

date, but it would delay implementation of labeling changes thus decreasing the value of any benefits. A minimum compliance period of 6 months, although providing earlier labeling changes that would increase the value of the benefits, would be twice as expensive as the proposed 1 year.

Therefore, the agency finds that the proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action as defined by the Executive Order. Similarly, the agency certifies that the proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Therefore, under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, no further analysis is required.

This proposed action is not intended to change existing requirements for compliance dates contained in final rules published before the publication of a final rule in this proceeding. Therefore, all final FDA regulations published in the Federal Register before April 15, 1996, that have effective dates other than January 1, 1998, will still go into effect on the date stated in the respective final rule.

Interested persons may, on or before July 1, 1996, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments regarding this proposal. 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 office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: April 10, 1996.

William K. Hubbard,
*Associate Commissioner for Policy
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[Docket Nos. 95N-0282, 95N-0347, 95N-0245]

Food Labeling; Extension of Comment Periods

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rules; extension of comment periods.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that it is extending to June 10, 1996, the comment periods for certain proposed regulations regarding food labeling that appeared in the Federal Register of

December 28, 1995. This action is being taken in response to several requests for brief extensions of the comment periods on these documents.

DATES: Comments by June 10, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments should be identified with the appropriate docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Camille Brewer, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-165), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-5966, or Susan Thompson (address above), 202-205-5587.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of December 28, 1995, FDA published the following proposed rules:

(1) Food Labeling; Requirements for Nutrient Content Claims, Health Claims, and Statements of Nutritional Support for Dietary Supplements (Docket No. 95N-0282 (see 60 FR 67176));

(2) Food Labeling; Nutrient Content Claims: Definition of "High Potency" Claim for Dietary Supplements and Definition of "Antioxidant" for Use in Nutrient Content Claims for Dietary Supplements and Conventional Foods (Docket No. 95N-0347 (see 60 FR 67184)); and

(3) Food Labeling; Statement of Identity, Nutrition Labeling and Ingredient Labeling of Dietary Supplements (Docket No. 95N-0245 (see 60 FR 67194)).

Interested persons were given until March 13, 1996, to comment on the proposals. FDA received several requests for brief extensions of the comment periods to properly respond to the proposals. After careful consideration, FDA decided to extend the comment periods to April 11, 1996 (61 FR 11349, March 20, 1996). FDA placed a memorandum, dated March 13, 1996, that reflected that decision in each of the referenced dockets.

During the extended comment period, FDA has received additional requests for longer extensions of the comment periods. The dietary supplement industry has stated that it is conducting consumer research to determine how consumers perceive nutrition label terms and what label approaches are

most usable by average consumers. Having carefully considered these requests, the agency has decided to grant a further extension of the comment period until June 10, 1996.

This extension will mean that it will be extremely difficult for the agency to publish final rules and the industry to comply with these final rules before the January 1, 1997 compliance date established in the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (the DSHEA). Given this fact, FDA is now considering exercising its enforcement discretion with respect to the DSHEA such that it will not enforce the provisions of the DSHEA until January 1, 1998, which coincides with the next uniform compliance date for food labeling regulations that FDA is proposing elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register. FDA requests comments on this use of its enforcement discretion.

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*Associate Commissioner for Policy
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Approval of Colorado's Petition to Relax the Federal Gasoline Reid Vapor Pressure Volatility Standard for 1996 and 1997

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or the "Agency") is proposing a limited approval of the State of Colorado's petition to relax the Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) standard that applies to gasoline introduced into commerce in the Denver-Boulder ozone nonattainment area from June 1 to September 15. It is proposed that the standard be relaxed from 7.8 pounds per square inches (psi) to 9.0 psi for the years 1996 and 1997. Pursuant to the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Federal RVP standards were promulgated by EPA on June 11, 1990 and revised on December 12, 1991. Colorado's petition is based on evidence that the Denver-Boulder area does not need the 7.8 psi standard to maintain ozone attainment in the near term and that the 7.8 psi standard would impose significant costs on industry and