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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-0459]

Exxon Co. International ; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY : Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION : Notice.

SUMMARY : The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Exxon Co. International has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of isopropyl laurate in surface lubricants used in the manufacture of metallic articles intended for contact with food.

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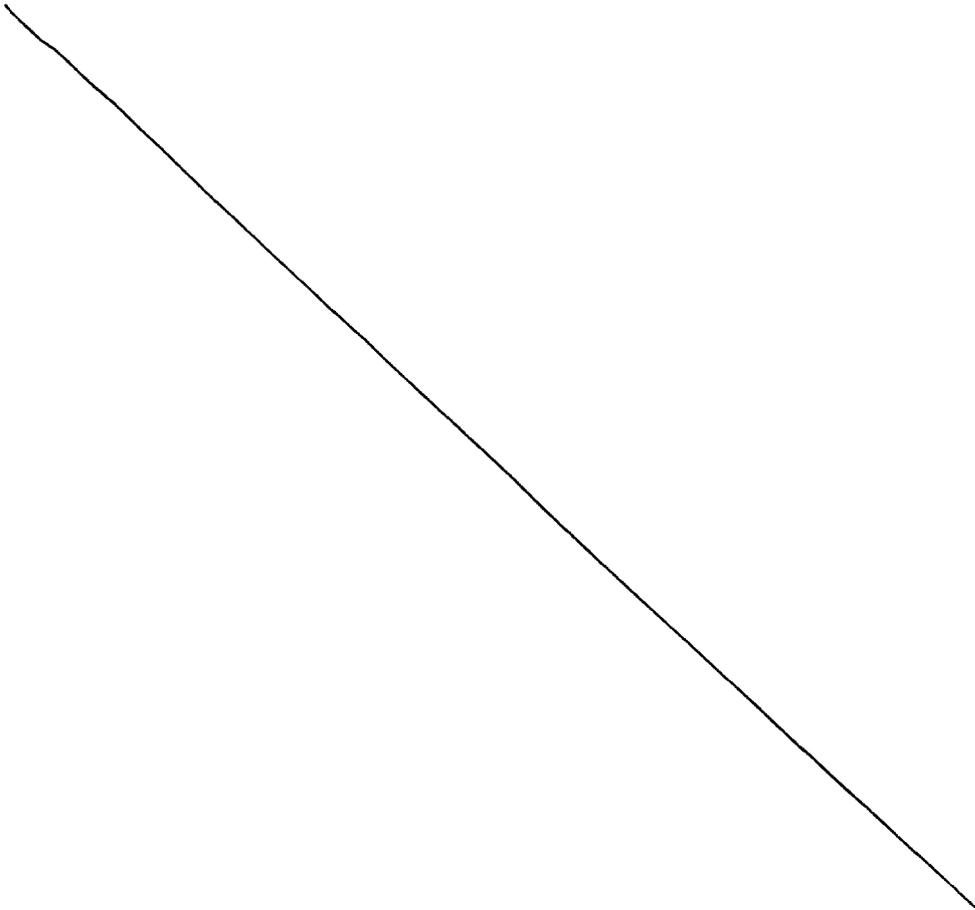
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9B4647) has been filed by Exxon co. International, 200 Park Ave., Florham Park, NJ 07932-1002. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3910 Surface lubricants used in the manufacture of metallic articles (21 CFR 178.3910) to

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provide for the safe use of isopropyl laurate in surface lubricants used in the manufacture of metallic articles intended for contact with food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of a 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.

Dated: February 26, 1999

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