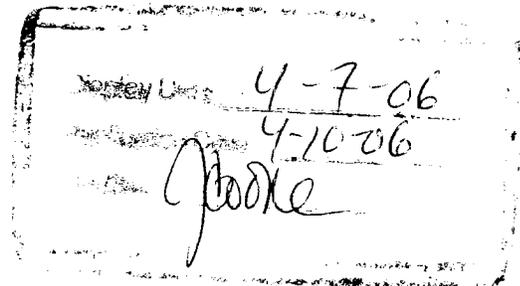


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



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[Docket No. 1998D-1218]

**Guidance for Industry: Gamma Irradiation of Blood and Blood Components:
A Pilot Program for Licensing; Withdrawal of Guidance**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal of a guidance that was issued on March 15, 2000.

DATES: *[Insert date of publication in the Federal Register.]*

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of March 15, 2000 (65 FR 13982), FDA announced the availability of a guidance entitled "Guidance for Industry: Gamma Irradiation of Blood and Blood Components: A Pilot Program for Licensing." This guidance described a pilot program in which biologics manufacturers could self-certify conformance to licensing criteria prescribed by FDA. This action was intended to reduce unnecessary burdens for industry without diminishing public health protection.

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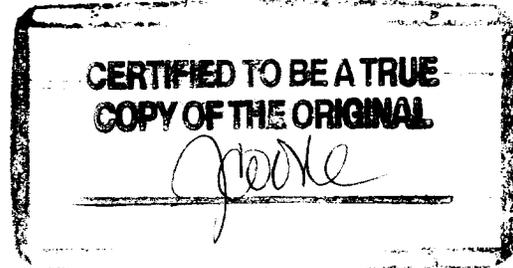
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The guidance is being withdrawn because FDA has determined that there is a lack of industry interest in pursuing the pilot licensing program outlined in the guidance.

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