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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-1419]

Milliken & Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Milliken & Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of silver sodium hydrogen zirconium phosphate as an antimicrobial additive for polymers intended to contact 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 9B4662) has been filed by Milliken & Co., c/o Keller and Heckman, LLP, 1001 G St. NW.,

suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in 21 CFR part 178--Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers to provide for the safe use of silver sodium hydrogen zirconium phosphate as an antimicrobial additive for polymers intended to contact 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.

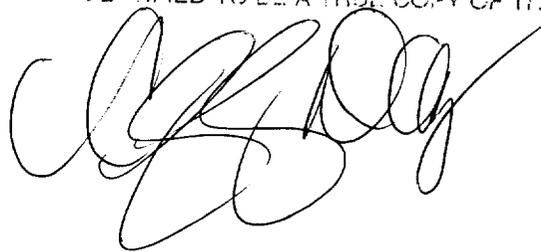
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