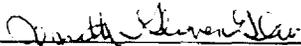


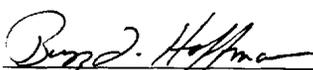
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

FOR

Food Additive Petition 7B4549, submitted by Mitsui Petrochemical Industries, Ltd. to amend the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of ethylene/propylene copolymers that contain up to 20 mole-percent of polymer units derived from propylene, with the remainder of the polymer consisting of ethylene, and having a minimum viscosity average molecular weight of 95,000 and a minimum Mooney viscosity of 13 at up to 30 percent of other regulated polymer blends.

The Environmental Impact Team, Division of Product Manufacture and Use, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, has determined that the approval of this petition will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and therefore will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement. This finding is based on information submitted by the petitioner in an environmental assessment prepared using the format described in previous 21 *CFR* 25.31a(a).

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