

calls, provided automated voice-response information to those callers, and provided 1.5 million pages of automated fax information. Information is provided in several levels of detail and complexity in order to reach a broad audience more effectively including the general public and health care professionals.

During August 1997, the Voice/Fax Information Service (VIS) will be converting to toll-free access for callers to ensure health and prevention information availability to all audiences. Callers will continue to be able to access information via voice-response and fax-on-demand. The new number for information via voice response is 1-888-CDC-FACTS (1-888-232-3228) and 1-888-CDC-FAXX (1-888-232-3299) for information via fax. In the future, CDC will be offering all of the information on health topics via TDD services for the hearing-impaired and several languages. In addition, much of this same information is available through the Internet on CDC's web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov>.

Dated: August 15, 1997.

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Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Reallotment of Funds for FY 1996; Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

AGENCY: Office of Community Services, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of determination concerning funds available for reallotment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 2607(b) of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act (the Act), Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 *et seq.*), as amended, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 1997 (62 FR 27768) announcing the Secretary's preliminary determination that \$457,022 in Fiscal Year 1996 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds may be available for reallotment to other LIHEAP grantees.

We received comments from the Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc., and the

Association of Village Council Presidents (Alaska) requesting that they be permitted to retain the funds that were in excess of the 10 per cent carryover, and thus, subject to reallotment.

Also under section 2607(b) of the Act, grantees are required to obligate funds available by the end of the fiscal year in which they are appropriated and may carry over no more than 10 per cent of funds available for obligation in the following fiscal year. We are not able to allow grantees to retain funds that were not obligated in a timely fashion and that exceed the 10 per cent carryover limit. HHS does not have the authority to waive the requirements of the Act regarding the reallotment of LIHEAP funds.

The Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc., also informed HHS that it had \$98,572 in funds for reallotment instead of \$21,184 as originally reported.

In accordance with the requirements of section 2607(2)(C), a revised total of \$534,410 will be reallotted to most current LIHEAP grantees based upon the allocation formula contained in section 2604 of the Act and under the terms of applicable State/Tribe agreements, except that HHS will not issue grants under \$25 because the cost of issuing the grant for that amount is greater than the amount of the grant. These reallotted funds are being distributed by statutory formula to States, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, and insular areas that are currently grantees under the LIHEAP program for FY 1997. No other entities may apply for or receive the funds from HHS.

The reallotted funds must be treated by LIHEAP grantees receiving them as an amount appropriated for FY 1997. As FY 1997 funds, they will be subject to all of the requirements of the Act, including section 2607(b)(2), which requires that a grantee must obligate its total block grant allocation for a fiscal year by the end of the fiscal year for which the funds are appropriated, that is, by September 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Fox, Director, Division of Energy Assistance, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447; telephone (202) 401-9351.

Dated: August 15, 1997.

Donald Sykes,

Director, Office of Community Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97F-0339]

Eastman Chemical Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Eastman Chemical Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the expanded safe use of 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-propanediol as a polyhydric alcohol for use only in forming polyester resins for coatings to include contact with alcoholic foods.

DATES: Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by September 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3081.

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 7B4552) has been filed by Eastman Chemical Co., P.O. Box 431, Kingsport, TN 37662. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 175.300 *Resinous and polymeric coatings* (21 CFR 175.300) to provide for the expanded safe use of 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-propanediol as a polyhydric alcohol for use only in forming polyester resins for coatings to include contact with alcoholic foods.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice on public display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before September 22, 1997, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except