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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-2673]

Caudill Seed Co., Inc.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Caudill Seed Co., Inc., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of irradiation to control microbial pathogens in alfalfa and other sprouting seeds.

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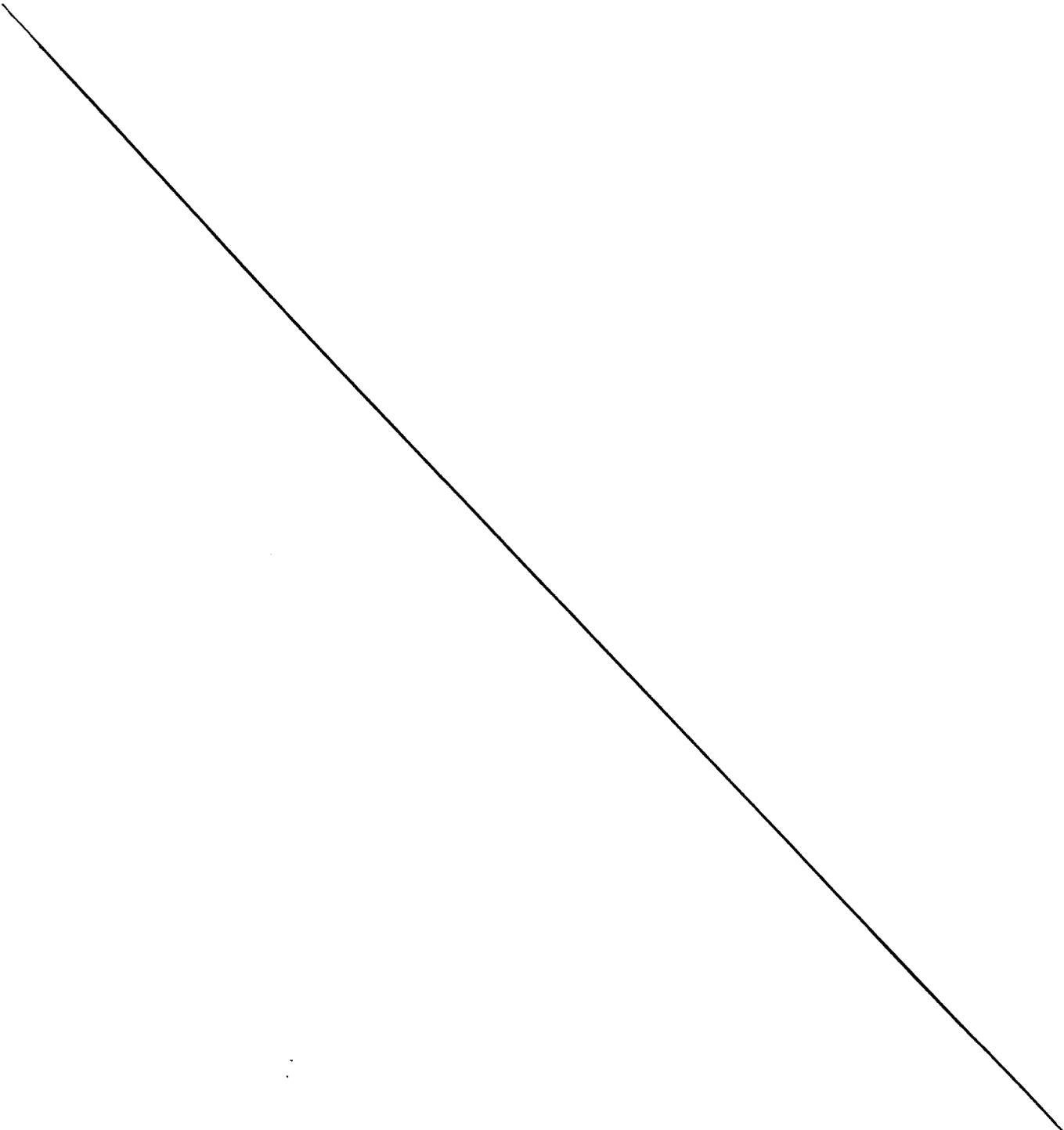
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9M4673) has been filed by Caudill Seed Co., Inc., 1402 West Main St., Louisville, KY 40203. The

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petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in part 179 Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food (21 CFR part 179) to provide for the safe use of sources of ionizing radiation to control microbial pathogens in alfalfa and other sprouting seeds.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(j) 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.

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