other relevant material. FDA is approving the use of acidified sodium chlorite solutions on processed, comminuted or formed meat food products, unless such use is precluded by standards of identity in 9 CFR part 319, prior to packaging of the food for commercial purposes. For example, this acidified sodium chlorite solution is not permitted to be added to ground beef under 9 CFR 319.15. 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 regulation in § 173.325 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.

In the notice of filing, FDA gave interested parties an opportunity to submit comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment. FDA received no comments in response to that notice.

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 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 July 13, 2001. 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 173

Food additives.

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 173 is amended as follows: