

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

FOR

Food Additive Petition 4B4421, submitted by Kuraray Co., Ltd., to amend the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of ethylene-vinyl acetate-vinyl alcohol copolymers with broadened specifications that include a decreased minimum acceptable ethylene content and an increased maximum permitted level of migration of ethylene-vinyl acetate-vinyl alcohol oligomers.

The Chemistry and Environmental Review Team and the Environmental Review Team, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, have determined that the approval of this petition will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and therefore will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement. This finding is based on information submitted by the petitioner in an environmental assessment and on confidential environmental information submitted in Appendix IX of the petition.

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