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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98F-1199]

Avecia, 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 7B4525) proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 2-methyl-4,5-trimethylene-4-isothiazolin-3-one as a preservative for paper coatings intended for use in contact with aqueous food.

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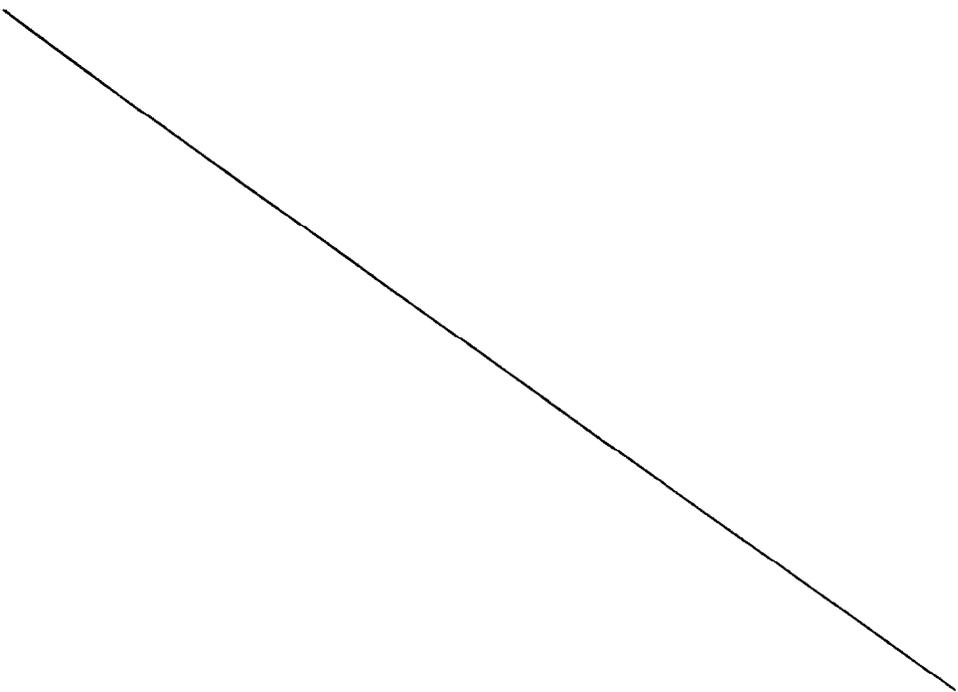
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **FEDERAL REGISTER** of January 6, 1999 (64 FR 884), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 7B4525) had been filed by Zeneca Biocides, Foulkstone 1405, 2d, 1800 Concord Pike, P.O. Box 15457, Wilmington, DE 19850-5457. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in § 176.170 Components of paper and paperboard in contact with aqueous and fatty foods (21 CFR 176.170) to provide for the safe use of 2-methyl-4,5-trimethylene-4-isothiazolin-3-one as a preservative for paper coatings intended for use in contact with aqueous foods. Since publication of the filing notice, Zeneca Biocide's specialty



chemicals group has been spun-off as Avecia, Inc., 1405 Foulk Road, P.O. Box 15457, Wilmington, DE 19850-5457. Avecia, Inc. has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

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