

committees by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner). The Commissioner has determined that it is in the public interest to renew the charters of the committees listed below for an additional 2 years beyond charter

expiration date. The new charters will be in effect until the dates of expiration listed below. This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463 (5 U.S.C. app. 2)).

**DATES:** Authority for these committees will expire on the dates indicated below unless the Commissioner formally determines that renewal is in the public interest.

Name of committee	Date of expiration
Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee	February 15, 1999
National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee	July 6, 1999
Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee	August 27, 1999
Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants	December 2, 1999
Food Advisory Committee	December 18, 1999
Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee	December 31, 1999

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Donna M. Combs, Committee Management Office (HFA-306), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-4820.

Dated: February 4, 1998.

**Michael A. Friedman,**

*Lead Deputy Commissioner for the Food and Drug Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 98F-0052]

**Monsanto Co.; Filing a Food Additive Petition**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Monsanto Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of L-Phenylalanine, N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- $\alpha$ -aspartyl]-, 1-methyl ester for use as a tabletop sweetener. Monsanto Co. also proposes that this additive be identified as neotame.

**DATES:** Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by March 12, 1998.

**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:** Blondell Anderson, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-

206), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3106.

**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 8A4580) has been filed by Monsanto Co., 5200 Old Orchard Rd., Skokie, IL 60077. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in 21 CFR part 172 to provide for the safe use of L-Phenylalanine, N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- $\alpha$ -aspartyl]-, 1-methyl ester as a tabletop sweetener and for the additive to be identified as neotame.

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 petition that is the subject of this notice on display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before March 12, 1998, 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 23, 1998.

**Laura M. Tarantino,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4256-N-03]

**Notice of Funding Availability for the HUD-Administered Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program—Fiscal Year 1997 and Fiscal Year 1998; and the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for Small Communities in New York State; Amendment and Extension of Application Deadline**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Amendment to notice of funding availability and extension of application deadline.

**SUMMARY:** This notice extends the application deadline for the combined fiscal year (FY) 1997 and FY 1998 NOFA for the HUD-Administered Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Small Communities in New York State, published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 1997 (62 FR 65970). This notice establishes the application deadline to be April 2, 1998. This notice also amends that NOFA to clarify the special limitations for multiyear plan recipients.

**DATES:** Applications are due by April 2, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph A. D'Agosta, Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0068; telephone (212) 264-0771. Hearing- or speech-impaired persons may call (212) 264-0927 (TTY). (These numbers are not toll-free numbers.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the HUD-Administered Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program—Fiscal Year (FY) 1997 and FY 1998, and the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for Small Communities in New York State was published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 1997 (62 FR 65970). Recent ice storms in the northeast part of the United States have resulted in ten New York counties receiving Federal disaster declarations. In response to this emergency, HUD is extending the application deadline from March 2, 1998, to April 2, 1998, to allow these counties and other affected communities sufficient time to complete applications that may include activities related to the damage from the ice storms.

Furthermore, the December 16, 1997 NOFA provided that the application kits would be available from HUD's New York or Buffalo offices at least 45 days prior to the application due date. However, HUD has been unable to provide the application kits as early as planned. Therefore, HUD is extending the application deadline from March 2, 1998, to April 2, 1998, in order to afford communities sufficient time to complete applications once the kits are available.

In addition, applicants should note that HUD is making funds available to disaster-affected areas in New York (which are all at this time under the jurisdiction of the Buffalo field office) under the noncompetitive Imminent Threat grant provisions of 24 CFR 570.424 (see also Section I.B.2. of the December 16, 1997 NOFA regarding imminent threats (62 FR 65972)). In response to a request from the Governor of New York and on-site assessments by HUD's emergency teams, HUD has announced that it is setting aside up to \$12 million of FY 1997 and FY 1998 funds for such purposes, pursuant to the provisions cited above. Imminent Threat grant applications are not subject to the procedures and deadlines of the December 16, 1997 NOFA. Eligible applicants should contact the Buffalo field office for information about

procedures applicable to such grants. However, counties and other eligible units of general local government that receive CDBG assistance under the Imminent Threat provisions of § 570.424 will not be prejudiced in their application for competitive CDBG Small Cities grant assistance announced in the December 16, 1997 NOFA.

In addition to extending the application deadline until April 2, 1998, this notice also amends the December 16, 1997 NOFA to clarify the special limitations for multiyear plan recipients. Section I.D.2.c. of that NOFA (62 FR 65974, 1st column), regarding Single Purpose grants, and special limitations for multiyear plan recipients, provided information on how the grant limitations apply to applicants with approved multiyear plans that wish to apply for and receive their FY 1997 increment. This notice amends the NOFA to clarify that, to the extent to which a recipient with previously-approved multiyear plan received approval for a FY 1997 and/or FY 1998 multiyear plan increment in an amount that is less than the \$400,000 (or, in the case of counties, \$600,000) grant limits established in the NOFA, such recipient may also, in addition to the application(s) to be submitted for the FY 1997 or FY 1998 multiyear plan increment, submit an application(s) to be rated and ranked with all other competitive applications for up to the difference between the amount of the applicable established grant limit and the amount of the FY 1997 or FY 1998 multiyear plan application submission.

For example, if a community was approved for a multiyear plan of \$250,000 for FY 1997 and \$250,000 for FY 1998, that community may submit two additional applications for \$150,000 each (the \$400,000 grant limit minus the \$250,000 amount approved for the multiyear plan increment equals \$150,000), one for FY 1997 and one for FY 1998, to be scored and ranked competitively with all other competitive applications submitted. Thus, in this example, the community could submit up to four (4) separate applications—two applications for \$250,000 each for the FY 1997 and FY 1998 previously approved multiyear plan, and two applications for \$150,000 each for the FY 1997/FY 1998 competition. HUD is aware of two communities and two counties that fall into this category, and is amending this NOFA after an inquiry from one of the counties. HUD had not taken these facts into consideration when it originally published the NOFA on December 16, 1997, and believes that all communities should have the same opportunity to receive a grant up to the

applicable grant limits established in the NOFA.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.* The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 14.219.

Accordingly, FR Doc. 97-32851, the NOFA for the HUD-Administered Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program—Fiscal Year 1997 and Fiscal Year 1998; and the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for Small Communities in New York State, published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 1997 (60 FR 65970) is amended as follows:

1. On page 65970, in column 2, the four paragraphs under the heading **DATES** are amended to read as follows:

**DATES:** Applications (including applications from recipients approved for a multiyear plan for second or third component in FY 1997 or FY 1998) are due by April 2, 1998. Application kits may be obtained from and must be submitted to either HUD's New York or Buffalo Office. (The addresses for these offices are provided in Section II. of this NOFA.)

Applications, if mailed, must be postmarked no later than midnight on April 2, 1998. If an application is hand-delivered to the New York or the Buffalo Office, the application must be delivered to the appropriate office by no later than 4:00 p.m. (local time) on April 2, 1998.

HUD expects to make application kits available in field offices by a date that affords applicants no fewer than 45 days to respond to this NOFA. If HUD fails to do so, a further extension of the application deadline will be published in the **Federal Register**. For further information on obtaining and submitting applications, please see Section II. of the NOFA.

The above-stated application deadline is firm as to date and hour. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, HUD will treat as *ineligible for consideration* any application that is not received by 4:00 p.m. on, or postmarked by, April 2, 1998. Applicants should take this procedure into account and make early submission of their materials to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

2. On page 65974, in column 1, section I.D.2.c., under the heading "*Special Limitations for Multiyear Plan Recipients*", is amended to read as follows:

**I. Purpose and Substantive Description**

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*D. Types of Grants*

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## 2. Single Purpose Grants

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*c. Special Limitations for Multiyear Plan Recipients.* With respect to multiyear plan recipients that choose to submit applications for their second and/or third year increments, such applicants may also submit applications for up to two Single Purpose grants, provided that the sum of the grant amount requested for each approved multiyear increment plus the Single Purpose grant amount requested does not exceed \$400,000 (or \$600,000 in the case of a county applicant).

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Dated: February 4, 1998.

**Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.,**

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4325-N-01]

**Privacy Act of 1974; Proposed Amendment to a System of Records****AGENCY:** Office of Administration, HUD.**ACTION:** Notification of a proposed amendment to an existing system of records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11)), HUD is issuing notice of our intent to amend the system of records entitled HUD/Dept-34, Pay and Leave Records of Employees, to include a new routine use. The disclosure is required by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act. We invite public comment on this publication.

**DATES:** Effective date: The proposed routine use will become effective as proposed without further notice March 12, 1998, unless comments dictate otherwise.

Comments due by: Persons wishing to comment on the proposed routine use must do so by March 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410. Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. A copy

of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanette Smith, Privacy Act Officer, Telephone Number (202) 708-2374 [This is not a toll-free number] or FAX Number (202) 708-3577.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. (Pub. L. 104-193, approved August 22, 1996), HUD will disclose data from its Privacy Act system of records, HUD/Dept-34, Pay and Leave Records of Employees, to the Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services for use in the National Database of New Hires, part of the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) and Federal Tax Offset System, DHHS/OCSNE No. 09-90-0074. A description of the Federal Parent Locator Service may be found at 62 FR 51663 (October 2, 1997).

FPLS is a computerized network through which States may request location information from federal and State agencies to find non-custodial parents and their employers for purposes of establishing paternity and securing support. On October 1, 1997, the FPS was expanded to include the National Directory of New Hires, a database containing employment information on employees recently hired, quarterly wage data on private and public sector employees, and information on unemployment compensation benefits. On October 1, 1998, the FPLS will be expanded further to include a Federal Case Registry. The Federal Case Registry will contain abstracts on all participants involved in child support enforcement cases. When the Federal Case Registry is instituted, its files will be matched on an ongoing basis against the files in the National Directory of New Hires to determine if an employee is a participant in a child support case anywhere in the country. If the FPLS identifies a person as being a participant in a State child support case, that State will be notified. State requests to the FPLS for location information will also continue to be processed after October 1, 1998.

When individuals are hired by HUD, we may disclose to the FPLS their names, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, dates of hire, and information identifying us as the employer. We also may disclose to FPLS names, social security numbers, and quarterly earnings of each HUD

employee, within one month of the end of the quarterly reporting period.

Information submitted by HUD to the FPLS will be disclosed by the Office of Child Support Enforcement to the Social Security Administration for verification to ensure that the social security number provided is correct. The data disclosed by HUD to the FPLS will also be disclosed by the Office of Child Support Enforcement to the Secretary of the Treasury for use in verifying claims for the advance payment of the earned income tax credit or to verify a claim of employment on a tax return.

Accordingly, HUD/Dept-34, Pay and Leave Records of Employees system notice originally published in the "Federal Register Privacy Act Issuances, 1995 compilation, is further amended by addition of the new routine use disclosure below.

A report of HUD's intention to add a new routine use disclosure has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the House Committee on Government and Oversight pursuant to paragraph 4 of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," February 8, 1996.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552a, 88 Stat. 1896; 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: February 4, 1998.

**David S. Cristy,**

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Information Technology.

**HUD/DEPT-34****SYSTEM NAME:**

Pay and Leave Records of Employees.

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

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The names, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, dates of hire, quarterly earnings, employer identifying information, and State of hire of employees may be disclosed to the Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of locating individuals to establish paternity, establishing and modifying orders of child support, identifying sources of income, and for other child support enforcement actions as required by the Personal