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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-2799]

**SteriGenics International, Inc.; Filing of Food Additive Petition (Animal Use);
Irradiation**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that SteriGenics International, Inc., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the approval to irradiate various animal feeds and feed ingredients for microbial control.

DATES: Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by (*insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register*).

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John D. McCurdy, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-222), Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 301-827-0171.

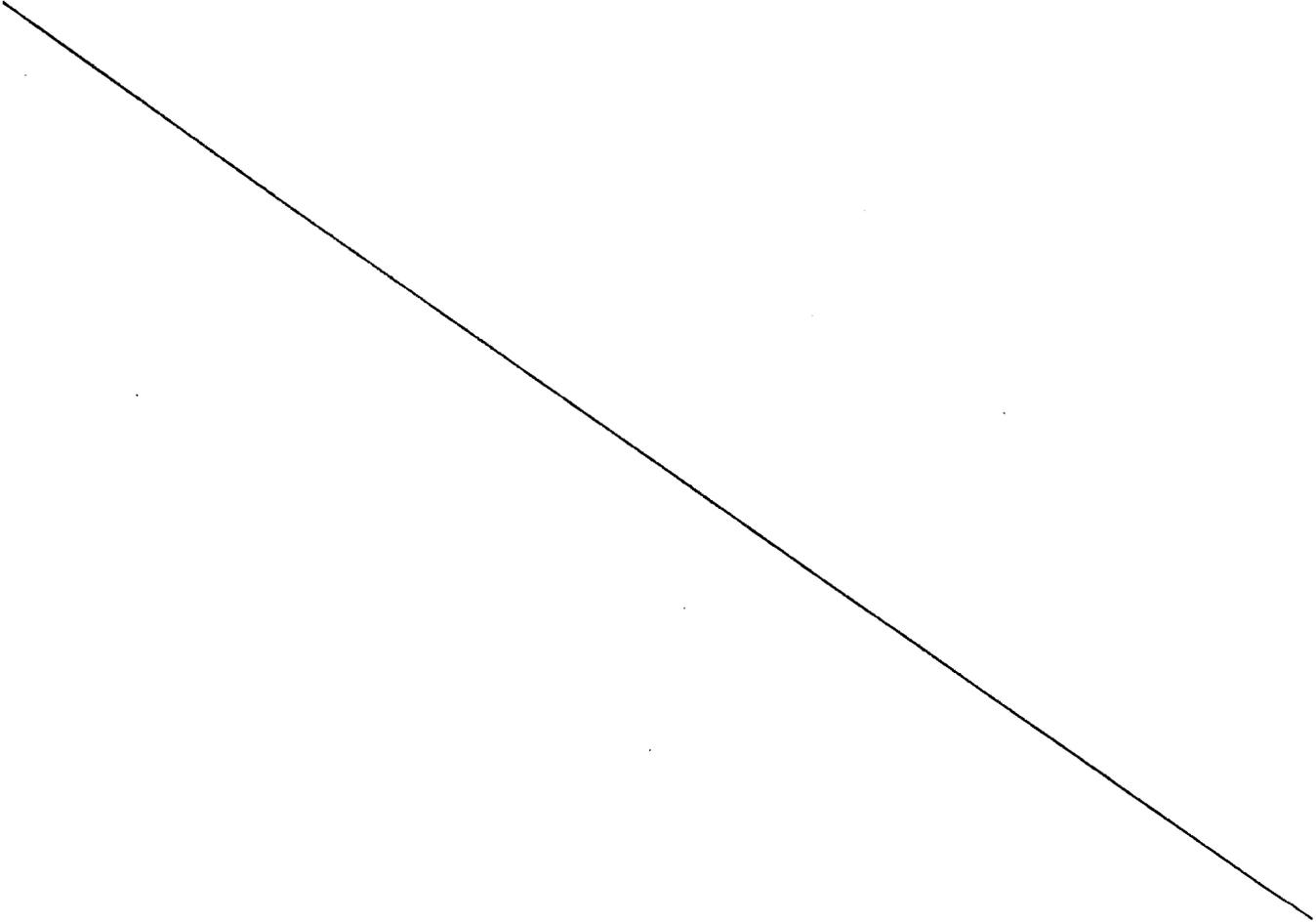
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (section 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 2243) has been filed by SteriGenics International, Inc., 4020 Clipper Ct., Fremont, CA 94538-6540. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations on irradiation in the production, processing, and handling of animal feed and pet food in 21 CFR part 579 to approve irradiation in various animal feeds and feed ingredients for microbial control.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations issued under the National Environmental Policy Act (40
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CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice on public display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment.

Interested persons may, on or before (*insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register*), submit to the Dockets Management Branch written comments. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the **Federal Register**. If, based on its review, FDA finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant



impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

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