The estimate of burden for FAPs and CAPs is based on the average number of new FAPs and CAPs received in calendar years 2000 through 2002 and the total hours expended in preparing the petitions. Although the burden varies with the type of petition submitted, an average FAP or CAP, or GRAS affirmation petition, involves analytical work and appropriate toxicological studies, as well as the work of drafting the petition itself. The burden varies depending on the complexity of the petition, including the amount and types of data needed for scientific analysis.

Electronic submissions of petitions contain the same petition information required for paper submission. The agency estimates that up to 30 percent of the petitioners for both food and color additives will take advantage of the electronic submission process. By using the guidelines and forms that FDA is providing, the petitioner will be able to organize the petition to focus on the information needed for FDA's safety review. Therefore, we estimate that petitioners will only need to spend approximately 1 hour completing the electronic submission application form (Form 3503 or 3504, as appropriate) because they will have already used the guidelines to organize the petition information needed for the submission.

The labeling requirements for food and color additives were designed to specify the minimum information needed for labeling in order that food and color manufacturers may comply with all applicable provisions of the act and other specific labeling acts administered by FDA. Label information does not require any additional information gathering beyond what is already required to assure conformance with all specifications and limitations in any given food or color additive regulation. Label information does not have any specific recordkeeping requirements unique to preparing the label. Therefore, because labeling requirements under § 70.25 for a particular color additive involve information required as part of the CAP safety review process, the estimate for number of respondents is the same for §§ 70.25 and 71.1, and the burden hours for labeling are included in the estimate for § 71.1. Also, because labeling requirements under parts 172, 173, 175 through 178, and 180 for particular food additives involve information required as part of the FAP safety review process under § 171.1, the burden hours for labeling are included in the estimate for § 171.1.

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Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2003N–0034]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval; FDA Safety Alert/Public Health Advisory Readership Survey

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a collection of information entitled ''FDA Safety Alert/Public Health Advisory Readership Survey'' has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Robbins, Office of Management Programs (HFA–250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–1223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of May 13, 2003 (68 FR 25616), the agency announced that the proposed information collection had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance under 44 U.S.C. 3507. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has now approved the information collection and has assigned OMB control number 0910–0341. The approval expires on July 31, 2006. A copy of the supporting statement for this information collection is available on the Internet at *http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets*.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2003N–0312]

Discussion of Animal Feed Safety System: A Comprehensive Risk-Based Safety Program for the Manufacture and Distribution of Animal Feeds; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a meeting to discuss the potential development of a comprehensive, risk-based animal feed safety system (AFSS) describing how animal feeds (individual ingredients and mixed feeds) should be manufactured and distributed to minimize risks to animals consuming the feed and people consuming food products from animals. We are informing you (consumers, animal feed processors, animal producers, State and local officials, and other interested persons) of this meeting in an effort to solicit comments and seek your assistance in our consideration of a safety program to effectively minimize the hazards to public health, both human and animal health, posed by animal feed products.

Date and Time: The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, September 24, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. You may submit written or electronic comments at any time, but they would be most helpful if received either before or within 30 days after the close of the meeting.

Location: The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Dulles International Airport, 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd., Herndon, VA, 1–800–233–1234 or 703–713–1234.

Comments and Electronic Access: Interested persons may submit written or electronic comments to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit a single copy of electronic comments or two paper copies of any mailed comments, except that individuals may submit one copy. Submit electronic comments to *http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments*. Comments should be identified with docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. A copy of the received comments will be available for public examination in the Dockets Management Division between 9 a.m.