

organizations and associations; develops initiatives with the Department to improve services to veterans and the military; and focuses health and human resources on the needs of all veterans and military families as part of a Health and Human Services/Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense initiative to better serve their health and human service needs. Provides coordinative support relating to sick, disabled and disadvantaged veterans/military for research targeted toward specific areas.

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John J. Callahan,

*Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget.*

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### **Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority; Program Support Center**

Part P, (Program Support Center) of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (60 FR 51480, October 2, 1995 as amended most recently at 61 FR 53226, October 10, 1996) is amended to reflect changes in Chapter PC with Part P, Program Support Center, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). These changes will more accurately reflect the responsibilities of the Divisions within the Financial Management Service.

#### **Program Support Center**

Under *Part P, Section P-20,*

*Functions*, change the following:

*Chapter PC, Financial Management Service (PC)* is amended as follows:

Delete the functional statement in its entirety for the *Division of Payment Management (PCC)* and substitute it with the following:

#### **Division of Payment Management (PCC)**

(1) Manages a Payment Management System (PMS) which pays the HHS grants and contracts and provides such services to other Departments; (2) assures the timely payment to grantees and contractors and prescribes requirements for grantee and contractor reporting of expenditures and accountability of Federal cash received; (3) operates and provides the automated data processing support and maintenance of the PMS; (4) approves payments to grant recipients; (5) manages Federal cash in the hands of grant recipients; (6) provides technical guidance to HHS components in the area of electronic commerce and

electronic funds transfer; (7) provides financial data to customer agencies relative to grant activity; (8) collects, deposits, and reports interest earned on Federal funds held by all non-governmental recipient organizations; (9) provides debt management services to customer agencies; (10) maintains liaison with Federal regulatory agencies and National Banking Associations relative to cash management, financial reporting, electronic commerce, and electronic funds transfer, and (11) maintains, operates and develops policy in support of the Departmental Central Registry System.

Under the heading *Division of Fiscal Services (PCE)*, delete the title and functional statement in its entirety and substitute the following:

#### **Division of Financial Operations (PCE)**

(1) Provides comprehensive accounting and fiscal services for HHS and other customer agencies; (2) performs all financial transactions necessary to implement the authorized budget and program plans of customer agencies; (3) provides complete financial reporting for all customers as required for both program management and oversight agencies to meet or exceed all applicable accounting standards; (4) provides complete debt management services; (5) directs planning and implementation of accounting systems and procedures; (6) furnishes fiscal advice for contracting and purchasing operations; (7) provides financial technical and policy guidance to headquarters and field program offices to support design and operation of authorized programs; (8) maintains accounts of designated programs; (9) provides advice on the proper use of appropriated and other funds; (10) prepares auditable financial statements for internal and external use; (11) analyzes and audits financial transactions; (12) leads or participates in the design and development of new or modified accounting systems; (13) provides liaison and representation on fiscal and accounting matters for customer agencies; (14) provides for integration of accounting and related management control systems; (15) performs financial and management control reviews; (16) provides a full range of disbursement services for customer agencies; and (17) provides comprehensive ADP support for all financial operations.

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*Director, Program Support Center.*

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### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

#### **National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention; Meetings**

The National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Consultation on Guidelines for HIV Prevention Case Management, a Behavioral Prevention Intervention Conducted by Public Health Programs in the United States.

*Times and Dates:* 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., February 18, 1997; 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m., February 19, 1997.

*Place:* Wyndham Garden Hotel, 125 10th Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, telephone 404/873-4800, fax 404/872-7377.

*Status:* Open to the public for participation, comment, and observation, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

*Purpose:* To invite comment from recognized representatives of public health agencies and the public on revising the existing prevention case management guidelines. HIV Prevention Case Management was initially funded by CDC in 1992. Guidelines for this intervention were published in "Guidelines for Health Education and Risk Reduction Activities," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, April 1995. Because prevention case management is a relatively new type of HIV prevention intervention, important issues have emerged based on the experiences of those implementing the first programs of this type.

*Matters to be Discussed:* Agenda items will focus on discussion of prevention case management practices and principles for the purpose of disease control and prevention in the United States concerning HIV, STD, and TB.

*Contact Person For More Information:* Amy DeGroff, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, NCHSTP, CDC, M/S E40, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-2918.

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Carolyn J. Russell,

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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#### **National Center for Health Statistics; Meeting**

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting:

*Name:* 1997 Joint Meeting of the Public Health Conference on Records and Statistics and the Data Users Conference.

*Times and Dates:* 9 a.m.-5 p.m., July 28-30, 1997; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., July 31, 1997.

*Place:* Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available. Preregistration is recommended, and there is no registration fee. Please obtain registration information from the contact person listed below.

*Purpose:* The agenda will focus on collaborations for health information sharing among the various stakeholders and partners in public health. Papers presented will address the theme, "Partnerships, Technologies, and Communities: Evolving Roles for Health Data." Each day will focus on a public health issue as follows: Day 1, "Health Information Partnerships—National, State, and Local;" Day 2, "Information Technology and Informatics;" and Days 3 and 4, "Communities at Risk." This agenda will cover a broad spectrum of current and future public health concerns. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Contact Person For More Information:* Substantive program and registration information for the meeting may be obtained from Barbara Butler, Public Health Conference on Records and Statistics, Office of Data Standards, Program Development, and Extramural Programs, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone 301/436-7122, extension 144.

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Carolyn J. Russell,

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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## Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97F-0035]

### Ashland Chemical Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Ashland Chemical Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of polypropylene glycol with a molecular weight of 1,200 to 3,000 as a defoaming agent in water for sliced potatoes.

**DATES:** Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by March 5, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vivian M. Gilliam, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-

217), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3167.

**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 food additive petition (FAP 6A4490) has been filed by Ashland Chemical Co., One Drew Plaza, Boonton, NJ 07005. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 173.340 *Defoaming agents* (21 CFR 173.340) to provide for the use of polypropylene glycol with a molecular weight of 1,200 to 3,000 as a component of defoaming agents in water for sliced potatoes.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the original petition that is the subject of this notice on public display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before March 5, 1997, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. 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 office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the Federal Register. If, based on its review, 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: January 17, 1997.

Alan M. Rulis,

*Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.*

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### Review of Infant Formula Nutrient Requirements for Preterm Infants; Announcement of Open Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Life Sciences Research Office (LSRO) of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) are announcing an open meeting on the review of infant formula nutrient requirements for preterm infants. The LSRO/FASEB has undertaken this review and will prepare a documented scientific report that summarizes the available information. To assist in the preparation of its scientific report, LSRO/FASEB is inviting the submission of scientific data, information, and views bearing on this topic both in writing and orally at the open meeting. **DATES:** The LSRO will hold a 1-day open meeting on this topic on March 26, 1997. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Requests to make oral presentations at the open meeting must be submitted in writing and received by March 7, 1997. To be included in the review process, written presentations of scientific data, information, and views should be submitted on or before June 30, 1997. Written materials arriving at LSRO/FASEB on or before March 20, 1997, will be part of the official record of the open meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The open meeting will be held in the Chen Auditorium, Lee Bldg., Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD. Written requests to make oral presentations of scientific data, information, and views at the open meeting should be submitted to Daniel J. Raiten (address below) and to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857. Two copies of the scientific data, information, and views are to be submitted to each office. These two copies are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel J. Raiten, Life Sciences Research Office, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3998, 301-530-7030 or Linda H. Tonucci, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-456), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-5372.