

Opportunity for Public Comment

The proposed order has been placed on the public record for thirty days in order to receive comments from interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty days, the Commission will again review the proposed order and the comments received and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement containing the proposed order or make the proposed order final.

By accepting the proposed order subject to final approval, the Commission anticipates that the competitive issues alleged in the complaint will be addressed. The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the agreement. It is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement, the complaint, or the proposed consent order, or to modify their terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****Draft Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities**

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice is a request for review of and comment on the *Draft Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2003*, available on the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/dsguide.htm. The guideline has been developed for practitioners who provide care for patients and who are responsible for monitoring and preventing infections in healthcare settings, especially those involved in sterilizing and disinfecting medical devices and surgical instruments. The guideline is intended to replace the section in *Guideline for Handwashing and Hospital Environmental Control, 1985*, that dealt with sterilization and disinfection.

DATES: Comments on the *Draft Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities,*

2003 must be received in writing on or before June 14, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for copies of the *Draft Guideline for Sterilization and Disinfection in Healthcare Facilities, 2003* should be submitted to the Resource Center, Attention: DSGuide, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, CDC, Mailstop E-68, 1600 Clifton Rd., NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333; fax 404 498-1244; e-mail: dsrequests@cdc.gov; or Internet: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/dsguide.htm.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the *Draft Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2003* should be submitted to the Resource Center, Attention: DSGuide, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, CDC, Mailstop E-68, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333; fax 404 498-1244; e-mail: dscomments@cdc.gov; or Internet: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/dsguide.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The *Draft Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2003* presents a pragmatic approach to the judicious selection and proper use of disinfection and sterilization processes in healthcare settings. The guideline is intended to assist healthcare personnel in preventing infections associated with contaminated medical devices or surgical instruments and is targeted to infection control professionals, infectious disease clinicians, physicians who perform endoscopic procedures (e.g., gastroenterologists, pulmonologists), central processing technicians, sterile processing technicians, operating room nurses and technicians, manufacturers of disinfection and sterilization equipment, and manufacturers of reusable medical devices.

Part 1 of the two-part document provides information on chemical disinfectants recommended for patient-care equipment; these disinfectants include alcohol, glutaraldehyde, hydrogen peroxide, iodophors, ortho-phthalaldehyde, peracetic acid, phenolics, quaternary ammonium compounds, and sodium hypochlorite. Sterilization methods discussed include steam sterilization, ethylene oxide, hydrogen peroxide gas plasma, and liquid peracetic acid. Part 2 of the document provides consensus recommendations of the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) for the practice of disinfection and sterilization in healthcare settings. Most recommendations are pertinent for the

inpatient, outpatient, and home care setting, unless otherwise noted.

HICPAC was established in 1991 to provide advice and guidance to the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Health, DHHS; the Director, CDC; and the Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases, regarding the practice of infection control and strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of healthcare-associated infections in U.S. healthcare facilities. The committee advises CDC on guidelines and other policy statements regarding prevention of healthcare-associated infections and related adverse events.

Dated: April 24, 2002.

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

[Docket No. 02N-0116]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD)

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including renewal of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on reporting and recordkeeping requirements for distribution and use of VFD drugs and animal feeds containing VFD drugs.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by July 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/dockets/edockethome.cfm>. Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug