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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 74

[Docket No. 98C-0158]

**Listing of Color Additives For Coloring Meniscal Tacks; D&C Violet No. 2;
Confirmation of Effective Date**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is confirming the effective date of July 20, 1999, for the final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** of June 18, 1999 (64 FR 32308), and that amended the color additive regulations to provide for the safe use of D&C Violet No. 2 to color absorbable meniscal tacks made from poly(L-lactic acid).

DATES: Effective date confirmed: July 20, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of June 18, 1999 (64 FR 32803), FDA amended the color additive regulations in § 74.3602 *D&C Violet No. 2* (21 CFR 74.3602) to provide for the safe use of D&C Violet No. 2 to color absorbable meniscal tacks made from poly(L-lactic acid).

FDA gave interested persons until July 19, 1999, to file objections or requests for a hearing.

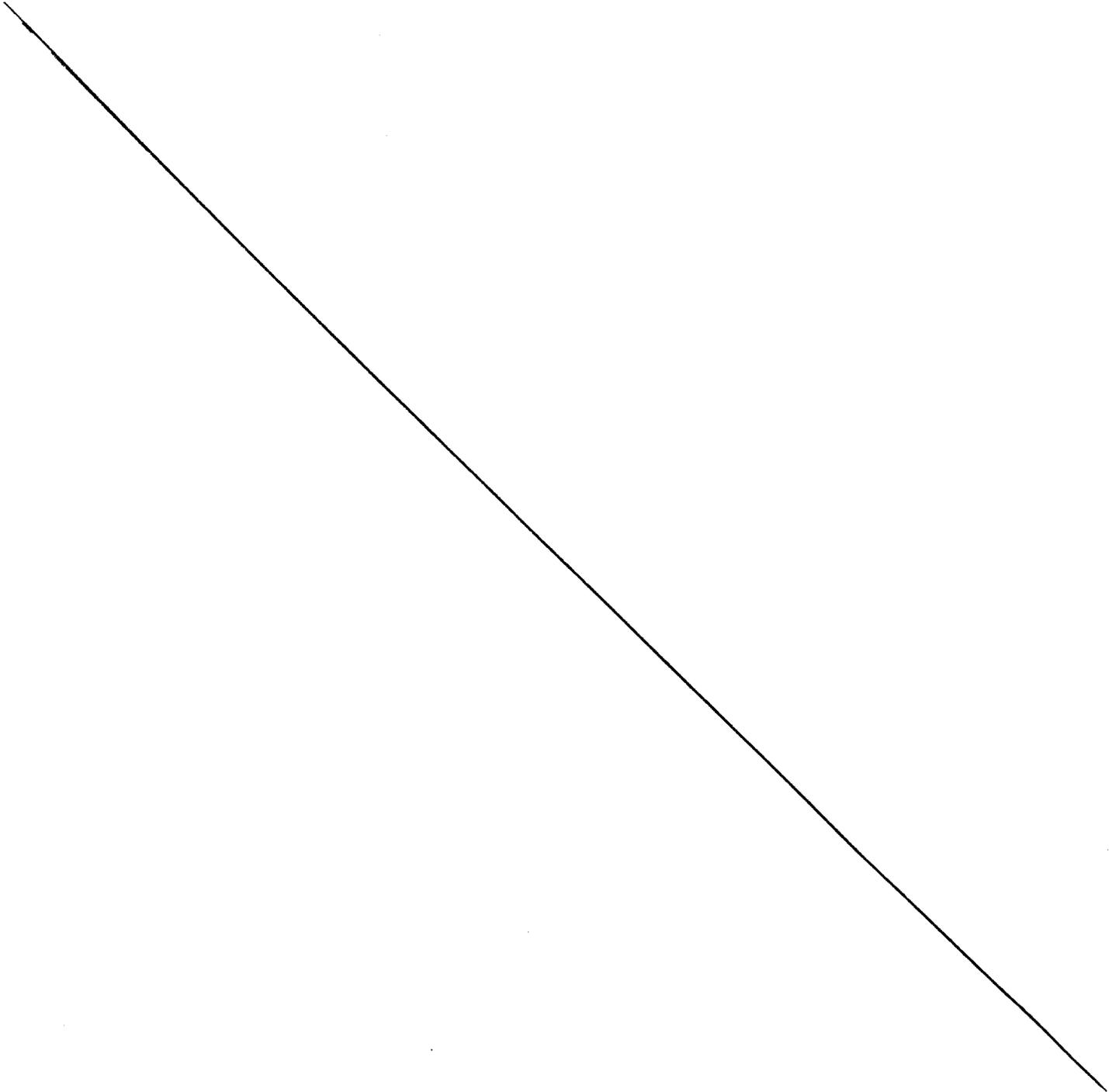
The agency received no objections or requests for a hearing on the final rule. Therefore, FDA

finds that the effective date of the final rule that published in the **Federal Register** of June 18, 1999, should be confirmed.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 74

Color additives, Cosmetics, Drugs, Foods, Medical devices.

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321, 341, 342, 343, 348, 351, 352, 355, 361, 362, 371, 379e) and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of



Food and Drugs (21 CFR 5.10), notice is given that no objections or requests for a hearing were filed in response to the June 18, 1999, final rule. Accordingly, the amendments issued thereby became effective July 20, 1999.

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