that everyone wishing to speak has the opportunity.

The purpose of the hearings is to give interested persons an opportunity for oral presentation of data, views, and arguments. Questions about the content of the proposed rule may be part of the commenters' oral presentations. However, neither the presiding officer nor any other representative of APHIS will respond to comments at the hearing, except to clarify or explain provisions of the proposed rule.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 111, 114, 114a, 115–117, 120, 121, 134b, and 134f; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of May 2000.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 112

[Docket No. 96–034–2]

Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Packaging and Labeling

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: We are withdrawing a proposed rule to amend the regulations regarding the packaging and labeling of veterinary biological products. The proposed rule would have required the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service product code number as well as an appropriate consumer contact telephone number to appear on labeling. In addition, the proposed rule would have clarified label requirements with respect to overshadowing the true name of the product and requirements for products shipped to a foreign country. The proposed rule also contained label requirements concerning the minimum age for product administration and the potential for maternal antibody interference. We are withdrawing the proposed rule due to the comments we received following its publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Albert P. Morgan, Chief Staff Officer, Operational Support Section, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Licensing and Policy Development, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 734–8245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 9 CFR part 112 set forth packaging and labeling requirements for veterinary biological products. On March 18, 1999, we published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 13365–13368, Docket No. 96–034–1) a proposed rule to amend the regulations. First, we proposed to require labels for veterinary biological products to include the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) product code number and a consumer contact telephone number. Second, we proposed to require labels for veterinary biological products to bear the true name of the product in a prominent fashion and more prominently than the trade name. Third, we proposed to amend the requirements for labels for exported products to state that labels that do not conform to the regulations may be used with an exported product if the labels do not contain false or misleading information and are acceptable to the appropriate regulatory officials of the foreign country to which the products are exported. We proposed that verification of foreign regulatory acceptance of the labels could be supplied to APHIS through the submission of a label mounting prepared as described in § 112.5(d)(2) that bears a stamp or other mark of approval of the appropriate foreign regulatory agency. Finally, we proposed to require labels for veterinary biological products, as described in the proposed rule, to consider the potential for maternal antibody interference with product efficacy and to specify a minimum age for product administration that is consistent with the efficacy and safety data developed for the product.

We solicited comments concerning our proposal for 60 days ending May 17, 1999. We received 11 comments by that date. The comments were from licensed veterinary biologics manufacturers, a national trade association representing U.S. manufacturers of animal health products, an organization representing veterinarians, and a university. Most of the commenters expressed concerns and opposition regarding certain provisions of the proposed rule, including concerns regarding the economic effects of the proposed provisions on veterinary biologics manufacturers and the estimated burden for information collection that was provided in the Paperwork Reduction Act section of the proposed rule.

After considering all of the comments we received, we have concluded that we must reevaluate the provisions of the proposed rule. Therefore, we are withdrawing the March 18, 1999, proposed rule referenced above. The concerns and recommendations of all of the commenters will be considered if any new proposed regulations regarding the packaging and labeling of veterinary biological products are developed.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151–159; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of May 2000.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 50

[Docket No. PRM–50–71]

Nuclear Energy Institute; Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Petition for rulemaking; Notice of receipt.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received and requests public comment on a petition for rulemaking filed by the Nuclear Energy Institute. The petition was docketed on April 12, 2000, and has been assigned Docket No. PRM–50–71. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to allow nuclear power plant licensees to use zirconium-based cladding materials other than zircaloy or ZIRLO, provided the cladding materials meet the requirements for fuel cladding performance and have received approval by the NRC staff. The petitioner believes the proposed amendment would improve the efficiency of the regulatory process by eliminating the need for individual licensees to obtain exemptions to use advanced cladding materials which have already been approved by the NRC.

DATES: Submit comments by August 14, 2000. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.