

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 99F-2082]

National Starch and Chemical Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that National Starch and Chemical Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of food starch modified by amylolytic enzymes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary E. LaVecchia, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3072.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9A4674) has been filed by National Starch and Chemical Co., 10 FINDERNE AVE., BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807-0500. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 172.892(i) *Food starch-modified* (21 CFR 172.892(i)) to provide for the safe use of food starch modified by amylolytic enzymes.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(k) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: June 17, 1999.

Laura M. Tarantino,

Acting Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 99F-2081]

Troy Corp.; Filing of Food Additive Petition**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Troy Corp. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of butanedioic acid, sulfo-1,4-diisodecyl ester, ammonium salt as a surface active agent in pressure sensitive adhesives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark A. Hepp, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, HFS-215, Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3098.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9B4678) has been filed by Troy Corp., c/o S. L. Graham & Associates, 1801 Peachtree Lane, Bowie, MD 20721. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 175.125 Pressure-sensitive adhesives (21 CFR 175.125) to provide for the safe use of butanedioic acid, sulfo-1,4-diisodecyl ester, ammonium salt as a surface active agent in pressure sensitive adhesives.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(I) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Care Financing Administration**

[HCFA-3019-N]

Medicare Program; July 19, 1999 Open Town Hall Meeting To Discuss the Implementation of the Peer Review Organizations' (PROs) Sixth Round Contract Activities**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a Town Hall meeting to provide an opportunity for national health care organizations, beneficiary advocates, and other interested parties to ask questions and raise issues regarding the August 1999 implementation of the Peer

Review Organizations' (PROs) Sixth Round Contract activities. The meeting will also explore how the entire health care community can identify ways to collaborate on quality improvement projects that will raise the quality of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries. The agency views this new round of contracts as an opportunity to develop partnerships with the provider, practitioner, plan, purchaser and beneficiary communities. The meeting will address how PROs, health care organizations and Medicare beneficiaries can form partnerships in the following areas:

- National quality improvement projects;
- Local quality improvement projects;
- Quality improvement projects in conjunction with Medicare+Choice plans; and
- Inclusion of disadvantaged populations within each of the quality improvement projects.

The meeting will also address the Payment Error Prevention Program, which deals with reducing the occurrence of provider billing errors and consequent payment errors, including both over- and under-payment.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 19, 1999 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., E.D.T.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Health Care Financing Administration Main Auditorium, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Town Hall meeting will provide an opportunity for organizations representing practitioners, providers, health plans, other purchasers, beneficiaries and other interested parties to ask questions and raise issues regarding the activities of the PRO Sixth Round Contract and how they can partner with PROs in achieving quality improvements for Medicare beneficiaries and improved payment accuracy. This Town Hall meeting provides an opportunity for information exchange concerning Request For Proposals (RFP) and the Payment Error Prevention Program (Task 4). RFP No. HCFA-99-00/ELM (March 1, 1999) Sec. C (3.1-3.4, pp. 17-30).

Task 1 concerns National Quality Improvement Projects and focuses on specific national health improvement clinical topics, acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, pneumonia,