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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Labeling Requirements for Color Additives (Other Than Hair Dyes) and Petitions

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to the approval and labeling of color additives.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by *[insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]*.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/dockets/edockethome.cfm>. Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane., rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Schlosburg, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 16B-26; Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed extension of a collection of information including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Labeling Requirements for Color Additives (other than hair dyes)—21 CFR 70.25 and Petitions—21 CFR 71.1 (OMB Control No. 0910–01850—Extension

Section 721(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 379e) provides that a color additive shall be deemed to be unsafe unless the additive and its use are in conformity with a regulation that describes the condition(s) under which the additive may safely be used, or unless the additive and its use conform to the terms of an exemption for investigational use issued under section 721(f) of the act. Color additive petitions are submitted by individuals or companies to obtain approval of a new color additive or a change in the conditions of use

permitted for a color additive that is already approved. Section 71.1 (21 CFR 71.1) specifies the information that a petitioner must submit in order to establish the safety of a color additive and to secure the issuance of a regulation permitting its use.

FDA scientific personnel review color additive petitions to ensure that the intended use of the color additive in or on food, drugs, cosmetics, and medical devices is suitable and safe. Color additive petitions were specifically provided for by Congress when it enacted the Color Additive Amendments of 1960 (Public Law 94–295). If FDA stopped accepting color additive petitions or stopped requiring them to contain the information specified in § 71.1, there would be no way to bring new uses of listed color additives or new color additives to market.

FDA's color additive labeling requirements in § 70.25 (21 CFR 70.25) require that color additives that are to be used in food, drugs, devices, or cosmetics be labeled with sufficient information to ensure their safe use.

Respondents are businesses engaged in the manufacture or sale of color additives for use in food, drugs, cosmetics, or medical devices.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

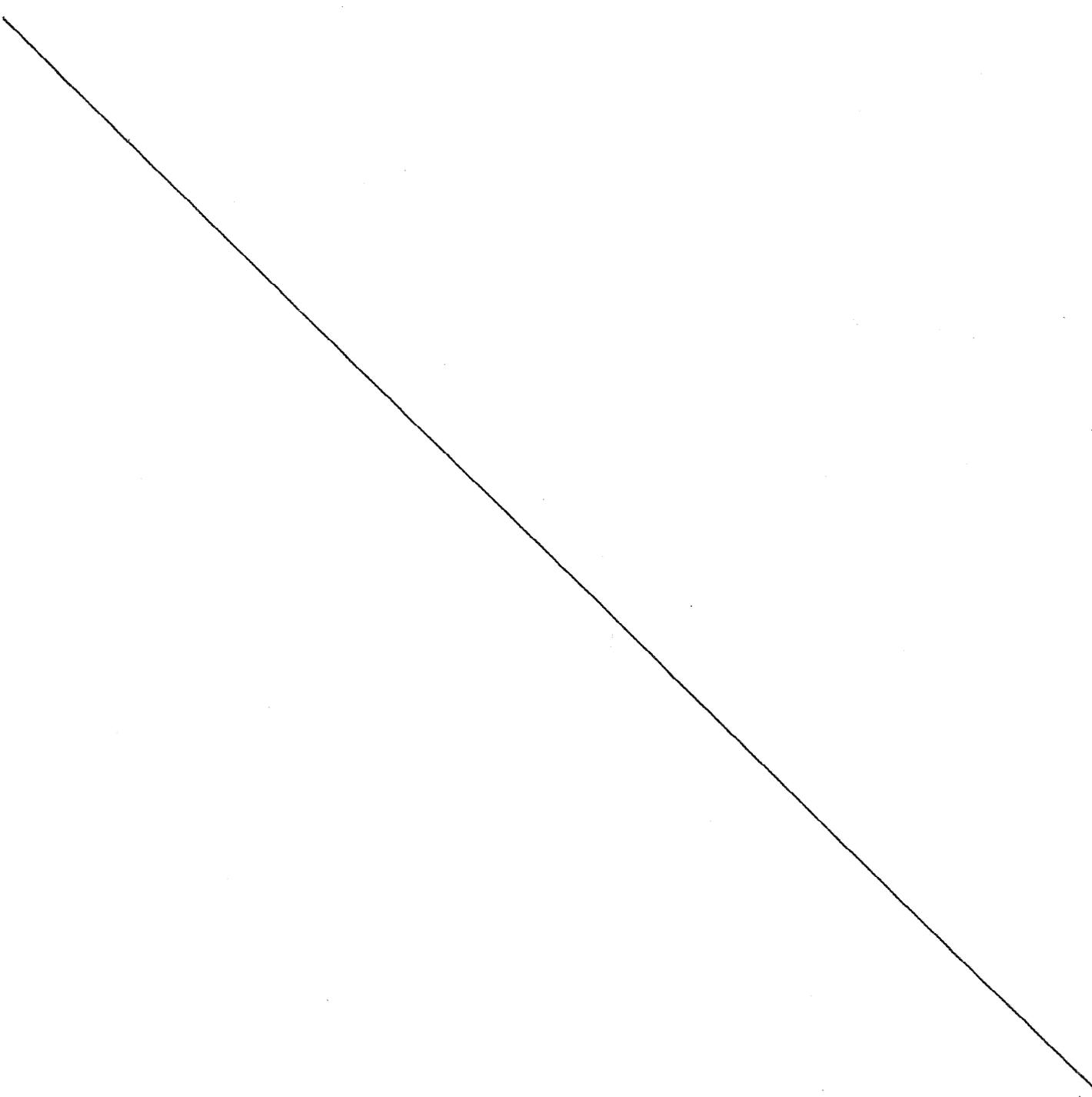
TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN ¹

21 CFR Section	No. of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Total Annual Responses	Average Hours per Response	Total Operating & Maintenance Costs	Total Hours
70.25	3	1	3			3
71.1	3	1	3	2,000	\$8,600	6,000
Total			3		\$8,600	6,003

¹ There are no capital costs associated with this collection of information.

This estimate is based on the number of new color additive petitions received in fiscal year 2000 and the total hours expended by petitioners to prepare the petitions. Although the burden varies with the type of petition submitted, a color additive petition involves analytical work and appropriate toxicology studies, as well as the work of drafting the petition itself. Because labeling requirements under § 70.25 for a particular color additive involve information required as part of the color additive petition safety review process, the estimate for the number of respondents is the same for § 70.25 as for § 71.1, and the burden hours for labeling are included in the estimate for § 71.1.

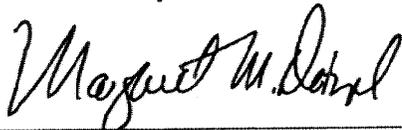
Color additives are subjected to payment of fees for the petitioning process. The listing fee for a color additive petition ranges from \$1,600 to \$3,000, depending on the intended use of the color and the scope of the requested amendment. A complete schedule of fees is set forth in 21 CFR 70.19. An average of one Category A and two Category B color additive petitions are expected per year. The maximum color additive petition fee for a Category A petition is \$2,600 and the



maximum color additive petition fee for a Category B petition is \$3,000. Since an average of three color additive petitions are expected per calendar year, the estimated total annual cost burden to petitioners for this start-up cost would be less than or equal to \$8,600.

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