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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food And Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-1422]

Sumitomo Chemical Co. Ltd.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the expanded safe use of 2,4-di-tert-pentyl-6-[1-(3,5-di-tert-pentyl-2-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl]phenyl acrylate as an antioxidant and/or stabilizer for polypropylene, polystyrene, rubber modified polystyrene, and styrene block copolymers intended for use in contact with food.

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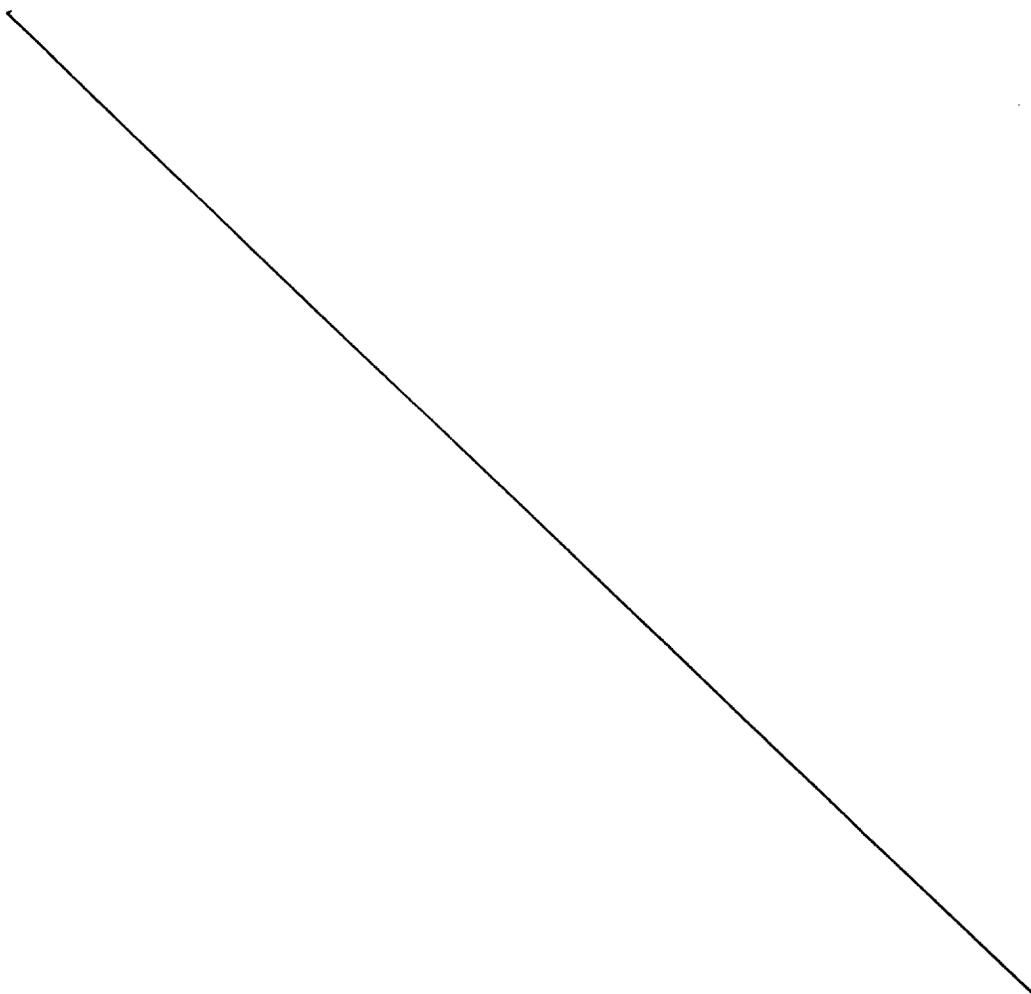
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9B4661) has been filed by Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd., c/o Keller and Heckman LLP, 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001.

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The petition proposes 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 2,4-di-tert-pentyl-6-[1-(3,5-di-tert-pentyl-2-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl]phenyl acrylate as an antioxidant and/or stabilizer for polypropylene, polystyrene, rubber modified polystyrene, and styrene block copolymers intended for use in contact with food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of the 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: May 5, 1999
May 5, 1999

Signed: Alan M. Rulis

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