| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Family Provider Assistants | 9 | 1 | .17 | 1 |
| Relative Care Providers | 113 | 1 | .5 | 57 |
| Relative Provider Assistants | 25 | 1 | .17 | 4 |
| Child Care Provider Observation Protocol: | | | | |
| Child Care Centers: | | | | |
| Family Child Care Providers | 161 | 1 | 2 | 321 |
| Relative Care Providers | 40 | 1 | 2 | 79 |
| | 113 | 1 | 2 | 227 |
| Staff Questionnaire | 190 | 1 | 1 | 190 |
| Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2,146 |

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained by writing to The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20047, Attn.: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by title.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance to quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted on or before July 6, 1998.

Dated April 30, 1998.

**Bob Sargis,**

*Acting Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

**[Docket No. 98F–0291]**

### Asahi Denka Kogyo K.K.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Asahi Denka Kogyo K.K., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the expanded safe use of sodium 2,2′-methylenebis(4,6-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphate as a clarifying agent in olefin polymers intended for use in contact with food.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–216), 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 8B4592) has been filed by Asahi Denka Kogyo K.K., 5–2–13, Shirahata, Urawa City, Saitama 336, Japan. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3295 *Clarifying agents for polymers* (21 CFR 178.3295) to provide for the expanded safe use of sodium 2,2′-methylenebis(4,6-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphate as a clarifying agent in olefin polymers intended for use in contact with food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of the 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.

Dated: April 24, 1998.

**Laura M. Tarantino,**

*Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

**[Docket No. 98F–0290]**

### The Dow Chemical Company; Filing of Food Additive Petition

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that The Dow Chemical Co., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of certain olefin basic copolymers, derived from ethylene and alpha monomers with eight or fewer carbon atoms, as articles or as components of articles intended for use in contact with food.

**DATES:** Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by June 8, 1998.

**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:** Hortense S. Macon, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–205), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3086.

**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 8B4586) has been filed by the Dow Chemical Co., 2030 Dow Center, Midland, MI 48674. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 177.1520 Olefin polymers (21 CFR 177.1520) to provide for the safe use of certain olefin basic copolymers derived from ethylene and alpha olefin monomers with eight or fewer carbon atoms, as articles or as

components of articles intended for use in contact with food.

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 June 8, 1998, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. 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. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the **Federal Register**. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: April 24, 1998.

**Laura M. Tarantino,**

*Acting Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

**[Docket No. 98F–0288]**

### Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to expand the safe use of propylene/butene-1 copolymers containing greater than 15 but not more than 35 weight percent of polymer units derived from butene-1 for use in contact with food.

**DATES:** Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by June 8, 1998.

**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:** Julius Smith, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3091.

**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 8B4590) has been filed by Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., c/o Keller & Heckman, 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 177.1520 *Olefin polymers* (21 CFR 177.1520) to expand the safe use of propylene/butene-1 copolymers containing greater than 15 but not more than 35 weight percent of polymer units derived from butene-1 for use in contact with food.

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 June 8, 1998, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. 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. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the **Federal Register**. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: April 24, 1998.

**Laura M. Tarantino,**

*Acting Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

**[Docket No. 81G–0035]**

### Dairy Crest Food, Ltd.; Withdrawal of GRAS Affirmation Petition

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of a petition (GRASP 1G0273) proposing that the use of immobilized lactase composite is generally recognized as safe (GRAS) for use in the production of low-lactose whey.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Valerie M. Davis, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–206), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3181.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of March 3, 1981 (46 FR 14970), FDA announced that a petition (GRASP 1G0273) had been filed by Corning Glass Works, Corning, NY. The petition proposed affirmation that the use of immobilized lactase composite is GRAS for producing low-lactose whey.

In a letter dated January 8, 1988, a law firm, on behalf of Corning Glass Works, informed the agency that sponsorship of the petition was transferred to Dairy Crest Food, Ltd., Dairy Crest House, Portsmouth Rd., Surbiton, Surrey KT6 5QL, England.

On May 29, 1996, the agency contacted the attorney of record for Dairy Crest Foods, Ltd., and inquired whether Dairy Crest Foods, Ltd., was still pursuing the petition, given that the last communication from the petitioner was 5 years previously. This inquiry was prompted by an agency initiative to remove those petitions that are no longer being pursued from FDA's petition inventory. No response was received.

By letter of May 29, 1997, FDA again contacted Dairy Crest Food, Ltd.'s,