

**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:00 a.m., Monday, October 26, 1998.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Proposed 1999 Federal Reserve Board employee salary structure adjustments and merit program.
2. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.
3. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: October 16, 1998.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 98F-0894]

**Ecolab Inc.; Filing of Food Additive Petition**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Ecolab Inc., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of a mixture of peroxyacetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, and 1-

hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid as an antimicrobial agent to wash or assist in the lye peeling of fruits and vegetables that are not raw agricultural commodities without the requirement of a potable water rinse following treatment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary E. LaVecchia, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3072.

**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 8A4622) has been filed by Ecolab Inc., 370 North Wabasha St., St. Paul, MN 55102. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 173.315 *Chemicals used in washing or to assist in the peeling of fruits and vegetables* (21 CFR 173.315) to provide for the safe use of a mixture of peroxyacetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, and 1-hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid as an antimicrobial agent to wash or assist in the lye peeling of fruits and vegetables that are not raw agricultural commodities without the requirement of a potable water rinse following treatment.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(q) that this action is of a 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: October 1, 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. 96G-0413]

**Vulcan Chemical Technologies, Inc.; 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

3G0020) proposing to affirm that the use of chlorine dioxide is generally recognized as safe (GRAS) in the treatment of potable water and the washing of fruits and vegetables.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert L. Martin, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204-0001, 202-418-3074.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of March 23, 1973 (38 FR 7578), FDA announced that a petition (GRASP 3G0020) had been filed by Olin Corp., 120 Long Ridge Rd., Stamford, CT 06904. This petition proposed that the use of chlorine dioxide in the treatment of potable water and the washing of fruits and vegetables be affirmed as GRAS. In June 1992, Vulcan Chemicals (now Vulcan Chemical Technologies, Inc.), 1902 Channel Dr., West Sacramento, CA 95691-3477, acquired the rights to this petition.

In the **Federal Register** of July 20, 1998 (63 FR 38746), FDA amended § 173.300 *Chlorine dioxide* (21 CFR 173.300) to provide for the use of chlorine dioxide to wash fruits and vegetables that are not raw agricultural commodities. This action was taken in response to a food additive petition (FAP 4A4415) that included uses requested in GRASP 3G0020. Thus, FDA requested that GRASP 3G0020 be withdrawn. Vulcan Chemical Technologies, Inc. has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

Dated: October 6, 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. 97E-0269]

**Determination of Regulatory Review Period for Purposes of Patent Extension; Aldara™ (5,238,944)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined the regulatory review period for Aldara™ (5,238,944) and is publishing