

Substances	Limitations
<p>Tetradecanoic acid, lithium salt (CAS Reg. No. 20336-96-3)</p>	<p>For use only at levels not to exceed 0.15 percent by weight of polypropylene and polypropylene copolymers complying with § 177.1520(c) of this chapter, items 1.1a, 1.1b, 3.1a, 3.1b, 3.1c, 3.2a, and 3.2b. The finished polymers may only be used in contact with food of Types I, II, IV-B, VII-B, and VIII as described in table 1 of § 176.170(c) of this chapter under conditions of use B through H as described in table 2 of § 176.170(c) of this chapter, and with food of Types III, IV-A, V, VI-A, VI-B, VI-C, VII-A, and IX described in table 1 of § 176.170(c) of this chapter under conditions of use C through G as described in table 2 of § 176.170(c) of this chapter.</p>

Dated: December 17, 1999.

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Director, Office of Policy, Planning and Strategic Initiatives, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 178

[Docket No. 99F-1457]

Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of 4,5-dichloro-2-((5-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-(3-sulfophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)azo)benzenesulfonic acid, calcium salt(1:1), (C.I. Pigment Yellow 183) as a colorant in high density polyethylene and polypropylene resins intended for use in contact with food. This action responds to a petition filed by BASF Corp.

DATES: This regulation is effective December 27, 1999. Submit written objections and requests for a hearing by January 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written objections to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

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: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of May 27, 1999 (64 FR 28825), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 9B4664) had been filed by BASF Corp., 3000 Continental Dr. North, Mt. Olive, NJ 07828-1234. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of 4,5-dichloro-2-((4,5-dihydro-3-methyl-5-oxo-1-(3-sulfophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)azo)benzenesulfonic acid, calcium salt(1:1), (C.I. Pigment Yellow 183) as a colorant in high density polyethylene and polypropylene resins intended for use in contact with food.

During review of the petition, it was determined that the colorant exists in two tautomeric forms: Keto and enol. As indicated by its infrared spectrum, the colorant exists chiefly in its enol form. It was decided, therefore, that the colorant (C.I. Pigment Yellow 183) should be identified in the regulation by the enol nomenclature and the CAS number. The colorant is listed, accordingly, in the codified section of this document as 4,5-dichloro-2-((5-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-(3-sulfophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)azo)benzenesulfonic acid, calcium salt(1:1), (C.I. Pigment Yellow 183, CAS Reg. No. 65212-77-3).

FDA has evaluated the data in the petition and other relevant material. Based on this information, the agency concludes that: (1) The proposed use of the additive is safe, (2) the additive will achieve its intended technical effect, and therefore, (3) that the regulations in § 178.3297 should be amended as set forth below.

In accordance with § 171.1(h), the petition and the documents that FDA considered and relied upon in reaching its decision to approve the petition are available for inspection at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (address above) by appointment with the information contact person listed above. As provided in 21 CFR 171.1(h),

the agency will delete from the documents any materials that are not available for public disclosure before making the documents available for inspection.

The agency has previously considered the environmental effects of this rule as announced in the notice of filing for FAP 9B4664 (64 FR 28825, May 27, 1999). No new information or comments have been received that would affect the agency's previous determination that there is no significant impact on the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required.

This final rule contains no collection of information. Therefore, clearance by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 is not required.

Any person who will be adversely affected by this regulation may at anytime on or before January 26, 2000 file with the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written objection thereto. Each objection shall be separately numbered, and each numbered objection shall specify with particularity the provisions of the regulation to which objection is made and the grounds for the objection. Each numbered objection on which a hearing is requested shall specifically so state. Failure to request a hearing for any particular objection shall constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing on that objection. Each numbered objection for which a hearing is requested shall include a detailed analysis of the specific factual information intended to be presented in support of the objection in the event that a hearing is held. Failure to include such a description and analysis for any particular objection shall constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing on the objection. Three copies of all documents shall be submitted and shall be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the

heading of this document. Any objection received in response to the regulation may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 178

Food additives, Food packaging. Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner

of Food and Drugs and redelegated to the Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, 21 CFR part 178 is amended as follows:

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1. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 178 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321, 342, 348, 379e.

2. Section 178.3297 is amended in the table in paragraph (e) by alphabetically adding an entry under the headings "Substances" and "Limitations" to read as follows:

§ 178.3297 Colorants for polymers.

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Substances	Limitations
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4,5-Dichloro-2-((5-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-(3-sulfophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)azo)benzenesulfonic acid, calcium salt(1:1), (C.I. Pigment Yellow 183, CAS Reg. No. 65212-77-3).	For use only: 1. At levels not to exceed 1 percent by weight of polypropylene polymers and copolymers complying with § 177.1520(c) of this chapter, items 1.1a, 1.1b, 1.2, 1.3, 3.1a, 3.1b, 3.1c, 3.2a, 3.2b, 3.4, or 3.5. The finished articles are to contact food only under conditions of use E through G, as described in Table 2 of § 176.170(c) of this chapter. 2. At levels not to exceed 1 percent by weight of high density polyethylene polymers and copolymers complying with § 177.1520(c) of this chapter, items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1a, 3.1b, 3.1c, 3.2a, 3.2b, 3.6 (density not less than 0.94 grams per cubic centimeter), or 5. The finished articles are to contact food only under conditions of use E through G, as described in Table 2 of § 176.170(c) of this chapter.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 913

[SPATS No. IL-097-FOR, Part II]

Illinois Regulatory Program

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule; approval of amendment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is approving part of an amendment to the Illinois regulatory program (Illinois program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). Illinois proposed revisions to its program concerning adjustment of performance bond amounts, administrative review, subsidence control, water replacement, release of performance bonds, siltation structures, impoundments, hydrologic balance, disposal of noncoal mine wastes,

revegetation, backfilling and grading, prime farmland, and State inspections. This final rule document addresses Illinois' revisions concerning adjustments to performance bond amounts and administrative review. The primary focus of these revisions is to provide permittees an opportunity for a formal hearing on adjustments made to performance bonds. Illinois intends to revise its program to be consistent with the corresponding Federal regulations, to provide additional safeguards, and to improve operational efficiency.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew R. Gilmore, Director, Indianapolis Field Office, Office of Surface Mining, Minton-Capehart Federal Building, 575 North Pennsylvania Street, Room 301, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-1521. Telephone: (317) 226-6700. Internet: INFOMAIL@indgw.osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background on the Illinois Program
- II. Submission of the Proposed Amendment
- III. Director's Findings
- IV. Summary and Disposition of Comments
- V. Director's Decision
- VI. Procedural Determinations

I. Background on the Illinois Program

On June 1, 1982, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the

Illinois program. You can find background information on the Illinois program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval in the June 1, 1982, **Federal Register** (47 FR 23883). You can find later actions concerning the Illinois program at 30 CFR 913.15, 913.16, and 913.17.

II. Submission of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated August 2, 1999 (Administrative Record No. IL-5044), the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Department) sent us an amendment to the Illinois program under SMCRA. The Department proposed to amend Title 62 of the Illinois Administrative Code (IAC) in response to our letters dated May 20, 1996, June 17, 1997, and January 15, 1999 (Administrative Record Nos. IL-1900, IL-2000, and IL-5036, respectively), that we sent to Illinois under 30 CFR 732.17(c). The amendment also includes changes made at the Department's own initiative.

We announced receipt of the amendment in the August 17, 1999, **Federal Register** (64 FR 44674). In the same document, we opened the public comment period and provided an opportunity for a public hearing or meeting on the adequacy of the amendment. The public comment