

Co., Muskogee, Oklahoma; First Bank and Trust Co. of Tahlequah, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; and Commercial Bank and Trust Co. of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

4. *Washington Investment Company*, Otis, Colorado; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Wray State Bancorporation, Wray, Colorado, and thereby indirectly acquire Wray State Bank, Wray, Colorado; First National Bank of Akron, Akron, Colorado; and First National Bank of Yuma, Yuma, Colorado.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 11, 1993.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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#### Riverside Banking Company; Notice of Application to Engage *de novo* in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The company listed in this notice has filed an application under § 225.23(a)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.23(a)(1)) for the Board's approval under section 4(c)(8) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843(c)(8)) and § 225.21(a) of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.21(a)) to commence or to engage *de novo*, either directly or through a subsidiary, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y as closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, such activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

The application is available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices." Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Comments regarding the application must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than June 7, 1993.

A. *Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta* (Zane R. Kelley, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *Riverside Banking Company*, Fort Pierce, Florida; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, RBCA, Inc., Fort Pierce, Florida, in making, acquiring, or servicing loans or other extensions of credit pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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#### West Coast Bancorp, Inc., et al.; Notice of Applications to Engage *de novo* in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have filed an application under § 225.23(a)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.23(a)(1)) for the Board's approval under section 4(c)(8) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843(c)(8)) and § 225.21(a) of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.21(a)) to commence or to engage *de novo*, either directly or through a subsidiary, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y as closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, such activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each application is available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices." Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party

commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than June 7, 1993.

A. *Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta* (Zane R. Kelley, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *West Coast Bancorp, Inc.*, Cape Coral, Florida; to engage *de novo* in making, acquiring, or servicing loans or other extensions of credit pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y. These activities will be conducted throughout the State of Florida.

B. *Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis* (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166:

1. *Old National Bancorp*, Evansville, Indiana; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, ONB Investment Services, Inc., Evansville, Indiana, in providing securities brokerage services pursuant to § 225.25(b)(15)(i) of the Board's Regulation Y.

C. *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco* (Kenneth R. Binning, Director, Bank Holding Company) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105:

1. *Banque Nationale de Paris*, Paris, France; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Banexi International Financial Services (North America) Corporation, New York, New York, in providing advice, including rendering fairness opinions and providing valuation services, in connection with mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, capital structurings, and financing transactions (including private and public financings and loan syndications); and conducting financial feasibility studies; and providing financial and transaction advice regarding the structuring and arranging of swaps, caps, and similar transactions relating to interest rates, currency exchange rates or prices, and economic and financial indices, and similar transactions pursuant to § 225.25(b)(4) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 11, 1993.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Inter-City Telecommunications Services; Request for Comments

May 5, 1993.

**AGENCY:** GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice for request for ideas/comments; inter-city telecommunications services.

**SUMMARY:** The federal government currently meets its needs for inter-city telecommunications services through the FTS2000 program. The existing FTS2000 contracts will expire in December 1998.

The federal government desires a free and open discussion of ideas related to the provision of intercity telecommunications resources to its users after 1998. Areas of interest to the government include, but are not limited to, the future direction of telecommunications technology, market offerings, applications, and regulation as they impact the provision of economical telecommunications services to the federal user. The government is also interested in comments related to mandatory use, procurement strategies, and program management.

The government will accept ideas and comments from all interested parties using two mechanisms. First, the government is hereby requesting written comments related to the above areas of interest. These comments will be organized into a post-FTS2000 environment Concept Development Record. This record will be used as one informational basis for the desired concept development. The government will make this record available to the public for review and further comment. Second, the government will conduct a conference to hear further comments and encourage discussion of different points of view on the post-FTS2000 environment. Based on written comments received, the government will invite representative points of view to be presented at the "Concept Development Conference".

The government plans to conduct this conference during October 1993. (Information pertaining to the exact date, time and location of the conference will be published at a later date.) This conference will provide an opportunity for the presentation of multiple points of view related to: the future direction of the telecommunications marketplace, services, technology, and regulation; the future telecommunications requirements of the federal government, including major government and society

trends likely to affect future telecommunications requirements; strategies for the procurement of telecommunications services and systems; program management strategies; possible price structures; and, how the government can ensure continuing competitive prices.

Comments for inclusion in the Concept Development Record may be submitted to the General Services Administration, Attention: Concept Development Conference, 7980 Boeing Court, Vienna, VA 22182-3988. It is requested that comments be provided in hardcopy and on 3.5" MS-DOS formatted floppy diskettes containing WordPerfect 5.1. Comments must be received no later than August 1, 1993. It is anticipated that the Concept Development Record will be available for public review at a designated GSA location on/or about September 1, 1993. (Location will be published at a later date.) This is a notice for request for ideas/comments, there is no solicitation document available at this time.

**DATES:** The final date for receipt of comments on this action is August 1, 1993. The Concept Development Record is scheduled for public review on/or about September 1, 1993, and the Concept Development Conference is scheduled for October 1, 1993.

**ADDRESSES:** Responses to this Notice must be mailed to: General Services Administration, Attention: Concept Development Conference, 7980 Boeing Court, Vienna, VA 22182-3988.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** H. Buckley Cording, CPCM, Contracting Officer, (703) 760-7486.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Information pertaining to the scheduling of the October 1, 1993 Concept Development Conference will be published at a later date. Also the location for the Concept Development Record, scheduled for public review on/or about September 1, 1993, will be published when it becomes available at a later date.

H. Buckley Cording,  
Branch Chief, Network a Contracts Branch.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Personnel Administration

#### Revision of Privacy Act System of Records

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Personnel Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of revision of Privacy Act system of records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Personnel Administration (ASPER) is publishing a notice of revision of a system of records, 09-90-0020—Suitability for Employment Records, HHS/OS/ASPER. It was most recently published in Office of the Federal Register, Privacy Act Issuances, 1991 Compilation, vol. I, p. 348. The notice is being revised to improve clarity with minor editorial changes and to reflect the Department's current computer technology, which allows for automated storage and password-protected access to these records. It is also being revised to increase the period during which records can be retained. These changes will affect the following sections: Storage, Safeguards and Retention and Disposal. Records in this system contain information relating to the suitability of current employees and applicants for a position in the Department.

The revision contains no new routine uses.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The proposed changes shall take effect on June 16, 1993, unless ASPER receives comments which would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESS:** Please submit comments to: ASPER Regional Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 500E, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 690-8655.

All comments received will be available for review at this location.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Dave Mischel at the address and telephone number above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department has been moving for a number of years to update its methods of collecting, storing, and accessing records in this system of records in order to take advantage of the efficiency of computer technology. The practice of maintaining such records primarily in file folders sometimes makes it difficult to know just where appropriate records are located and also leads to establishing duplicative (and

incomplete) files in a variety of offices throughout the Department. While many of the records will still be maintained in file folders, the emphasis will be, whenever practicable, to store these records in electronic media where they can be more efficiently as well as protected from unauthorized disclosure by password identification procedures and other systems-based protection methods.

Dated: May 7, 1993.

Thomas S. McFee,  
Assistant Secretary for Personnel  
Administration.

09-90-0020

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Suitability for Employment Records,  
HHS/OS/ASPER.

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:**

None.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Personnel Offices listed in  
"Applicants for Employment Records"  
HHS System 09-90-0006, Appendix I.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Employees of the Department and  
applicants for employment.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

This system consists of a variety of records relating to an individual's suitability for employment in terms of character, reputation and fitness, including letters of reference, and responses to pre-employment inquiries. National Agency Checks and inquiries material received from the Office of Personnel Management, the Merit Systems Protection Board, and the U.S. Office of Special Counsel relating to nonsensitive positions, qualifications and character investigations, and other information which may relate to the suitability of the individual for the position.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

5 U.S.C. 3301, 3302, 7301; Executive  
Order 10577; Executive Order 11222.

**PURPOSE(S):**

Records in this system are used by the designated appointing and selecting authorities to make determinations concerning the individual's suitability for employment. These records are maintained at ASPER, OPDIV Headquarters and field offices, and Regional Personnel Offices.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USE:**

1. Information in these records may be used by the Office of Personnel Management, Merit Systems Protection Board, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the Federal Labor Relations Authority (including the General Counsel of the Authority and the Federal Service Impasses Panel) in carrying out their functions.

2. In the event that this system of records indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute, or by regulation, rule or order issued pursuant thereto, the relevant records in the system of records may be referred, as a routine use, to the appropriate agency, whether federal, state, local, or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, or rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto.

3. In the event the Department deems it desirable or necessary in determining whether particular records are required to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act, disclosure may be made to the Department of Justice for the purpose of obtaining its advice.

4. A record from this system of records may be disclosed as a "routine use" to a federal, state or local agency maintaining civil, criminal or other relevant enforcement records or other pertinent records, such as current licenses, if necessary to obtain a record relevant to an agency decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant or other benefit.

A record from this system of records may be disclosed to a federal agency, in response to its request, in connection with the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an employee, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the record is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter.

5. When federal agencies having the power to subpoena other federal agencies' records, such as the Internal Revenue Service or the Civil Rights Commission, issue a subpoena to the Department for records in this system of

records, the Department will make such records available.

6. When a contract between a component of the Department and a labor organization recognized under 5 U.S.C. Chapter 71 provides that the agency will disclose personal records relevant to the organization's mission, records in this system of records may be disclosed to such organization.

7. The Department contemplates that it will contract with a private firm for the purpose of collating, analyzing, aggregating or otherwise refining records in this system. Relevant records will be disclosed to such a contractor. The contractor shall be required to maintain Privacy Act safeguards with respect to such records.

8. Disclosure may be made to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made at the request of that individual.

9. In the event of litigation where the defendant is (a) the Department, any component of the Department, or any employee of the Department in his or her official capacity; (b) the United States where the Department determines that the claim, if successful, is likely to directly affect the operations of the Department or any of its components; or (c) any Department employee in his or her individual capacity where the Justice Department has agreed to represent such employee, the Department may disclose such records as it deems desirable or necessary to the Department of Justice to enable that Department to present an effective defense, provided such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Records are maintained in file folders and in electronic form.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records are indexed by any combination of name, date of birth, Social Security Number, or identification number.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

1. Authorized Users: Data in electronic form are accessed by passwords known only to those whose official duties require access.

2. Physical Safeguards: File cabinets and rooms where records are stored are locked when not in use. During regular business hours, rooms are unlocked but are controlled by on-site personnel.

3. Procedural and Technical Safeguards: A password is required to

access files maintained in electronic form. Passwords are changed frequently. All users of the information (see Authorized Users, above) protect information from public view and from unauthorized personnel entering an unsupervised office.

These practices are in compliance with the standards of Chapter 45-13 of the HHS General Administration Manual, "Safeguarding Records Contained in Systems of Records," and the Department's Automated Information System Security Program Handbook, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS Pub. 41 and FIPS Pub. 31).

#### RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records from the Office of Personnel Management, the Merit Systems Protection Board, and the U.S. Office of Special Counsel concerning applicants for or incumbents of nonsensitive positions, are retained until a decision is reached on whether to hire or retain the applicant or incumbent, and are then destroyed. Other records in this system are retained until there is no further administrative need for them, the individual leaves the Department, or three years have elapsed, whichever is later, and are then destroyed. Paper copies are destroyed by shredding. Computer files are destroyed by deleting the record from the file.

#### SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Heads of personnel offices which service organizational units in which the individual is employed or in which he/she applied for employment. See Applicants For Employment Records, HHS, System 09-90-0006, Appendix 1.

#### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

To determine if a record exists, write to the System Manager as indicated above. The requester must verify his or her identity by providing either a notarization of the request or a written certification that the requester is who he or she claims to be. The request should include the requester's name, date of birth, and organization in which employed or to which he or she applied for employment. The requester must understand that knowing and willful request for a record pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the Act, subject to a five thousand dollar fine.

#### RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

To obtain access to records, write to the System Manager as indicated above to obtain access to records and provide the same information as is required

under the Notification Procedures. Requesters should reasonably specify the record contents being sought. Individuals may also request an accounting of disclosure of their records, if any.

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Records that contain information that is inaccurate, incomplete, untimely, or irrelevant may be contested. To contest such information, individuals should contact the System Manager specified above. They should reasonably identify the record, specify the information contested, the corrective action sought, and state their reasons for requesting the correction, along with supporting information to show how the record is inaccurate, incomplete, untimely, or irrelevant.

#### RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information contained in the system is obtained from:

- Applications and other personnel and security forms furnished by the individual.
- Information furnished by other Federal agencies.
- Information provided by sources such as employers, schools, references, former employers.

#### SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

Individuals will be provided information from the above system except when in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5): 1. disclosure of such information would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence; or 2. if the information was obtained prior to the effective date of section 3, Pub. L. 93-579, disclosure of such information would reveal the identity of a source who provided information under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence. (45 CFR 5b.11.)

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#### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 93F-0136]

#### Ecolab, Inc.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing

that Ecolab, Inc., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of an aqueous solution of hydrogen peroxide, acetic acid, peroxyacetic acid, octanoic acid, peroxyoctanoic acid, sodium 1-octanesulfonate, and hydroxyethylene diphosphonic acid as a sanitizing solution to be used on food-processing equipment and utensils and on food-contact surfaces in public eating places.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mitchell Cheeseman, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-254-9511.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a petition (FAP 3B4371) has been filed by Ecolab, Inc., 840 Sibley Memorial Hwy., St. Paul, MN 55118. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.1010 *Sanitizing solutions* (21 CFR 178.1010) to provide for the safe use of an aqueous solution of hydrogen peroxide, acetic acid, peroxyacetic acid, octanoic acid, peroxyoctanoic acid, sodium 1-octanesulfonate, and hydroxyethylene diphosphonic acid as a sanitizing solution to be used on food-processing equipment and utensils and on food-contact surfaces in public eating places.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. If the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the *Federal Register* in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: May 7, 1993.

Douglas L. Archer,  
Acting Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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[Docket No. 93F-0132]

#### Lonza, Inc.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Lonza, Inc., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive

regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of hydroxymethyl-5,5-dimethylhydantoin and 1,3-bis(hydroxymethyl)-5,5-dimethylhydantoin intended for use as preservatives in adhesives, resinous and polymeric coatings and clay-type fillers for paper and paperboard in food-contact articles.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hortense S. Macon, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-254-9500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a petition (FAP 3B4367) has been filed on behalf of Lonza, Inc., c/o Delta Analytica Corp., 1414 Fenwick Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The petition proposes that the food additive regulations in § 175.105 *Adhesives* (21 CFR 175.105), § 175.300 *Resinous and polymeric coatings* (21 CFR 175.300), and § 176.170 *Components of paper and paperboard in contact with aqueous and fatty foods* (21 CFR 176.170) be amended to provide for the safe use of hydroxymethyl-5,5-dimethylhydantoin and 1,3-bis(hydroxymethyl)-5,5-dimethylhydantoin intended for use as preservatives in adhesives, resinous and polymeric coatings and clay-type fillers for paper and paperboard in food-contact articles.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. If the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the *Federal Register* in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: May 7, 1993.

Douglas L. Archer,

Acting Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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## Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 91G-0452]

### Amaranth Institute; Withdrawal of Petition for Affirmation of GRAS Status

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of a petition (GRASP 1G0372) proposing that the use of amaranth grain as a direct human food ingredient be affirmed as generally recognized as safe (GRAS).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gerald J. Buonopane, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-217), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-254-9519.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published in the *Federal Register* of January 6, 1992 (57 FR 413), FDA announced that a petition (GRASP 1G0372) had been filed by Amaranth Institute, P.O. Box 216, Bricelyn, MN 56014. This petition proposed that the use of amaranth grain as a direct human food ingredient is GRAS. Amaranth Institute has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

Dated: May 7, 1993.

Douglas L. Archer,

Acting Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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### Advisory Committees; Notice of Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces forthcoming meetings of public advisory committees of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This notice also summarizes the procedures for the meetings and methods by which interested persons may participate in open public hearings before FDA's advisory committees.

**MEETINGS:** The following advisory committee meetings are announced:

#### Joint Meeting of the Arthritis Advisory Committee and OTC Drugs Advisory Committee

*Date, time, and place.* June 1 and 2, 1993, 8:30 a.m., conference rooms D and E, Parklawn Bldg., 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

*Type of meeting and contact person.* Open public hearing, June 1, 1993, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., unless public participation does not last that long; open committee discussion, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed committee deliberations, June 2, 1993, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Isaac F. Rouben, Center for Drug Evaluation

and Research (HFD-7), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-3741.

*General function of the committees.* The Arthritis Advisory Committee reviews and evaluates data on the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational human drugs for use in arthritic conditions. The OTC Drugs Advisory Committee reviews and evaluates available data concerning the safety and effectiveness of over-the-counter (nonprescription) human drug products for use in the treatment of a broad spectrum of human symptoms and diseases.

*Agenda—Open public hearing.* Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Those desiring to make formal presentations should notify the contact person before May 21, 1993, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time required to make their comments.

*Open committee discussion.* On June 1, 1993, the committee will discuss: (1) Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA) guidelines, and (2) the new drug application (NDA) for Naprosyn® (Naproxen) NDA 20-204, Syntex Corp., switch from prescription to over-the-counter (OTC).

*Closed committee deliberations.* On June 2, 1993, the committee will review trade secret and/or confidential commercial information relevant to pending NDA's. This portion of the meeting will be closed to permit discussion of this information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)).

#### Cardiovascular and Renal Drugs Advisory Committee

*Date, time, and place.* June 3 and 4, 1993, 9 a.m., National Institutes of Health, Clinical Center, Bldg. 10, Jack Masur Auditorium, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD. Parking in the Clinical Center Visitor area is reserved for clinical center patients and their visitors. If you must drive, please use an outlying lot such as Lot 41B. Free shuttle bus service is provided from Lot 41B to the Clinical Center every 8 minutes during rush hour and every 15 minutes at other times.

*Type of meeting and contact person.* Open public hearing, June 3, 1993, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., unless public participation does not last that long; open committee discussion, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed committee deliberations, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; open committee