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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 03F–0048]

BASF Corp.; Filing of Food Additive Petition (Animal Use)—Conjugated Linoleic Acid

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that BASF Corp. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of conjugated linoleic acid in animal feed.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments by [*insert date 75 days after date of publication in the* **Federal Register**].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon A. Benz, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV–228), Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 301–827–6656, e-mail: sbenz@cvm.fda.gov.

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 2250) has been filed by BASF Corp., 3000 Continental Dr.-North, Mount Olive, NJ 07828–1234. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in part 573 *Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking*

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Water of Animals (21 CFR part 573) to provide for the safe use of conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) as a source of fatty acids in swine diets at levels not to exceed 1 percent in complete feed.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations issued 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 (see **ADDRESSES**) for public review and comment.

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (see **ADDRESSES**) written or electronic comments regarding this document. Submit a single copy of electronic comments to http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments or two hard copies of any written comments, except that individuals may submit one hard 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 Dockets Management Branch 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 information without further announcement in the **Federal Register**. If, based on its review, FDA 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 and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

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