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General Electric Co.; Withdrawal of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY : Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION : Notice .

SUMMARY : The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of a food additive petition (FAP 0B4615) proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the expanded safe use of phosphorous acid, cyclic butylethyl propanediol, 2,4,6-tri-tert-butylphenyl ester, which may contain up to 1 percent by weight of triisopropanolamine, as an antioxidant and/or stabilizer for polypropylene intended for use in contact with food.

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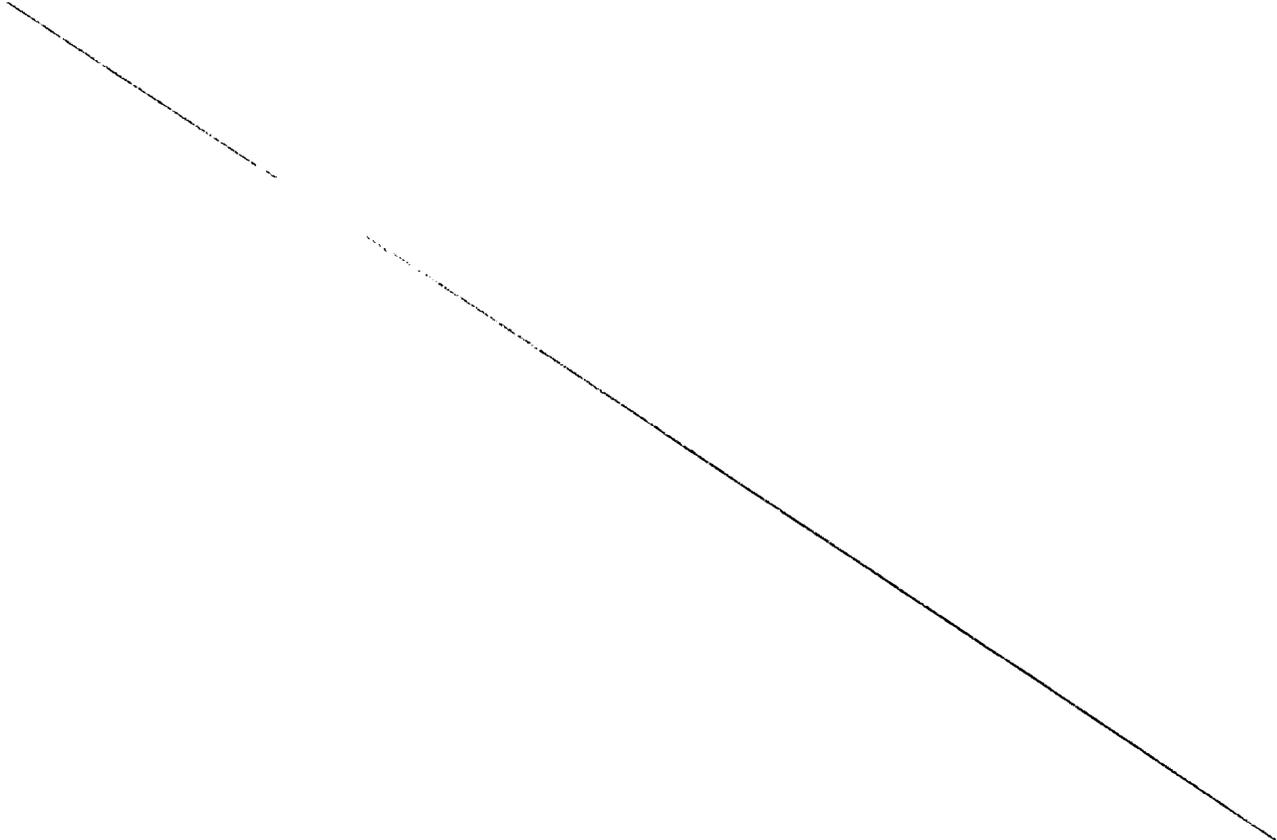
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of August 5, 1998 (63 FR 41855), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 8B4615) had been filed by General Electric Co., One Lexan Lane, Mt. Vernon IN 47620-9364. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.2010 Antioxidants and/or stabilizers for polymers (21 CFR 178.2010) to provide for the expanded safe use of phosphorous acid, cyclic butylethyl propanediol, 2,4,6-tri-tert-butylphenyl ester, which may contain up to 1 percent by weight of triisopropanolamine, as an antioxidant and/or stabilizer for polypropylene complying with § 177.1520(c), items 1.1, 1.2, or



1.3, intended for use in contact with food. General Electric Co. has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

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