

FDA has essentially completed its review and evaluation of available information relevant to the use of these color additives in drugs and cosmetics. The agency has concluded that the drug and cosmetic uses of D&C Red No. 33 and D&C Red No. 36 are safe. Thus, the agency has decided to permanently list the color additives for these uses. New certification specifications are also being developed for these color additives.

The agency has not yet completed documents fully describing the bases for each of these decisions and setting forth detailed conditions for use. Therefore, FDA believes that it is reasonable to postpone the closing date for these color additives until November 3, 1987, to provide time for the preparation and publication of appropriate Federal Register documents. The agency intends to publish these documents as soon as possible. FDA concludes that this short extension is consistent with the public health and the standards set forth for continuation of provisional listing in *McIlwain v. Hayes*, 690 F.2d 1041 (D.C. Cir. 1982).

Because of the shortness of time until the September 4, 1987, closing date, FDA concludes that notice and public procedure on this regulation are impracticable and that good cause exists for issuing the postponement as a final rule and for an effective date of September 4, 1987. This regulation will permit the uninterrupted use of these color additives until further action is taken. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(b) and (d)(1) and (3), this postponement is issued as a final regulation, effective on September 4, 1987.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 81

Color additives, Cosmetics, Drugs.

Therefore, under the Transitional Provisions of the Color Additive Amendments of 1960 to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Part 81 is amended as follows:

PART 81—GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS AND GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR PROVISIONAL COLOR ADDITIVES FOR USE IN FOODS, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS

1. The authority citation for 21 CFR Part 81 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 701, 706, 52 Stat. 1055-1056 as amended, 74 Stat. 399-407 as amended (21 U.S.C. 371, 376); Title II, Pub. L. 86-618; sec. 203, 74 Stat. 404-407 (21 U.S.C. 376, note); 21 CFR 5.10.

§ 81.1 [Amended]

2. In § 81.1 *Provisional lists of color additives* by revising the closing dates for "D&C Red No. 33" and "D&C Red No. 36" appearing in the table in paragraph (b) to read "November 3, 1987."

§ 81.27 [Amended]

3. In § 81.27 *Conditions of provisional listing* by revising the closing dates for "D&C Red No. 33" and "D&C Red No. 36" in paragraph (d), introductory text table, to read "November 3, 1987."

Dated: August 19, 1987.

John M. Taylor,

Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs.

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21 CFR Part 177

[Docket No. 86F-0075]

Indirect Food Additives; Polymers

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of Nylon 6/66 copolymer resins as the non-food-contact layer in multilayer film structures intended for use in the cooking and holding of food. This action responds to a petition filed by Allied Corp.

DATES: Effective September 4, 1987; objections by October 5, 1987.

ADDRESS: Written objections to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, Rm. 4-62, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward J. Machuga, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFF-335), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-472-5690.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the Federal Register of March 14, 1986 (51 FR 8898), FDA announced that a petition (FAP 6B3913) had been filed by Allied Corp., Morristown, NJ 07960, proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of Nylon 6/66 copolymer resins as the non-food-contact layer in film structures in which ionomeric resins complying with 21 CFR 177.1330 of the food additive regulations are the food-contact surface. The multilayer film structure is intended for cooking and holding food.

FDA has evaluated the data in the petition and other relevant material. The agency concludes that the proposed food additive use is safe, and that the regulations should be amended as set forth below.

Because the Nylon 6/66 copolymer resin evaluated in this petition may only be used as the non-food-contact layer in multilayer film structures, and because it has significantly different specifications than the Nylon 6/66 that is currently approved for use in direct contact with food, FDA is amending § 177.1500 *Nylon resins* (21 CFR 177.1500) to clearly differentiate between the two types of Nylon 6/66. Nylon 6/66 resins that comply with § 177.1500, item 4.1, may be used in direct contact with food. Nylon 6/66 resins that comply with § 177.1500, item 4.2, may be used only as the non-food-contact layer in multilayer film structures.

FDA is also establishing a new food additive regulation, § 177.1395 *Laminate structures for use at temperatures between 120 °F and 250 °F* (21 CFR 177.1395), to specify the conditions of use for the new multilayer film structure with Nylon 6/66. The agency is also changing the section heading of § 177.1390 *High-temperature laminates* (21 CFR 177.1390) to read § 177.1390 *Laminate structures for use at temperatures of 250 °F and above*, to clearly differentiate the temperatures under which these packaging materials may be used. The agency also wishes to make it clear that adoption of new § 177.1395 does not revoke prior FDA opinions stating that other multilayer film structures may be safely used in contact with food.

The filing notice for this petition specified that the food-contact layer of the petitioned laminate would be ionomeric resins complying with 21 CFR 177.1330. FDA determined, during the review of this petition, that the inclusion in new § 177.1395 of a limitation on the migration of residual *epsilon*-caprolactam monomer from the Nylon 6/66 resin to food obviates the need to list in the regulation the specific material that is to be used as the food-contact surface. Therefore, in addition to ionomeric resins, other approved food-contact materials may be used as the food-contact layer with Nylon 6/66 in multilayer structures (see § 177.1395(b)).

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 (address above) by

appointment with the information contact person listed above. As provided in 21 CFR 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 and 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 action was considered under FDA's final rule implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (21 CFR Part 25).

Any person who will be adversely affected by this regulation may at any time on or before October 5, 1987, file with the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written objections thereto. 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 shall be submitted and shall 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 177

Food additives, Food packaging. Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs and redelegated to the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Part 177 is amended as follows:

PART 177—INDIRECT FOOD ADDITIVES: POLYMERS

1. The authority citation for 21 CFR Part 177 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 201(s), 409, 72 Stat. 1784-1788 as amended (21 U.S.C. 321(s), 348); 21 CFR 5.10 and 5.61.

2. Section 177.1390 is amended by revising the section heading to read as follows:

§ 177.1390 Laminate structures for use at temperatures of 250° F and above.

3. By adding new § 177.1395 to Subpart B to read as follows:

§ 177.1395 Laminate structures for use at temperatures between 120° F and 250° F.

(a) The laminates identified in this section may be safely used at the specified temperatures. These articles are layered structures that are optionally bonded with adhesives. In these articles, the food-contact layer

does not function as a barrier to migration of components from non-food-contact layers. The layers may be laminated, extruded, coextruded, or fused.

(b) Laminate structures may be manufactured from:

(1) Polymers and adjuvants complying with § 177.1390 of this chapter.

(2) Any polymeric resin listed in these regulations so long as the use of the resin in the structure complies with the conditions of use (food type and time/temperature) specified in the regulation for that resin.

(3) Optional adjuvant substances used in accordance with § 174.5 of this chapter.

(4) The following substances in non-food-contact layers only:

Substances	Limitations
Nylon 6/66 resins complying with § 177.1500(b), item 4.2, of this chapter (CAS Reg. No. 24993-04-2).	For use with nonalcoholic foods at temperatures not to exceed 82.2 °C (180 °F). Laminate structures with authorized food-contact materials yield no more than 0.15 milligram of <i>epsilon</i> -caprolactam per square inch when extracted with water at 82.2 °C (180 °F) for 5 hours.

4. Section 177.1500 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(4) and in paragraph (b) by amending the table to revise the heading in the fifth column and by revising item 4 to read as follows:

§ 177.1500 Nylon resins.

(a) * * *

(4) Nylon 6/66 resins manufactured by the condensation and polymerization of Nylon 66 salts and *epsilon*-caprolactam.

(b) * * *

Nylon resins	Specific gravity	Melting Point (degrees Fahrenheit)	Solubility in boiling 4.2N HCl	Maximum extractable fraction in selected solvents (expressed in percent by weight of resin)			
				Water	95 percent ethyl alcohol	Ethyl acetate	Benzene
4.1 Nylon 6/66 resins, <i>epsilon</i> -caprolactam monomer content not to exceed 0.7 percent by weight.....	1.13±.015	440-460	do	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5
4.2 Nylon 6/66 resins with combined caprolactam content greater than 60 percent and residual <i>epsilon</i> -caprolactam monomer content not to exceed 0.4 percent by weight. For use only as specified in § 177.1395 of this chapter (CAS Reg. No. 24993-04-2).....	1.14±.015	380-400	do	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.5

Dated: August 25, 1987.

Fred R. Shank,

Acting Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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21 CFR Part 331

[Docket No. 78N-0263]

Antacid Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Final Classification of Category III Antacid Ingredients and Labeling Claims**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration.**ACTION:** Denial of petition and final decision.

SUMMARY: This notice denies a petition to amend the final monograph for over-the-counter (OTC) antacid drug products to include the ingredient alginic acid and the labeling claim "floating," and contains a final decision on the use of this ingredient and labeling claim for OTC antacid drug products. This notice is part of the ongoing review of OTC drug products conducted by FDA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William E. Gilbertson, Center for Drugs and Biologics (HFN-210), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-295-8000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of June 4, 1974 (39 FR 19862), FDA published the final monograph for OTC antacid drug products (21 CFR Part 331). Alginic acid was classified as a Category III ingredient and "floating" as a Category III labeling claim. At that time, OTC drug regulations in 21 CFR Part 330 provided for a 2-year period following the publication of a final monograph for manufacturers to conduct testing to upgrade Category III conditions (conditions for which there were insufficient data to determine general recognition of safety and effectiveness). During the testing period that had been established for OTC antacid drug products, a petition to amend the final monograph for OTC antacid drug products was submitted by Marion Laboratories, Inc., in support of its foam-forming floating antacid combination product containing the ingredients aluminum hydroxide dried gel, magnesium trisilicate, alginic acid, and sodium bicarbonate.

The Marion Laboratories' antacid combination product did not pass the in vitro effectiveness test set forth in the antacid final monograph (21 CFR 331.10(a)). The petition contained clinical studies in support of the product's antacid effectiveness and clarified the rationale for including alginic acid in the formulation, i.e., to react with the sodium bicarbonate in the formulation to form a foam that carries the antacid ingredients and floats on the

stomach contents. The petition stated that no claim was being made that alginic acid has any antacid activity and that, therefore, alginic acid was an inactive ingredient. The petitioner called this product a foam-forming floating antacid.

In the Federal Register of September 5, 1978 (43 FR 39427), the agency published a final classification of Category III antacid ingredients and labeling claims. All Category III ingredients and labeling claims except those covered by petitions to amend the antacid final monograph were reclassified in Category II (not generally recognized as safe and effective). Alginic acid and the labeling claim for "floating" were excluded from the agency's final classification of antacid conditions because the data contained in Marion Laboratories' petition were under review. The agency stated that its findings on the petition would be set forth in a future Federal Register publication following completion of its review of the data contained in the petition. In the interim, products affected by the pending petition were allowed to remain in the marketplace under 21 CFR 330.10(a).

After reviewing the petition, FDA informed Marion Laboratories, in a letter dated March 23, 1979, that the studies submitted were inadequate to support the effectiveness of its combination product. FDA suggested further clinical studies and provided Marion Laboratories with 2 years from the date of the letter to obtain and submit additional data demonstrating the product's effectiveness. The agency also stated that marketing of the product would be allowed to continue during the testing period (Ref. 1).

Not long after the above letter was issued, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia entered its opinion in *Cutler v. Kennedy*, 475 F. Supp. 838 (D.D.C. 1979). In this case, the plaintiffs alleged that 21 CFR 330.10 was unlawful because it authorized the marketing of Category III drugs after publication of a final monograph. The Court concluded that " * * * the FDA may not lawfully maintain Category III in any form in which drugs with Category III conditions * * * are exempted from enforcement action." (*Cutler, supra*, 475 F. Supp. at 856). The Court issued an order declaring the FDA OTC drug regulations, 21 CFR 330.10, unlawful to the extent that they authorize the marketing of Category III drugs after a final monograph. The Court also enjoined FDA from implementing

any portion of the regulation that authorizes such marketing.

In conformance with the Court's decision, the agency established that any OTC drug product with a condition not included in Category I in a final OTC drug monograph was a new drug requiring an approved new drug application (NDA) as a condition of marketing. FDA then informed Marion Laboratories that its OTC antacid combination product containing alginic acid, which had been marketed under Category III conditions, was now considered a new drug without an approved NDA and that an NDA for the product should be submitted (Ref. 2).

In September 1981, Marion Laboratories submitted an NDA for two products containing alginic acid, i.e., Gaviscon Antacid Tablets and Gaviscon-2 Antacid Tablets. The agency found the data adequate to support the effectiveness of the products for the temporary relief of heartburn (acid indigestion) due to acid reflux, and the NDA was approved on December 9, 1983 (Ref. 3).

With this NDA approval, Marion Laboratories may now market the product without further consideration of the petition to amend the OTC antacid final monograph. However, the agency has not issued a final response to the original petition and has not completed action on the final classification of Category III ingredients and labeling claims excluded from the 1978 final classification (see above). In this notice, for the reasons given below, FDA denies Marion Laboratories' petition to amend the OTC antacid final monograph to include the combination product containing alginic acid and the "floating" labeling claim. Accordingly, the ingredient alginic acid and the term "floating" are not included in the final monograph for OTC antacid drug products.

As explained above, in its petition Marion Laboratories clarified that alginic acid is an inactive ingredient and no claims regarding antacid activity are made for this ingredient. Although originally reviewed as an active antacid ingredient, alginic acid is now classified as an inactive ingredient in OTC antacid drug product formulations and is labeled as such in marketed products. Because the OTC drug review establishes allowable active ingredients, not inactive ingredients, the agency will not consider this ingredient for inclusion in the antacid drug products monograph. Alginic acid, like any other inactive

ingredient, may be used in OTC drug formulations in compliance with the requirements for inactive ingredients set forth in 21 CFR 330.1(e), i.e., that they are safe and do not interfere with the effectiveness of the product or with tests to be performed on it.

Marion Laboratories' submission to the Advisory Review Panel on OTC Antacid Drug Products included labeling relating the property of "floating" to its product's effectiveness (Ref. 4). The Panel recognized that alginic acid-containing products may produce a layer of material floating on top of the contents of the stomach (April 5, 1973; 38 FR 8722), but concluded that there was insufficient evidence to support the claim that such a property contributed to the product's effectiveness (38 FR 8723). The agency notes that OTC drug monographs directly address only those labeling items that are related in a significant way to the safe and effective use of covered products by lay persons. These labeling items are the product statement of identity; names of active ingredients; indications for use; directions for use; warnings against unsafe use, side effects, and adverse reactions; and claims concerning mechanism of drug action. The agency considers the term "floating" to be a product attribute which describes a physical property. Normally, such product attributes are considered to be outside the scope of OTC drug monographs when the labeling does not relate the attribute to the effectiveness of the product. The agency has no objection to the use of terms describing product attributes of OTC drug product formulations as long as they do not imply that any therapeutic effect might occur, are not false or misleading, and are not intermixed with labeling established by the monograph. However, labeling relating "floating" to a product's antacid effectiveness, such as that submitted by Marion Laboratories, remains a condition which requires supporting data.

Marion Laboratories claimed that the property of floating added to the efficacy of its combination antacid drug product, i.e., that "floating" was more than simply a product attribute because it was directly related to effectiveness. Additional data in support of this claim were submitted by Marion Laboratories to the agency, and the NDA was approved. However, the contribution of the floating property as related to antacid effectiveness is not generally recognized. Therefore, in order to use labeling suggesting that "floating" uniquely contributes to an antacid's effectiveness, any other antacid drug

product would need to have supporting data. Any interested person who believes that "floating" supports or enhances antacid effectiveness may submit an NDA or petition the agency to amend the final monograph for OTC antacid drug products. Such petition should include appropriate data to establish general recognition of safety and effectiveness, e.g., an appropriate in vitro or in vivo test.

The agency has examined the economic consequences of this notice in conjunction with other rules resulting from the OTC drug review. In a notice published in the *Federal Register* of February 8, 1983 (48 FR 5806), the agency announced the availability of an assessment of these economic impacts. The assessment determined that the combined impacts of all the rules resulting from the OTC drug review do not constitute a major rule according to the criteria established by Executive Order 12291. The agency therefore concludes that no one of these rules, including this notice for OTC antacid drug products, is a major rule.

The economic assessment also concluded that the overall OTC drug review was not likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Pub. L. 96-354. That assessment included a discretionary Regulatory Flexibility Analysis in the event that an individual rule might impose an unusual or disproportionate impact on small entities. However, the requirement for a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis under the Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply to this notice for OTC antacid drug products because the proposed rule was issued prior to January 1, 1981, and is therefore exempt.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.24(c)(6) 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.

References

- (1) Letter from J.R. Crout, FDA, to J.E. Budde, Marion Laboratories, Inc., dated March 23, 1979, coded LET, Docket No. 78N-0263, Dockets Management Branch.
- (2) Letter from J.R. Crout, FDA to J.E. Budde, Marion Laboratories, Inc., dated March 3, 1980, coded LET005, Docket No. 78N-0263, Dockets Management Branch.
- (3) Letter from R. Temple, FDA, to J.E. Budde, Marion Laboratories, Inc., dated December 9, 1983, coded LET007, Docket No. 78N-0263, Dockets Management Branch.

(4) Copy of original labeling submitted to the Panel included in Docket No. 78N-0263, Dockets Management Branch.

Dated: August 25, 1987.

John A. Norris,

Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[T.D. 8158]

Income Taxes; Tax on Unearned Income of Certain Minor Children

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Temporary regulations.

SUMMARY: This document provides temporary regulations relating to the tax on unearned income of certain minor children. Changes to the applicable law were made by the Tax Reform Act of 1986. The regulations affect minor children who, at the close of the taxable year, have not attained age 14; have at least one living parent; and realize at least \$1,000 of unearned income and provide the guidance needed to comply with the law.

DATES: The regulations are effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1986.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William A. Jackson of the Legislation and Regulations Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, Attention: CC:LR:T (LR-112-86) (202) 566-4336, not a toll-free call.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This document contains temporary regulations relating to the tax on unearned income of certain minor children under section 1(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Code), as amended by section 1411 of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-514; 100 Stat. 2714).

These temporary regulations are presented in the form of questions and answers. Taxpayers may rely on these questions and answers for guidance. No inference, however, should be drawn regarding questions not addressed in the temporary regulations.