

and include information collection provisions.

Part 58 requires testing facilities engaged in conducting toxicological studies to retain, and make available to regulatory officials, records regarding compliance with GLPs. Records are maintained on file at each testing facility and examined there periodically by FDA inspectors. The GLP regulations require that, for each nonclinical laboratory study, a final report be prepared that documents the results of quality assurance unit inspections, test and control article characterization, testing of mixtures of test and control articles with carriers, and an overall

interpretation of nonclinical laboratory studies. The GLP regulations also require written records pertaining to: (1) Personnel job descriptions and summaries of training and experience; (2) master schedules, protocols and amendments thereto, inspection reports, and SOPs; (3) equipment inspection, maintenance, calibration, and testing records; (4) documentation of feed and water analyses and animal treatments; (5) test article accountability records; and (6) study documentation and raw data.

In the **Federal Register** of July 24, 2020 (85 FR 44900), FDA published a 60-day notice requesting public

comment on the proposed collection of information.

One comment was received that encouraged implementation of automated collection methods and analytical software to evaluate results. FDA appreciates this comment and continually seek ways to employ efficient collection methods using our limited resources. The comment suggested no revision to our burden estimate.

FDA estimates the burden of this information collection as follows:

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN <sup>1</sup>

21 CFR part	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response	Total hours
58.35(b)(7); Quality assurance unit .....	300	60.25	18,075	1	18,075
58.185; Reporting of nonclinical laboratory study results .....	300	60.25	18,075	27.65	499,774
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	517,849

<sup>1</sup> There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

TABLE 2—ESTIMATED ANNUAL RECORDKEEPING BURDEN <sup>1</sup>

21 CFR part	Number of recordkeepers	Number of records per recordkeeper	Total annual records	Average burden per recordkeeping	Total hours
58.29(b); Personnel .....	300	20	6,000	.21 (13 minutes)	1,260
58.35(b)(1)–(6) and (c); Quality assurance unit .....	300	270.76	81,228	3.36 .....	272,926
58.63(b) and (c); Maintenance and calibration of equipment .....	300	60	18,000	.09 (5 minutes)	1,620
58.81(a)–(c); SOPs .....	300	301.80	90,540	.14 (8 minutes)	12,676
58.90(c) and (g); Animal care .....	300	62.70	18,810	.13 (8 minutes)	2,445
58.105(a) and (b); Test and control article characterization .....	300	5	1,500	11.8 .....	17,700
58.107(d); Test and control article handling .....	300	1	300	4.25 .....	1,275
58.113(a); Mixtures of articles with carriers .....	300	15.33	4,599	6.8 .....	31,273
58.120; Protocol .....	300	15.38	4,614	32.7 .....	150,878
58.195; Retention of records .....	300	251.50	75,450	3.9 .....	294,255
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	786,308

<sup>1</sup> There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

Based on a review of the information collection since our last request for OMB approval, FDA has made no adjustments to our burden estimate.

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**Lauren K. Roth,**

*Acting Principal Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2019–N–1845]

#### **Fixed-Quantity Unit-of-Use Blister Packaging for Certain Immediate-Release Opioid Analgesics for Treatment of Acute Pain; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments; Reopening of the Comment Period and Provision of Additional Information and Analysis**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; reopening of the comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) is reopening the comment period for and providing additional information and analysis regarding the notice entitled “Fixed-Quantity Unit-of-Use Blister Packaging for Certain Immediate-Release Opioid Analgesics for Treatment of Acute Pain; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments” that appeared in the **Federal Register** of May 31, 2019. The Agency is taking this action to provide additional information and to allow

interested persons additional time to submit comments.

**DATES:** FDA is reopening the comment period for the notice published on May 31, 2019 (84 FR 25283). Submit either electronic or written comments on the notice by February 1, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered. Electronic comments must be submitted on or before February 1, 2021. The <https://www.regulations.gov> electronic filing system will accept comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time at the end of February 1, 2021. Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are postmarked or the delivery service acceptance receipt is on or before that date.

#### *Electronic Submissions*

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see "Written/Paper Submissions" and "Instructions").

#### *Written/Paper Submissions*

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- **Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):** Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management

Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions."

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2019-N-1845 for "Fixed-Quantity Unit-of-Use Blister Packaging for Certain Immediate-Release Opioid Analgesics for Treatment of Acute Pain." Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see **ADDRESSES**), will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as "Confidential Submissions," publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

- **Confidential Submissions—**To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states "THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION." The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as "confidential." Any information marked as "confidential" will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the "Search" box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management

Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-402-7500.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of May 31, 2019 (84 FR 25283), FDA published a notice entitled "Fixed-Quantity Unit-of-Use Blister Packaging for Certain Immediate-Release Opioid Analgesics for Treatment of Acute Pain; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments" with a 60-day comment period. The notice described a potential modification to the Opioid Analgesic Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) to require that certain solid, oral dosage forms of immediate-release opioid analgesics commonly prescribed for treatment of acute pain be made available in fixed-quantity unit-of-use blister packaging for outpatient dispensing. The intent would be to reduce the amount of unused opioid analgesics, thereby reducing opportunities for misuse, abuse, inappropriate access, and overdose, and possibly reducing the development of new opioid addiction. Prescribers would continue to exercise their clinical judgement to prescribe opioid analgesics in the quantity appropriate for a given patient. That is, the blister packaging configurations under consideration would not be required to be the only packaging option available for these products.

Following an initial review of comments received, FDA held a series of listening sessions with stakeholders, which included an FDA slide presentation containing additional information and analysis regarding this potential REMS modification. FDA is now reopening the comment period to obtain additional written comments from stakeholders and to add to the docket this slide presentation. The comment period will be open until February 1, 2021. The Agency believes that an additional 60 days will allow adequate time for interested persons to submit comments.

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