

repacked, is food allergen labeling sufficient on such intermediate products or is it necessary to have clearer labeling on intermediate products to ensure that food allergens are appropriately declared on the retail packaging of the final product?

3. Should the agency codify its policy to specifically state that incidental additives that are food allergens are not exempt from labeling and must be declared in the ingredient statement on the label?

III. Summary

FDA's public meeting, scheduled for August 13, 2001, is intended to help the agency determine what additional actions may be warranted to provide consumers with adequate food allergen information on product labels. FDA recognizes that there are additional food allergen areas that may need to be addressed at future meetings or through agency actions, e.g., food handling practices and providing food allergen information in restaurant settings. However, at this time, the agency is focusing on issues relating to labeling and manufacturing of the eight most common food allergens; therefore, the public meeting will be restricted to discussion of the topic areas described above.

IV. Registration and Requests to Make Oral Presentations

If you would like to attend the meeting, you must preregister in writing by close of business on August 6, 2001, either electronically or by mail (information above). You must provide your name, title, business affiliation (if applicable), address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and the type of organization you represent (e.g., industry, consumer organization).

Preregistered persons should check in before the meeting between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Persons who have not preregistered may register before the meeting between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m., dependent on space availability. All attendees must enter the building at the Independence Ave. entrance. If you need special accommodations due to disability (e.g., sign language interpreter), please inform the contact person when you register.

If, in addition to attending, you wish to make an oral presentation during the meeting, you must indicate this on your registration form and submit: (1) A brief written statement of the general nature of the views you wish to present, and (2) the names and addresses of all persons who will participate in the presentation. Depending on the number of people who register to make presentations, we

will limit the time allotted for each presentation (from 3 to 5 minutes). If you decide at the meeting that you wish to make a comment, you must sign up at the registration desk, dependent on time availability. It is anticipated that, if time permits, persons attending the meeting will have the opportunity to ask questions during the meeting.

V. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written or electronic comments regarding the topics addressed at the public meeting on or before October 29, 2001. 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 Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

VI. Transcripts

You may access a copy of the transcript on the FDA Web site at <http://www.fda.gov>, request a transcript of the meeting from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A-16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 20 working days after the meeting, at a cost of 10 cents per page, or examine a transcript of the meeting after September 10, 2001, at the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

VII. References

The following references have been placed on display in the Dockets Management Branch (address above) and may be seen between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

1. Letter from Regina Hildwine, National Food Processors Association (NFPA), Lisa D. Katic, Grocery Manufacturers of America (GMA), and Anne Munoz-Furlong, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN), to Joseph A. Levitt, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), FDA, May 22, 2001.

2. Letter from Joseph Levitt, CFSAN/FDA, to Regina Hildwine of NFPA, May 30, 2001.

3. Letter from Joseph Levitt, CFSAN/FDA, to Lisa D. Katic of GMA, May 30, 2001.

4. Letter from Joseph Levitt, CFSAN/FDA, to Anne Munoz-Furlong of FAAN, May 30, 2001.

5. "Compliance Policy Guide (CPG)—Statement of Policy for Labeling and Preventing Cross-Contact of Common Food Allergens" <http://www.fda.gov/ora/compliance-ref/cpg/cpgfod/cpg555-250.htm>

VIII. Registration

REGISTRATION FORM—PUBLIC MEETING ON ALLERGENS IN FOODS
Instructions: Please register using this form by close of business on August 6, 2001, electronically at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/dockets/meetings/meetingdocket.cfm>. Once on this Internet site, select Docket No. 00P-1322 (Food Labeling and Allergen Contamination Control) and follow the directions. You may also register by mail at Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
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Dated: July 20, 2001.

Margaret M. Dotzel,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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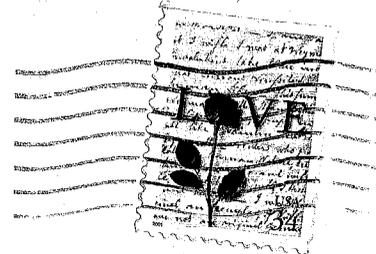
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