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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98F-0894]

Ecolab Inc.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Ecolab Inc., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of a mixture of peroxyacetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, and 1-hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid as an antimicrobial agent to wash or assist in the lye peeling of fruits and vegetables that are not raw agricultural commodities without the requirement of a potable water rinse following treatment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

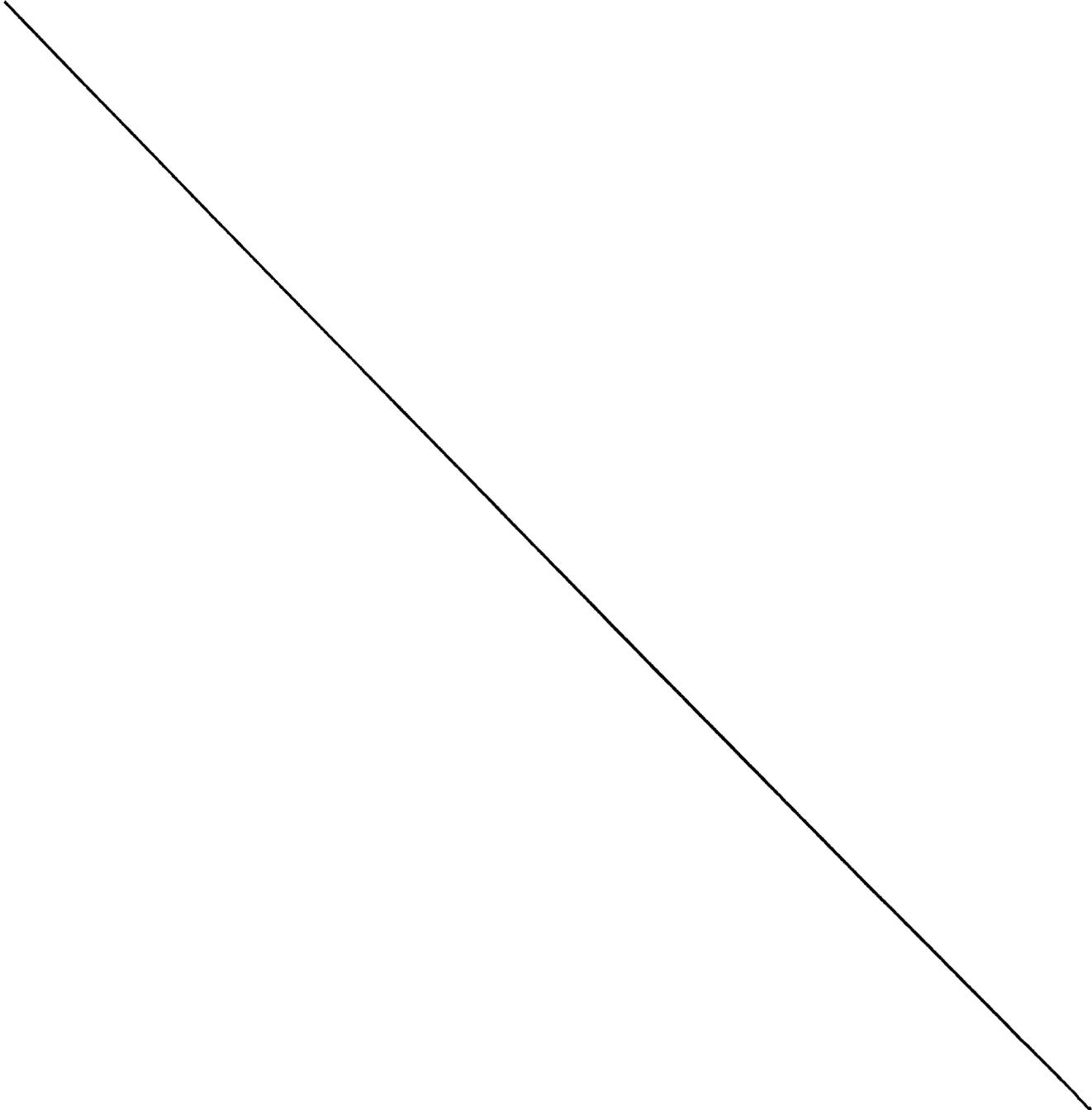
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202-418-3072.

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 8A4622) has been filed by Ecolab Inc., 370 North Wabasha St., St. Paul, MN 55102. The petition proposes to

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amend the food additive regulations in § 173.315 Chemicals used in washing or to assist in the peeling of fruits and vegetables (21 CFR 173.315) to provide for the safe use of a mixture of peroxyacetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, and 1-hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid as an antimicrobial agent to wash or assist in the lye peeling of fruits and vegetables that are not raw agricultural commodities without the requirement of a potable water rinse following treatment.



*if* The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(q) that this action is of a 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.

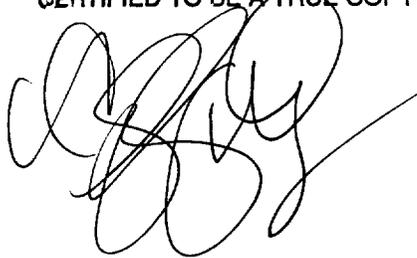
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