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Thomas J. Lipton, Inc.; Withdrawal of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of a food additive petition (FAP 0A3481) proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of methylene chloride as a solvent for decaffeinating tea.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

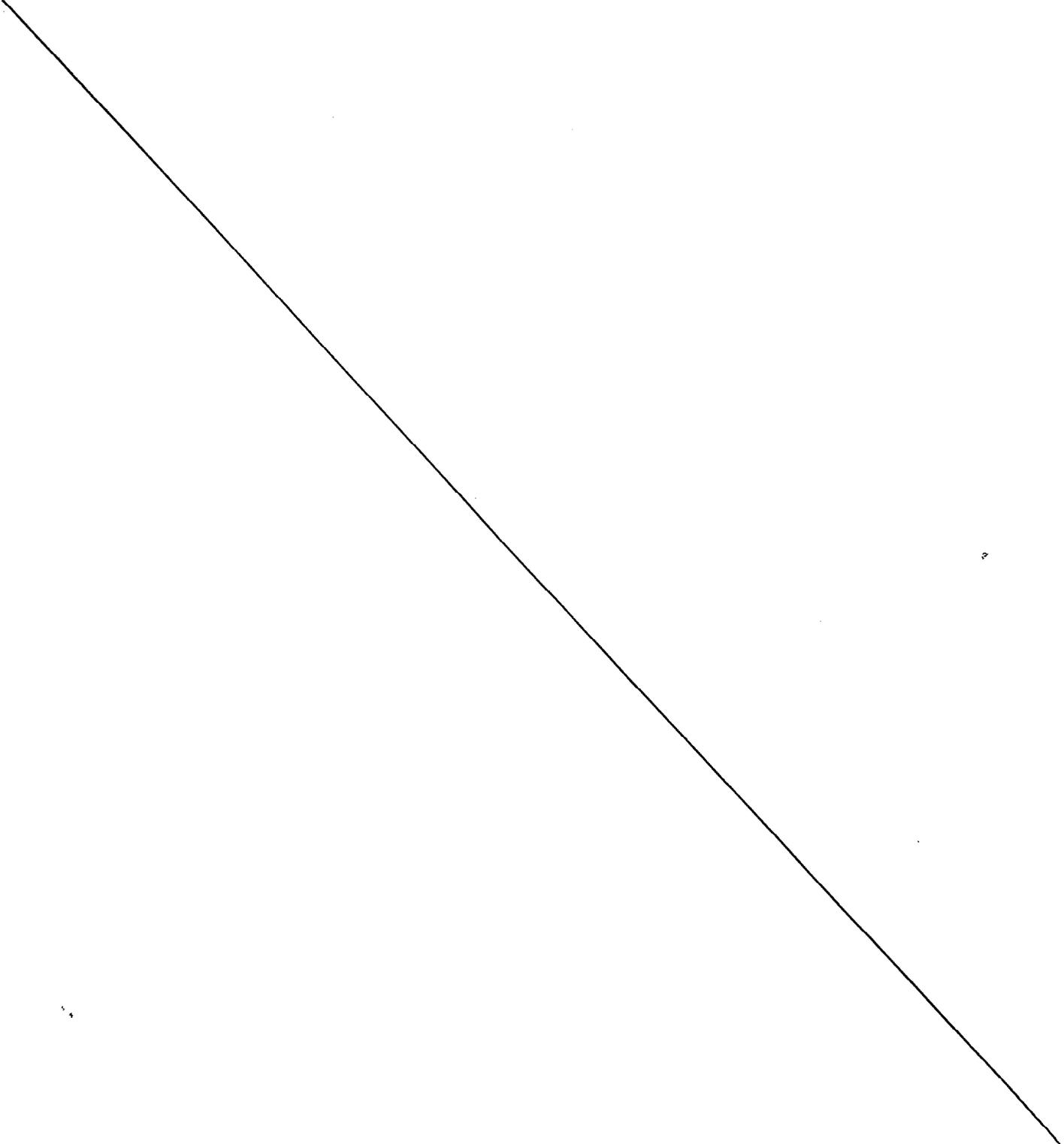
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of November 23, 1979 (44 FR 67231), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 0A3481) had been filed by Thomas J. Lipton, Inc., 800 Sylvan Ave., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. The

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petition proposed that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of methylene chloride as a solvent for decaffeinating tea. Thomas J. Lipton, Inc., an operating division of



Unilever, the successor to Thomas J. Lipton, Inc., has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

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