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Food Additive Petition 2236

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The Center for Veterinary Medicine has carefully considered the potential environmental impact of this action and has concluded that this action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be required.

The petitioner proposes the use of sodium salts of predominately stearic acid as an anticaking agent in animal feeds. The sodium stearate salts would serve as an alternative to the previously approved feed grade calcium stearate salts (21 CFR 573.280). Sodium stearate would be added to feeds in concentrations consistent with good manufacturing practices.

Sodium stearate salts are manufactured by Barlocher GmbH in Munich, Germany from animal fats and tallow.

In support of the petition, Ms. Pendleton has submitted the attached August 16, 1996, abbreviated environmental assessment (EA). The EA claims the abbreviation listed under 21 CFR 25.31a(b)(5) that is for naturally occurring substances. Information in the petition supports the use of this abbreviation and indicates that the manufacture of the product is in compliance with applicable emissions controls.

5-20-97

Date



Senior Environmental Scientist, HFV-200

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Date

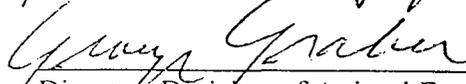


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Date



Director, Division of Animal Feeds, HFV-220

Attachments: Environmental Assessment dated August 16, 1996