

PART 173—SECONDARY DIRECT FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

1. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 173 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 201, 402, 409 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321, 342, 348).

2. Section 173.45 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) and (c) to read as follows:

§ 173.45 Polymaleic acid and its sodium salt.

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(a) The additives have a weight-average molecular weight in the range of 540 to 850 and a number-average molecular weight in the range of 520 to 650, calculated as the acid. Molecular weights shall be determined by a method entitled "Determination of Molecular Weight Distribution of Poly(Maleic Acid)," March 17, 1992, produced by Ciba-Geigy, Inc., Seven Skyline Dr., Hawthorne, NY 10532-2188, which is incorporated by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies are available from the Division of Product Policy, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-205), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, or are available for inspection at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition's Library, 200 C St. SW., rm. 3321, Washington, DC, or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol St. NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

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(c) The additives are to be used so that the amount of either or both additives does not exceed 4 parts per million (calculated as the acid) by weight of the beet or cane sugar juice or liquor process stream.

Dated: December 27, 1995.

Fred R. Shank,

Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Labor-Management Programs

29 CFR Part 215

RIN 1294-AA14

Guidelines, Section 5333(b), Federal Transit Law

AGENCY: Office of Labor-Management Programs, Office of the American Workplace, Labor.

ACTION: Deferral of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Office of Labor-Management Programs is deferring the effective date of implementation of guidelines for the employee protection program under Title 49 U.S.C., Chapter 53, Section 5333(b) of the Federal Transit law, which is currently January 8, 1996. The extension will add a time period to the January 8, 1996 date equal to the duration of the furlough caused by the partial government shutdown that began on December 16, 1995. The effective date of the guidelines will be the first business day after this extension. This action is being taken because the furlough of Department of Labor (the Department) employees responsible for the administration of this program precludes the Office of Labor-Management Programs from undertaking the necessary staff training and preparation of materials and documents to allow for implementation of the guidelines.

DATES: The effective date of the guidelines is the first business day following an extension from January 8, 1996, such extension to be calculated by adding the total number of days of the furlough which began on December 16, 1995. The Department will publish a document in the Federal Register confirming the new effective date.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Rationale

On December 7, 1995, the Office of Labor-Management Programs, Office of the American Workplace, published final guidelines for administration of the transit employee protection program pursuant to Section 5333(b) of the Federal Transit law, commonly referred to as "Section 13(c)." (FR Vol. 60, No. 235, pg. 62964.) The guidelines were to become effective January 8, 1996.

In view of the ongoing furlough of employees of the Department who are responsible for the implementation of these new guidelines, it will be impossible to implement the guidelines on January 8, 1996. The Department is hereby extending the effective implementation date. The extension will add a time period to the January 8, 1996 date equal to the duration of the furlough that began on December 16, 1995. The effective date of the guidelines will be the first business day after this extension.

The Department has taken this action in recognition of its obligations to the transit industry and the transit employees for whom these protections are provided. The extension is designed to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the new guidelines. The furlough prevented the preparation of explanatory material and documents for staff and the public and interrupted training of necessary staff, thus delaying instituting procedures for a more timely and predictable certification process. This extension is intended to help assure that the Department's customers are well-served and statutory responsibilities are properly conducted.

II. Publication in Final

The Department finds public comment on this referral to be impracticable and unnecessary because the Department is forced to take this action due to the furlough, caused by the partial government shutdown, of the Department employees who administer this program. 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B).

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 215

Grant administration; Grants—transportation; Labor-management relations; Labor unions; Mass transportation.

Accordingly, the amendment of 29 CFR Chapter II published at FR Vol. 60, No. 235, pg. 62964 is deferred until the first business day following an extension from January 8, 1996, such extension to be calculated by adding the total number of days of the furlough which began on December 16, 1995.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 2nd day of January, 1996.

Charles L. Smith,

Deputy Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

31 CFR Part 1

[No. 95-148]

Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury.

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) hereby exempts the Criminal Referral Database from certain provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a (Privacy Act), to the extent the system contains investigatory material pertaining to the enforcement