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Bob Sargis,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00F-0089]

Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of phosphorous acid, bis[2,4-bis(1,1-dimethyl)-6-methylphenyl] ethyl ester as a stabilizer in olefin polymers intended to contact food.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Hortense S. Macon, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-206), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3086.

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 0B4702) has been filed by Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., 540 White Plains Road, P.O. Box 2005, Tarrytown, NY 10591-9005. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.2010 *Antioxidants and/or stabilizers for polymers* (21 CFR 178.2010) to provide for the safe use of phosphorous acid, bis[2,4-bis(1,1-dimethyl)-6-methylphenyl] ethyl ester as a stabilizer in olefin polymers intended to contact food. This substance is regulated currently as bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl)ethyl phosphite under 21 CFR 178.2010. The name phosphorous acid, bis[2,4-bis(1,1-dimethyl)-6-methylphenyl] ethyl ester is the most

current nomenclature in the Chemical Abstracts Service Registry System.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of the type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: December 28, 1999.

Laura M. Tarantino,

Acting Director, Office of Premarket

Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: January 31, 2000, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

PLACE: 901 N. Stuart Street, Tenth Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

STATUS: Open session.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Approval of the Minutes of the July 23, 1999, Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- Discussion of Fiscal Year 2000 Programs and Operations.
- Development of Fiscal Year 2001 Program Initiatives and Strategies.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Adolfo A. Franco, Secretary to the Board of Directors, (703) 306-4325.

Dated: January 7, 2000.

Adolfo A. Franco,

Sunshine Act Officer.

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INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON CRIME AND SECURITY IN U.S. SEAPORTS

Public Meetings

AGENCY: Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports.

ACTION: Notice of Public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports announces that it will be holding three public meetings/listening sessions to receive input and feedback from the private sector concerning the significant issues involving crime, security, and terrorism in U.S. seaports.

DATES: The public meetings/listening sessions will be held on February 2,

2000, in the Norfolk/Hampton Roads, Virginia area; February 16, 2000, in the Oakland/San Francisco, California area; and March 1, 2000, in the Houston, Texas area.

ADDRESSES: The Norfolk/Hampton Roads session on February 2, 2000 will be held at the Ramada Inn, 615 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451. The Oakland/San Francisco meeting on February 16, 2000 will be held at the Holiday Inn Financial District, 750 Kearney St., San Francisco, California 94108. The Houston meeting on March 1, 2000 will be held at the Radisson Conference Center, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas 77017. All meetings/sessions are scheduled to begin at 9 A.M. and conclude at 1:00 P.M.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Kelly, Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports, (202) 927-3741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports, which is comprised of representatives from several different Federal Agencies, was established by Executive Memorandum on April 27, 1999. The President's Memorandum is printed in the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, Vol. 35 (1999), page 755. The Commission is co-chaired by representatives from the Department of the Treasury, Department of Transportation, and Department of Justice.

By a document published in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 1999 (64 FR 32211), the Commission announced that it was established to conduct a comprehensive study of the nature and extent of crime and the overall state of security in U.S. seaports, and the ways in which Federal, State and local governments were responding to this problem. The Commission's study is intended to address all serious crime occurring in the maritime context, including but not limited to drug trafficking, cargo theft, and the smuggling of contraband and aliens. The Commission is responsible for submitting a report by April 27, 2000, which provides: an analysis of the nature and extent of serious crime and the overall state of security in U.S. seaports; an overview of the specific missions and authorities of Federal, state and local agencies as well as the private sector in U.S. seaports; an assessment of the effectiveness of coordination amongst government agencies; and recommendations for addressing seaport-related crimes. Additional information about the Commission and its activities may be

obtained by contacting the Commission's website address (<http://www.seaportcommission.gov>).

The Commission will hold three public meetings/listening sessions to receive input and feedback from the private sector concerning the significant issues involving crime, security, and terrorism in U.S. seaports. During the course of these public meetings, the members of the Commission will also be interested in hearing about private sector solutions and recommendations for addressing issues related to crime, terrorism and security in seaports. Presenters will be required to advise the Commission at least 24 hours in advance (at 202 927-2700) if they intend to make an oral statement at a meeting, and will be required to submit written statements that reflect their views and recommendations in advance of the meetings. Some "observations" of the working group and Commissioners during their recent visits to selected seaports in the United States include: internal conspiracies are an issue at many seaports; there is a lack of vulnerability assessments for seaports; access to seaports is frequently uncontrolled, allowing vulnerability to terrorism and criminal activity; security-related meetings are not held in most ports; and equipment and technology is lacking at many ports. The Commission is also interested in hearing the public's response to the following questions: What is the appropriate role for the Federal, state, and local government in seaports? Do we need nationwide security "standards" for seaports? If so, should these standards be voluntary or mandatory? Whose responsibility is it to fund security enhancements at seaports?

Parties interested in attending the meetings are requested to inform The Interagency Commission of their intention to attend the sessions to assure adequate accommodations are provided to the public. The notice may be given in writing or telephonically. Written notices should be sent to: The Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports, Suite 1301 N, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. Telephone replies may be made to Ms. Barbara Ferrell at (202) 927-2700.

In the interest of assuring that all participants at the meetings are allowed the opportunity to be heard, the Commission reserves the right to limit the amount of time speakers may have to make oral statements. The Commission is also requesting that one person from each organization, or firm, speak on behalf of all their members in attendance at the meetings.

Dated: January 7, 2000.

D. Lynn Gordon,

Executive Director, Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Advisory Council Charter

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Public Advisory Council Charter—Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with section 9a(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988). Following consultation with the General Services Administration, the Secretary of the Interior hereby renews the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) charter to continue for 2 years. **DATES:** The charter will be filed under the Act January 27, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laury Parramore, Council Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), (703) 836-1392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Service to help the Department of the Interior (Department) and the Service achieve their goal of increasing public awareness of the importance of aquatic resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing and boating. The Council will represent the interests of the sport fishing and boating constituencies and industries and will consist of no more than 18 members appointed by the Secretary to assure a balanced, cross-sectional representation of public and private sector organizations. The Council will consist of two ex-officio members: Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the President, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA). The 16 remaining members will be appointed at the Secretary's discretion to achieve balanced representation for recreational fishing and boating interests. The membership will be comprised of senior-level representatives for recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resource conservation. These appointees must have demonstrated expertise and experience in one or more of the

following areas of national interest: The director of a State agency responsible for the management of recreational fish and wildlife resources, selected from a coastal State if the President of IAFWA is from an inland State, or selected from an inland State if the President of IAFWA is from a coastal State; saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing; recreational boating; recreational fishing and boating industries; conservation of recreational fishery resources; aquatic resource outreach and education; and tourism.

The Council will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Act).

The Certification of renewal is published below.

Certification

I hereby certify that the renewal of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by those statutory authorities as defined in Federal laws including, but not restricted to, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 in furtherance of the Secretary of the Interior's statutory responsibilities for administration of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's mission to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Council will assist the Secretary and the Department of the Interior by providing advice on activities to enhance fishery and aquatic resources.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Invasive Species Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee and Invasive Species Council.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee and the Invasive Species Council. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the Council, as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control and minimizing the economic,