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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 96G-0413]

Vulcan Chemical Technologies, Inc.; Withdrawal of GRAS Affirmation 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 petition (GRASP 3G0020) proposing to affirm that the use of chlorine dioxide is generally recognized as safe (GRAS) in the treatment of potable water and the washing of fruits and vegetables.

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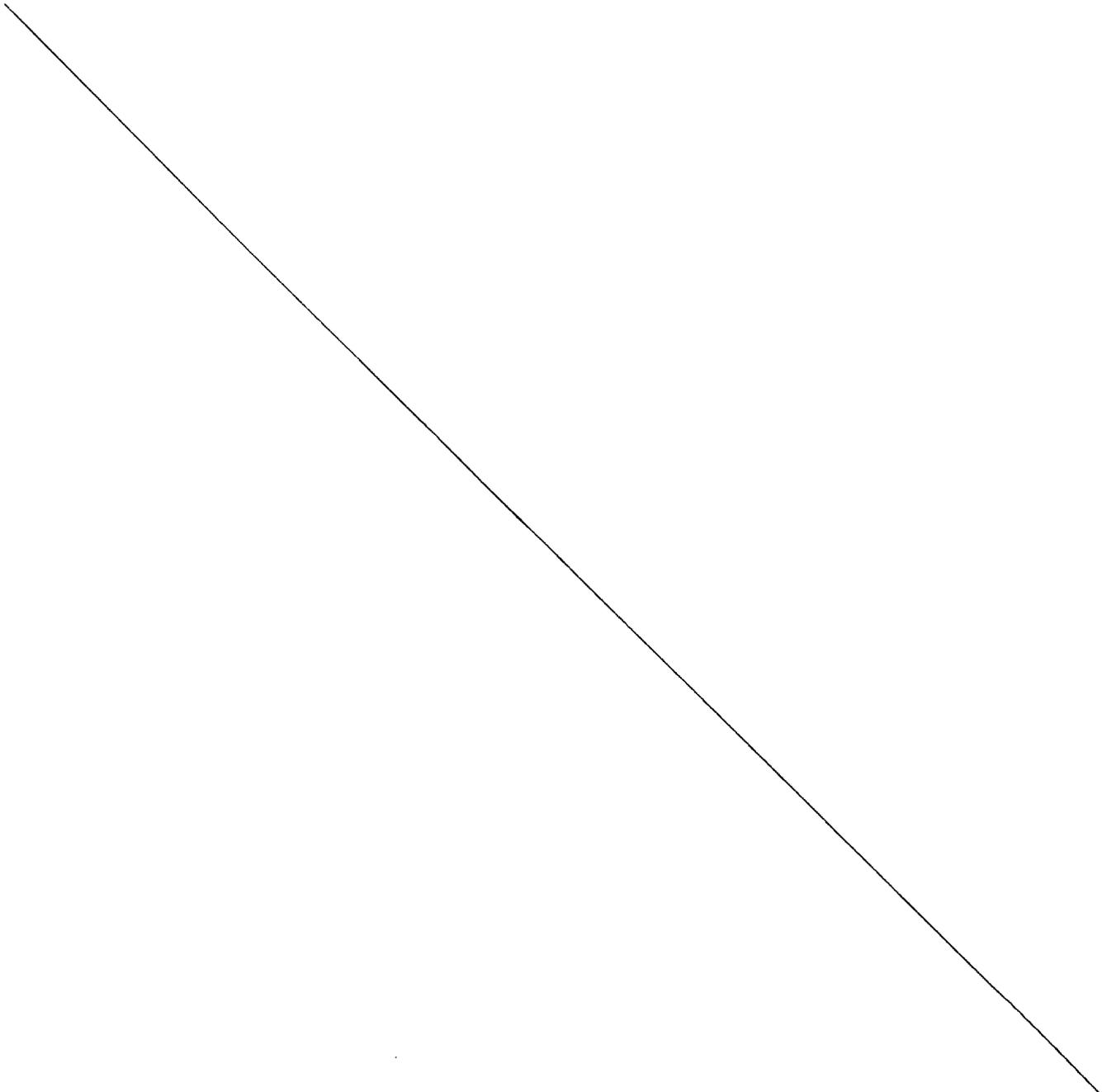
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of March 23, 1973 (38 FR 7578), FDA announced that a petition (GRASP 3G0020) had been filed by Olin Corp., 120 Long Ridge Rd., Stamford, CT 06904. This petition proposed that the use of chlorine dioxide in the treatment of potable water and the washing of fruits and vegetables be affirmed as GRAS. In June 1992, Vulcan Chemicals (now Vulcan Chemical Technologies, Inc.),

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1902 Channel Dr., West Sacramento, CA 95691-3477, acquired the rights to this petition.

In the FEDERAL REGISTER of July 20, 1998 (63 FR 38746), FDA amended § 173.300 Chlorine dioxide (21 CFR 173.300) to provide for the use of chlorine dioxide to wash fruits and vegetables that are not raw agricultural commodities. This action was taken in response to a food additive petition (FAP

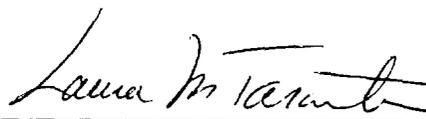


4A4415) that included uses requested in GRASP 3G0020. Thus, FDA requested that GRASP 3G0020 be withdrawn. Vulcan Chemical Technologies, Inc. has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

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