

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 03F-0088]

Ion Beam Applications; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Ion Beam Applications has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended by increasing the maximum permitted energy level of X-rays for treating food to 7.5 million electron volts (MeV) from the currently permitted maximum level of 5.0 MeV.

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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 3M4745) has been filed by Ion Beam Applications, 6000 Poplar Ave., suite 426, Memphis, TN. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 179.26 Ionizing radiation for the treatment of food (21 CFR 179.26) by increasing the maximum permitted energy level of X-rays for treating food to 7.5 MeV from the currently permitted maximum level of 5.0 MeV.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(j) 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 24, 2003.

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