Quotations from more than one supplier should be secured. It is recommended that a procedure similar to that outlined in Paragraph II, A, 2 (Two-Step) be used with the stipulation to the bidders that the award of the bid may be based upon factors other than low price.

III. As additional information is acquired by REA relative to features of the various types of common control equipment it will be distributed to REA, borrowers and consulting engineers for assistance in evaluating the bids. This will include both engineering and cost aspects of the features.

Dated: October 10, 1974.

C. R. BALLARD,
Assistant Administrator,
Rural Electrification Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Food and Drug Administration

[21 CFR Part 333]

OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS

Proposal to Establish a Monograph for OTC Topical Antimicrobial Products; Extension of Time for Additional Comment

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of September 13, 1974 (39 FR 33103), in which the Commissioner of Food and Drugs issued the results of the OTC Antimicrobial I Advisory Review Panel and proposed to establish a monograph for OTC topical antimicrobial products. In the public interest, the Commissioner provided 60 days for comments and invited submission of such comments on or before November 12, 1974.

An additional 30 days were provided for additional comments replying to any comments so filed with such reply comments due on or before December 12, 1974.

The preamble of the monograph proposal states that in accordance with § 330.10(a)(2) all data and information submitted for consideration by the Advisory Review Panel have been handled as confidential by the Panel and the Food and Drug Administration, and that all such data and information shall be put on public display in the office of the Hearing Clerk, Food and Drug Administration, on or before October 15, 1974, except to the extent that the person submitting it demonstrates that it still falls within the confidentiality provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1905 or section 301(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 331(j)).

The Commissioner has received requests from two major manufacturers of OTC antimicrobial products and from two trade associations requesting additional time for comments on the proposal.

1. Comment was made that a substantial amount of controversy has been generated regarding the proposed OTC topical antimicrobial products monograph because of the controversial conclusions and recommendations contained in the OTC Antimicrobial I Advisory Panel's Report on which this monograph is based. It was therefore requested that the time for comments be extended 60 days or until January 13, 1975.

The Commissioner concludes that the controversial nature of the report per se does not justify an extension of 60 days for comments. The controversial nature of any proposal is not necessarily related to the time needed to comment on it and no special showing was made.

2. Comment was made that both the OTC Antimicrobial I Advisory Review Panel's Report and the proposed OTC topical antimicrobial products monograph rely so extensively on data and information supplied to the Panel but not otherwise available that the development of detailed comments on the scientific basis for the Panel's conclusions can only be undertaken after interested parties have had a fair opportunity to review all the material to which the Panel has had access. It was pointed out that some 128 different references to unpublished reports and data are made in the Panel's report and that reliance on unpublished material for some of its conclusions appear to be so extensive in certain areas as to preclude the preparation of any type of meaningful comment until this material can be obtained and evaluated. It was also pointed out that this data will not be on public view until October 15, 1974, thus allowing only 30 days for initial comment instead of 60 days.

It was therefore requested that the the time allowed for comments and reply comments be computed from the date submitted data are released for public view rather than on the date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Alternately, initial comments on the presently nonpublic or unpublished material be accepted during the reply comment period.

The Commissioner agrees that more time for comment is necessary due to the heavy reliance upon unpublished data in this proposal. The Commissioner therefore concludes that for purposes of full public comment on this matter an extension of 30 days should be granted for the comment period, with 30 days for reply comments to follow as previously provided.

Pursuant to provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (secs. 201, 502, 505, 701, 52 Stat. 1040–42 as amended, 1055–56 as amended by 70 Stat. 919 and 72 Stat. 948; 21 U.S.C. 321, 352, 355, 371) and the Administrative Procedure Act (secs. 4, 5, 10, 60 Stat. 238 and 243 as amended; 5 U.S.C. 553, 554, 702, 703, 704) and under authority delegated to the Commissioner (21 CFR 2.120), interested persons are therefore invited to submit their comments in writing (preferably in quintuplicate) regarding the proposal published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of September 13, 1974 (39 FR 33103) on or before December 12, 1974. Such comments should be addressed to the Hearing Clerk, Food and Drug Administration, Room 4–65, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852, and may be accompanied by a memorandum or brief in support thereof. Additional comments replying to any comments so filed may also be submitted on or before January 13, 1975. Received comments may be seen in the above office during working hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: October 11, 1974.

SAM D. FINE,
Associate Commissioner
for Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Chapter II—Office of Assistant Secretary for Housing Production and Mortgage Credit, Federal Housing Commissioner [Federal Housing Administration]

[24 CFR Part 275]

[Docket No. R-74-267]

LOW RENT PUBLIC HOUSING

Prototype Cost Limits for Public Housing

In the FEDERAL REGISTER issued for Friday, May 17, 1974 (39 FR 17678), prototype per unit cost schedules were published pursuant to Section 15(5) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. Consideration of subsequent factual project cost data and other information received from the Oklahoma City Area Office indicates that the prototype costs published May 17, 1974 for Tulsa, Bartlesville, McAlester and Muskogee, Oklahoma should be revised.

Interested persons are invited to submit suggestions and data with respect to these proposed costs and all submittals received on or before November 13, 1974 will be considered before a final revision of the costs is adopted. Comments filed within that time will be without prejudice to the opportunity accorded all interested persons at any time to file information showing that a specific cost or costs may be inappropriate.

Written data, views or statements shall be filed with the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10245, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Copies of comments received will be available for examination during business hours at the above address.

Accordingly, it proposed to amend 24 CFR Part 275 as follows:

1. On pages 17719 and 17720 of the FEDERAL REGISTER dated May 17, 1974, delete the existing Prototype Per Unit Cost Schedules shown for Detached and Semi-Detached Units and Row Dwellings for Tulsa, Bartlesville, McAlester and Muskogee, Oklahoma and substitute in lieu thereof the revised prototype per unit costs shown on the table set forth hereinafter, entitled Prototype Per Unit Cost Schedules Sec. 7(d) of Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

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Assistant Secretary-Commissioner.