DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Food and Drug Administration
21 CFR Part 610
[Docket No. FDA–2016–N–1170]
Standard Preparations, Limits of Potency, and Dating Period Limitations for Biological Products; Confirmation of Effective Date
AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.
ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.
SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is confirming the effective date of September 16, 2016, for the final rule that appeared in the Federal Register of May 4, 2016. The direct final rule amends the general biological products standards relating to dating periods and removes certain standards relating to standard preparations and limits of potency. FDA is taking this action to update outdated requirements, and accommodate new and evolving technology and testing capabilities without diminishing public health concerns. This action is part of FDA’s retrospective review of its regulations in response to an Executive order. This document confirms the effective date of the direct final rule.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of May 4, 2016 (81 FR 26687), FDA solicited comments concerning the direct final rule for a 75-day period ending July 18, 2016. FDA stated that the effective date of the direct final rule would be on September 16, 2016, 60 days after the end of the comment period, unless any significant adverse comment was submitted to FDA during the comment period. FDA did not receive any significant adverse comments.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Food and Drug Administration
21 CFR Part 1105
[Docket No. FDA–2016–N–1555]
Refuse To Accept Procedures for Premarket Tobacco Product Submissions
AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.
ACTION: Direct final rule.
SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing a rule describing when FDA will refuse to accept a tobacco product submission (or application) because the application has not met a minimum threshold for acceptability for FDA review. Under the rule, FDA will refuse to accept a tobacco product submission, for example, that is not in English, does not pertain to a tobacco product, or does not identify the type of submission. By refusing to accept submissions that have the deficiencies identified in the rule, FDA will be able to focus our review resources on submissions that meet a threshold of acceptability and encourage quality submissions. FDA is issuing this action directly as a final rule because we believe there is little likelihood that we will receive any significant adverse comments opposing the rule given the specific deficiencies identified that will result in FDA’s refusal to accept the submission.
DATES: This rule is effective December 21, 2016. Submit either electronic or written comments on this direct final rule by October 24, 2016. If we receive no significant adverse comments during the specified comment period, we intend to publish a confirmation document on or before the effective date by publication of a document in the Federal Register.
ADDRESSES: You may submit comments as follows:
Electronic Submissions
Submit electronic comments in the following way:
Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to http://www.regulations.gov will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that...