General Counsel, or the General Counsel's designee, the authority:

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(3) The General Counsel or the General Counsel's designee may submit to the Commission for its consideration any matter which has been delegated pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(4) Nothing in this section will be deemed to prohibit the Commission, at its election, from exercising the authority delegated to the General Counsel under this section.

PART 171—RULES RELATING TO REVIEW OF NATIONAL FUTURES ASSOCIATION DECISIONS IN DISCIPLINARY, MEMBERSHIP DENIAL, REGISTRATION AND MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY ACTIONS

1. The authority citation for part 171 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 4a, 12a and 21.

2. Section 171.50 is amended by revising the heading and paragraphs (a) introductory text, (c) and (d) to read as follows:

§ 171.50 Delegation to the General Counsel.

(a) The Commission hereby delegates, until it orders otherwise, to the General Counsel or the General Counsel's designee, the authority:

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(c) The General Counsel or the General Counsel's designee may submit to the Commission for its consideration any matter which has been delegated pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section.

(d) Nothing in this section will be deemed to prohibit the Commission, at its election, from exercising the authority delegated to the General Counsel under this section.

Issued in Washington, D.C. this 19th day of August 1999, by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Catherine D. Dixon,

Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 177

[Docket No. 96F–0176]

Indirect Food Additives: Polymers

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of Nylon 6/12 copolymer resins as nonfood-contact layers of laminated films and rigid multilaminate constructions with polypropylene outer layers intended for use in contact with food. This action is in response to a petition filed by Toray Industries (America) Inc.

DATES: The regulation is effective August 25, 1999; written objections and requests for a hearing by September 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written objections to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vivian M. Gilliam, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3167.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of August 27, 1996 (61 FR 44067), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 6B4505) had been filed by Toray Industries (America) Inc., c/o Keller and Heckman, 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in Part 177 Indirect Food Additives: Polymers (21 CFR part 177) to provide for the safe use of Nylon 6/12 copolymers for use as a non-food contact layer of laminated articles intended for use with food.

FDA has evaluated data in the petition and other relevant material. Based on this information, the agency concludes that: (1) The proposed use of the additive as a non-food contact layer of laminated films and rigid multilaminate constructions where the outer layers are made of polypropylene is safe, (2) the additive will achieve its intended technical effect, and (3) the regulations in §§ 177.1390 and 177.1500 should be amended as set forth below.

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 by appointment with the information contact person listed above. As provided in § 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. FDA 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 final rule contains no collections of information. Therefore, clearance by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 is not required.

Any person who will be adversely affected by this regulation may at any time on or before September 24, 1999, 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 Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, 21 CFR 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: 21 U.S.C. 321, 342, 348, 379e.

2. Section 177.1390 is amended by revising paragraph (c)(1)(i)(*f*) to read as follows:

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

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(1) * * *

(i) * * *

(*f*) Nylon 6/12 resins (CAS Reg. No. 25191–04–2) complying with item 13.3 of the table in § 177.1500(b), for use as nonfood-contact layers of laminated films and in rigid multilaminate constructions with polypropylene outer layers. Laminate structures with authorized food-contact materials yield no more than 0.15 milligrams of *epsilon*-caprolactam and 0.04 milligrams of *omega*-laurolactam per square inch when extracted with 95 percent ethanol at 121 °C (250 °F) for 2 hours.

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3. Section 177.1500 is amended in the table in paragraph (b) by adding item ''13.3'' in numerical order to read as follows:

§ 177.1500 Nylon resins.

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(b) * * *

Nylon resins	Specific gravity	Melting point (degrees Fahrenheit)	Solubility in boiling 4.2*N* HCl	Viscosity No. (mL/g)	Maximum extractable fraction in selected solvents (expressed in percent by weight of resin)			
					Water	95 percent ethyl alcohol	Ethyl acetate	Benzene
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13.3 Nylon 6/12 resins with residual *epsilon*-caprolactam not to exceed 0.8 percent by weight and residual *omega*-laurolactam not to exceed 0.1 percent by weight. For use only as specified in § 177.1390 of this chapter.	1.13± 0.15	400–420	Dissolves in 1 h.		1.0	1.5	0.5	0.5
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Dated: August 9, 1999.

L. Robert Lake,

Director, Office of Policy, Planning and Strategic Initiatives, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 05–99–070]

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Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Mears Point Marina and Red Eyes Dock Bar Fireworks Display, Chester River, Kent Narrows, Maryland

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: Temporary special local regulations are being adopted for the Mears Point Marina and Red Eyes Dock Bar Fireworks Display, to be held September 5, 1999, over the waters of the Chester River, Kent Narrows, Maryland. These regulations are needed to protect spectator craft and other vessels transiting the event area from the dangers associated with the event. This action is intended to enhance the safety of life and property during the event.

DATES: This temporary final rule is effective from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) on September 5, 1999 and September 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Documents as indicated in this preamble are available for inspection or copying at Commander (Aoax), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704–5004, between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (757) 398–6204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Warrant Officer R. Houck, Marine Events Coordinator Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore Maryland, 21226–1791, telephone number (410) 576–2674.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

A notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) was not published for this regulation. In keeping with 5 U.S.C. 553(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a NPRM. In keeping with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard also finds that good cause exists for making this regulation effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register.** The Coast Guard received confirmation of this request for special local regulations on July 16, 1999. There was not sufficient time to publish a proposed rule in advance of the event. Publishing a NPRM and delaying the effective date of the regulation would be contrary to the public interest, because immediate action is necessary to protect spectators and other vessel traffic from the potential hazards associated with this event.

Background and Purpose

The Mears Point Marina and Red Eyes Dock Bar will sponsor a Labor Day Celebration fireworks display, to be held over the waters of the Chester River, Kent Narrows, Maryland. The event will consist of pyrotechnic displays fired