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 opthalmic surgery made from a blend of poly(vinylidene fluoride) and poly(vinylidene fluoride-co-hexafluoropropylene).

DATES: Effective date confirmed: June 2, 1999.


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 opthalmic 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.

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