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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 29 August 2007, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States.

Final Rule; Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Glycerol Ester of Tall Oil Rosin

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a final rule in the Federal Register on 22 August 2007 (72 FR 46895), amending the food additive regulations in §172.735 (21 CFR 172.735) to provide for the safe use of glycerol ester of tall oil rosin to adjust the density of citrus oils used in the preparation of beverages. The additive may be used at a level not to exceed 100 ppm of the finished beverage and will be a substitute for glycerol ester of wood or gum rosin, which are already permitted for this use. The rule also amended §172.735 by providing for the use of steam stripping as a purification method for producing glycerol ester of wood rosin, gum rosin, or tall oil rosin. This action is in response to a petition from Georgia-Pacific Resins, Inc.

The complete text of the Final Rule in the Federal Register, 72 FR 46895 (available in English), can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/E7-16558.pdf>

Any person who will be adversely affected by this regulation may file written or electronic objections and requests for a hearing with the Division of Dockets Management by 20 September 2007. Submit written objections and requests for a hearing identified by Docket No. 2006F-0059, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Agency Web site: <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments> Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the agency Web site.
- Fax: 301-827-6870
- Mail/Hand delivery/Courier [For paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions]: Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking. All objections received will be posted without change to <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/default.htm>, including any personal information provided.

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