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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 96N-0290]

**AM-Rho Laboratories, Inc.; Revocation
of U.S. License No. 991-001**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration,
HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug
Administration (FDA) is announcing the
revocation of the establishment license
(U.S. License No. 991-001) and the
product license issued to AM-Rho
Laboratories, Inc., Jacksonville, FL, for
the manufacture of Source Plasma. In a
letter to FDA dated April 11, 1996, AM-
Rho Laboratories, Inc., voluntarily
requested revocation of its
establishment and product licenses. In a
letter dated July 3, 1996, FDA informed
the firm that the establishment and
product licenses for its Jacksonville
location were revoked.

DATES: The revocation of the
establishment license (U.S. License No.
991-001) and the product license
became effective July 3, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Dano B. Murphy, Center for Biologics
Evaluation and Research (HFM-630),
Food and Drug Administration, 1401
Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-
1448, 301-594-3074.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA has
revoked the establishment license (U.S.
License No. 991-001) and product
license for the manufacture of Source
Plasma of AM-Rho Laboratories, Inc.,
4130 Salisbury Rd., suite 2100,
Jacksonville, FL 32216.

FDA inspected AM-Rho Laboratories,
Inc., from October 16, 1995, through
November 9, 1995. The inspection also
involved a concurrent investigation that
included interviews with individuals
knowledgeable in the daily operations
of the firm. The inspection of the facility
and concurrent investigation revealed
serious deviations from applicable
Federal regulations. The deficiencies
noted included, but were not limited to,
the following: (1) Failure to properly
immunize donors (21 CFR 640.66) by:
(a) Permitting nonphysicians, working
without a physician present, to inject at
least 37 donors with red blood cell
antigen; (b) immunizing at least one
donor during plasmapheresis; and (c)

permitting nonphysicians to select
antigens and schedule immunizations;
(2) failure to adequately determine
donor suitability by: (a) Not excluding
for the required 8-week period at least
21 donors who lost whole blood (21
CFR 640.63(e)); (b) routinely
reevaluating donor hematocrit without
recording the initial hematocrit values;
and (c) routinely not complying with
established standard operating
procedures that required the cross
checking of donors against deferral logs;
(3) failure to maintain complete,
accurate, and concurrent donor records
(21 CFR 606.160) by: (a) Routinely
forging physician's signatures on
numerous records; (b) not completing
maintenance and calibration records
concurrently with work done; (c)
inaccurate documentation of red blood
cells not returned to the donor; (d)
documenting as destroyed red blood
cells that were returned to the donor;
and (e) not providing a unit number for
certain plasmapheresis products; (4)
failure to maintain and follow standard
operating procedures (21 CFR
606.100(b)) by: (a) Inadequately
preparing phlebotomy sites on at least
25 donors; (b) not following the
procedure for verifying correct
reinfusion of red blood cells; and (c)
permitting donors to leave the premises
before the minimum time for
postimmunization observation.

FDA concluded that the serious
nature of the deficiencies identified
during the inspection and during the
concurrent investigation of AM-Rho
Laboratories, Inc., were the direct
consequence of the establishment's
disregard for the applicable regulations
and standards in the license application.
FDA determined that these deficiencies
constitute a danger to the public health
that warranted suspension under 21
CFR 601.5(b) and 601.6(a). Additionally,
the deficiencies noted demonstrated
management's failure to exercise control
over the facility relating to compliance
and to assure adequate training and
supervision of personnel as required by
21 CFR 600.10(a) and (b) and 606.20(a)
and (b).

In a November 27, 1995, letter to the
firm, FDA suspended the establishment
license (U.S. License No. 991-001) and
product license for Source Plasma. In a
February 14, 1996, letter to FDA, the
firm stated it would not seek
reinstatement of the suspended license
(U.S. License No. 991-001) and would
destroy all plasma products in
inventory. In a letter to FDA dated April
11, 1996, AM-Rho Laboratories, Inc.,
requested voluntary revocation of U.S.
License No. 991-001.

FDA has placed copies of the letters relevant to the license revocation on file under the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document with the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857. These documents are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Accordingly, under 21 CFR 601.5(a), section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262), and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (21 CFR 5.10) and redelegated to the Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (21 CFR 5.68), the establishment license (U.S. License No. 991-001) and the product license for the manufacture of Source Plasma issued to AM-Rho Laboratories, Inc., Jacksonville, FL 32216, were revoked effective July 3, 1996.

This notice is issued and published under 21 CFR 601.8 and the redelegation at 21 CFR 5.67(c).

Dated: December 19, 1996.

Kathryn C. Zoon,
Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

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[Docket No. 96E-0080]

Determination of Regulatory Review Period for Purposes of Patent Extension; Olean

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined the regulatory review period for Olean and is publishing this notice of that determination as required by law. FDA has made the determination because of the submission of an application to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, for the extension of a patent which claims that food additive product.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and petitions should be directed to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian J. Malkin, Office of Health Affairs (HFY-20), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-1382.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-417) and the Generic Animal Drug and Patent Term Restoration Act (Pub. L. 100-670) generally provide that a patent may be extended for a period of up to 5 years so long as the patented item (human drug product, animal drug product, medical device, food additive, or color additive) was subject to regulatory review by FDA before the item was marketed. Under these acts, a product's regulatory review period forms the basis for determining the amount of extension an applicant may receive.

A regulatory review period consists of two periods of time: a testing phase and an approval phase. For food and color additives: (1) The testing phase begins on the date a major health or environmental effects test is begun and ends on the date a petition relying on the test and requesting the issuance of a regulation for use of the additive under section 409 or 721 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) is initially submitted to FDA. An "environmental effects" test may be any test which: (a) Is reasonably related to the evaluation of the product's health effects, or both; (b) produces data necessary for marketing approval; and (c) is conducted over a period of not less than 6-months duration, excluding time required to analyze or evaluate test results. (2) The approval phase begins on the date a petition requesting the issuance of a regulation for use of the additive under section 409 or 721 of the act is initially submitted to FDA and ends upon whichever of the following occurs last: (a) The regulation for the additive becomes final; or (b) objections filed against the regulation that result in a stay of effectiveness are resolved and commercial marketing is permitted; or (c) proceedings resulting from objections to the regulation, after commercial marketing has been permitted and later stayed pending resolution of the proceedings, are finally resolved and commercial marketing is permitted. Although only a portion of a regulatory review period may count toward the actual amount of extension that the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks may award (for example, half the testing phase must be subtracted as well as any time that may have occurred before the patent was issued), FDA's determination of the length of a regulatory review period for a color or food additive will include all of the testing phase and approval phase as specified in 35 U.S.C. 156(g)(2)(B).

FDA recently approved for marketing the food additive product Olean (olestra). Olean is used in place of fats

and oils in prepackaged ready-to-eat savory (i.e., salty or piquant, but not sweet) snacks. Subsequent to this approval, the Patent and Trademark Office received a patent term restoration application for Olean (U.S. Patent No. 4,005,196) from Proctor & Gamble Co. and the Patent and Trademark Office requested FDA's assistance in determining this patent's eligibility for patent term restoration. In a letter dated May 9, 1996, FDA advised the Patent and Trademark Office that this food additive product had undergone a regulatory review period and that the listing of Olean represented the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the product. Shortly thereafter, the Patent and Trademark Office requested that FDA determine the product's regulatory review period.

FDA has determined that the applicable regulatory review period for Olean is 5,418 days. Of this time, 2,191 days occurred during the testing phase of the regulatory review period, while 3,227 days occurred during the approval phase. These periods of time were derived from the following dates:

1. *The date a major health or environmental effects test was begun:* April 2, 1981. The applicant does not specifically state a date when a test involving this food additive product was begun. However, FDA records indicate that the test was begun on April 2, 1981.

2. *The date a petition requesting the issuance of a regulation for use of the food additive under section 409 of the act was initially submitted:* April 1, 1987. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that the petition for Olean was initially submitted on April 1, 1987.

3. *The date the regulation for the food additive petition became effective:* January 30, 1996. The applicant claims that the regulation for the food additive became effective on January 24, 1996. However, FDA records indicate that, by its terms, the regulation for the food additive became effective on January 30, 1996 (61 FR 3118, January 30, 1996).

This determination of the regulatory review period establishes the maximum potential length of a patent extension. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office applies several statutory limitations in its calculations of the actual period for patent extension. In this application for patent extension, this applicant seeks 730 days of patent term extension.

Anyone with knowledge that any of the dates as published is incorrect may, on or before March 7, 1997, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments and ask for a redetermination. Furthermore,