

Applying the rounding rules this way, the Commission has determined that the relevant increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) since the last adjustment in 1996 is not large enough yet to authorize the recently published increase in the civil penalty amounts within the Commission's jurisdiction.¹

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that the civil penalty amounts in Commission Rule 1.98, 16 CFR 1.98, as last adjusted in 1996, should remain unchanged for now. This determination does not affect the previously published rule amendments to include civil penalties for Recycled Oil Rule violations, which were inadvertently omitted from the 1996 adjustment. The Commission is re-publishing its final rule amendments to preserve these conforming amendments while making the civil penalty corrections discussed earlier.

These procedural amendments are exempt from the notice-and-comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. See 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). The requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act also do not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 603, 604.

List of Subjects

16 CFR Part 1

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Trade practices.

16 CFR Part 311

Energy conservation, Labeling, Recycled oil, Trade practices.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Federal Trade Commission amends Title 16, chapter I, subchapters A and C, of the Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A—ORGANIZATION, PROCEDURES AND RULES OF PRACTICE

PART 1—GENERAL PROCEDURES

1. Revise the title of subpart L to read as follows:

¹ For adjustment purposes, inflation is determined by calculating the percentage by which the June CPI for the calendar year preceding the adjustment (166.2 in 1999) exceeds the June CPI for the year when the last adjustment was made (156.7 in 1996). See FCPIAA 5(b). Thus, the relevant inflation increase is 6.1% (not the figure previously stated by the Commission). In any event, this amount is not yet large enough to justify the inflation increases authorized by the statute's rounding rules.

Subpart L—Civil Penalty Adjustments Under the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as Amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996

2. Revise the authority for subpart L to read as follows:

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 2461 note.

§ 1.98 Adjustment of civil monetary penalty amounts.

This section makes inflation adjustments in the dollar amounts of civil monetary penalties provided by law within the Commission's jurisdiction. The following civil penalty amounts apply to violations occurring after November 20, 2000:

- (a) Section 7A(g)(1) of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a(g)(1)—\$11,000;
- (b) Section 11(1) of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 21(1)—\$5,500;
- (c) Section 5(1) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 45(1)—\$11,000;
- (d) Section 5(m)(1)(A) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 45(m)(1)(A)—\$11,000;
- (e) Section 5(m)(1)(B) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 45(m)(1)(B)—\$11,000;
- (f) Section 10 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 50—\$110;
- (g) Section 5 of the Webb-Pomerene (Export Trade) Act, 15 U.S.C. 65—\$110;
- (h) Section 6(b) of the Wool Products Labeling Act, 15 U.S.C. 68d(b)—\$110;
- (i) Section 3(e) of the Fur Products Labeling Act, 15 U.S.C. 69a(e)—\$110;
- (j) Section 8(d)(2) of the Fur Products Labeling Act, 15 U.S.C. 69f(d)(2)—\$110;
- (k) Section 333(a) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 U.S.C. 6303(a)—\$110;
- (l) Sections 525(a) and (b) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 U.S.C. 6395(a) and (b)—\$5,500 and \$11,000, respectively; and
- (m) civil monetary penalties authorized by reference to the Federal Trade Commission Act under any other provision of law within the jurisdiction of the Commission—refer to the amounts set forth in paragraphs (c), (d), (e) and (f) of this section, as applicable.

SUBCHAPTER C—REGULATIONS UNDER SPECIFIC ACTS OF CONGRESS

PART 311—TEST PROCEDURES AND LABELING STANDARDS FOR RECYCLED OIL

4. The authority for part 311 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6363(d).

5. Amend § 311.6 by revising the last sentence to read as follows:

§ 311.6 3 Prohibited acts.

* * * Violations will be subject to enforcement through civil penalties (as

adjusted for inflation pursuant to § 1.98 of this chapter), imprisonment, and/or injunctive relief in accordance with the enforcement provisions of Section 525 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6395).

By Direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 101

[Docket No. 00N–1596]

Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is establishing January 1, 2004, as the uniform compliance date for food labeling regulations that are issued between January 1, 2001, and December 31, 2002. FDA periodically announces uniform compliance dates for new food labeling requirements to minimize the economic impact of label changes. On December 23, 1998, FDA established January 1, 2002, as the uniform compliance date for food labeling regulations that issued between January 1, 1999, and December 31, 2000.

DATES: This rule is effective November 20, 2000. Submit written comments by February 5, 2001.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis B. Brock, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–24), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–205–4273.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA periodically issues regulations requiring changes in the labeling of food. If the effective dates of these labeling changes were not coordinated, the cumulative economic impact on the food industry of having to respond separately to each change would be substantial. Therefore, the agency periodically has announced uniform compliance dates for new food labeling requirements (see e.g., the

Federal Registers of October 19, 1984 (49 FR 41019), December 24, 1996 (61 FR 67710), December 27, 1996 (61 FR 68145), and December 23, 1998 (63 FR 71015)). Use of a uniform compliance date provides for an orderly and economical industry adjustment to new labeling requirements by allowing sufficient lead time to plan for the use of existing label inventories and the development of new labeling materials. This policy serves consumers' interests as well because the cost of multiple short-term label revisions that would otherwise occur would likely be passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.30(k) 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.

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

FDA has examined the economic implications of this final rule as required by Executive Order 12866. Executive Order 12866 directs agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health, safety, distributive, and equity effects). Executive Order 12866 classifies a rule as "economically significant" if it meets any one of a number of specified conditions including having an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million, adversely affecting some sector of the economy in a material way, or adversely affecting jobs or competition. A regulation is considered a "significant" regulatory action under Executive Order 12866 if it raises novel legal or policy issues. FDA finds that this final rule is neither an economically significant rule nor a significant regulatory action as defined by Executive Order 12866. In addition, in accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, the administration of OMB has determined that this final rule is not a major rule for purposes of congressional review. The establishment of a uniform compliance date does not impose either costs or benefits. For future labeling requirements, FDA will assess the costs and benefits of the uniform compliance date as well as the option of setting other dates.

Because FDA has issued this final rule without first publishing a general notice of proposed rulemaking, a final regulatory analysis is not required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612). Nonetheless, the uniform compliance date does not impose any burden on small entities. The agency will assess the costs and benefits of setting alternative dates as part of the regulatory flexibility analyses of future labeling regulations.

FDA has analyzed this final rule in accordance with the principles set forth in Executive Order 13132. FDA has determined that the rule does not contain policies that have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Accordingly, the agency has concluded that the rule does not contain policies that have federalism implications as defined in the order and, consequently, a federalism summary impact statement is not required.

This action is not intended to change existing requirements for compliance dates contained in final rules published before January 1, 2001. Therefore, all final FDA regulations published in the **Federal Register** before January 1, 2001, will still go into effect on the date stated in the respective final rule.

The agency generally encourages industry to comply with new labeling regulations as quickly as feasible, however. Thus, when industry members voluntarily change their labels, it is appropriate that they incorporate any new requirements that have been published as final regulations up to that time.

In rulemaking that began with publication of a proposal on April 15, 1996 (61 FR 16422), and ended with a final rule on December 24, 1996 (61 FR 67710), FDA provided notice and an opportunity for comment on the practice of establishing uniform compliance dates by issuance of a final rule announcing the date. Receiving no comments objecting to this practice, FDA finds any further rulemaking unnecessary for establishment of the uniform compliance date. Nonetheless, under 21 CFR 10.40(e)(1), FDA is providing an opportunity for comment on whether this uniform compliance date should be modified or revoked.

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments regarding this final rule by February 5, 2001. 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. Received comments may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. After its review of any comments received to this final rule, FDA will either publish a document providing its conclusions concerning the comments or will initiate notice and comment rulemaking to modify or revoke the uniform compliance date established by this final rule.

The new uniform compliance date will apply only to final FDA food labeling regulations that require changes in the labeling of food products and that publish after January 1, 2001, and before December 31, 2002. Those regulations will specifically identify January 1, 2004, as their compliance date. All food products subject to the January 1, 2004, compliance date must comply with the appropriate regulations when initially introduced into interstate commerce on or after January 1, 2004. If any food labeling regulation involves special circumstances that justify a compliance date other than January 1, 2004, the agency will determine for that regulation an appropriate compliance date, which will be specified when the final regulation is published.

Dated: November 8, 2000.

Margaret M. Dotzel,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

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Application of the Anti-Churning Rules for Amortization of Intangibles in Partnerships

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Final regulations.

SUMMARY: This document contains final regulations relating to the amortization of certain intangible property under section 197. Specifically, the regulations apply the anti-churning rules under section 197(f)(9) to partnership distributions resulting in basis adjustments under sections 732(b) and 734(b). This document also amends certain parts of the previously issued