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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 74

[Docket No. 98C-0041]

**Listing of Color Additives for Coloring Sutures; [Phthalocyaninato(2-)] Copper;
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 June 2, 1999, for the final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** of April 30, 1999 (64 FR 23185), and amended the color additive regulations to provide for the safe use of [phthalocyaninato(2-)] copper in coloring nonabsorbable sutures for general and ophthalmic surgery made from a blend of poly(vinylidene fluoride) and poly(vinylidene fluoride-co-hexafluoropropylene).

DATES: Effective date confirmed: June 2, 1999.

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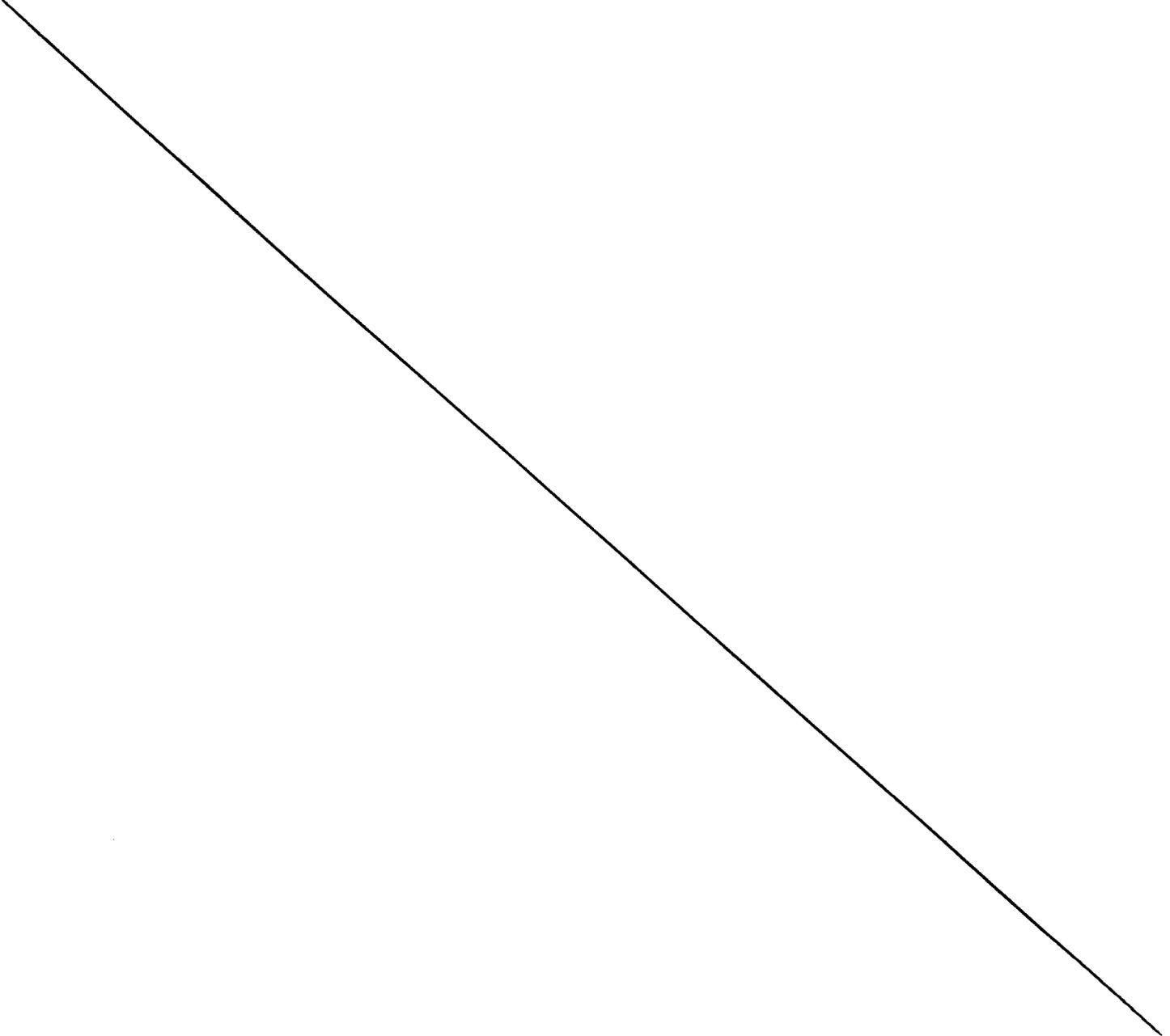
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of April 30, 1999 (64 FR 23185), FDA amended the color additive regulations in § 74.3045 [*Phthalocyaninato(2-)] copper* (21 CFR 74.3045) to provide for the safe use of [phthalocyaninato(2-)] copper in coloring nonabsorbable sutures for general and ophthalmic surgery made from a blend of poly(vinylidene fluoride) and poly(vinylidene fluoride-co-hexafluoropropylene).

FDA gave interested persons until June 1, 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 April 30, 1999, should be confirmed.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 74

Color additives, Cosmetics, Drugs.

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



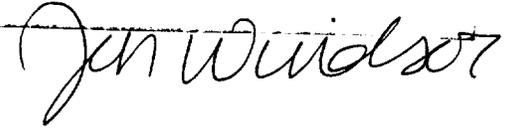
Food and Drugs (21 CFR 5.10), notice is given that no objections or requests for a hearing were filed in response to the April 30, 1999, final rule. Accordingly, the amendments issued thereby became effective June 2, 1999.

Dated: 7/15/99
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Policy, Planning and Legislation

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