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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 1983G–0318]

Kerry, Inc.; Withdrawal of Generally Recognized as Safe Affirmation Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of a generally recognized as safe (GRAS) affirmation petition (GRASP 3G0287) proposing that the use of gum acacia (arabic) in alcoholic beverages up to a maximum level of 20 percent in the finished preparation (liqueur) is GRAS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mical Honigfort, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–265), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740, 301–436–1278.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of October 13, 1983 (48 FR 46626), FDA announced that a petition (GRASP 3G0287) had been filed by Beatrice Foods Co., c/o 135 South LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60603 (now Kerry, Inc., c/o Bell, Boyd, and Lloyd, LLC, Three First National Plaza, 70 West Madison St., suite 3300, Chicago, IL 60602). This petition proposed to amend § 184.1330 *Acacia* (*gum arabic*) (21 CFR 184.1330) to affirm the use of gum acacia (arabic) in alcoholic beverages up to a maximum level of 20 percent in the finished preparation (liqueur) as GRAS.

Kerry, Inc. has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

Dated: January 28, 2005.

Leslye M. Fraser,

Director, Office of Regulations and Policy, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Joint Meeting of the Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee and the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committees: Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee and the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committees: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on March 24, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg, The Ballrooms, 620 Perry Pkwy., Gaithersburg, MD.

Contact Person: Teresa A. Watkins, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD–21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane (for express delivery: 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1093) Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–7001, FAX: 301–827–6801, or email: *watkinst@cder.fda.gov*, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 3014512534 or 3014512541. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committee will discuss what should be the necessary and sufficient safety database in order to evaluate the prescription (Rx) to over-the-counter (OTC) switch of topical corticosteroids, especially the database to evaluate the potential for hypothalamic, pituitary, adrenal (HPA) and growth suppression and other systemic and local adverse events.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by March 17, 2005. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before March 17, 2005, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact LaNise Giles at 301–827–7001, at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: February 10, 2005.

Sheila Dearybury Walcoff,

Assistant Commissioner for External Relations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443–1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the

burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP) (OMB No. 0915–0127)—Extension

The NHSC Loan Repayment Program (LRP) was established to assure an adequate supply of trained primary care health professionals to provide services in the neediest Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) of the United States. Under this program, the Department of Health and Human Services agrees to repay the educational loans of the primary care health professionals. In return, the health professionals agree to serve for a specified period of time in a federally-designated HPSA approved by the Secretary for LRP participants.

This request for extension of OMB approval will include the NHSC LRP Application, Loan Verification Form, Site Information Form, Request for Method of Advanced Loan Repayment Form and Authorization to Release Information Form.

The estimate of burden is as follows:

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per responses	Total burden hours
Applicants	1430	*1	1430	1.5	2145
Lenders	70	**1	70	.25	18
Total		1500	1500		2163

*An applicant response includes completion of one of each of the above-listed forms, and may include the completion of additional Loan Verification Forms (one for each educational loan for which he or she is seeking repayment).
**A lender response includes completion of one Loan Verification Form for each educational loan of an applicant it holds.

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 10–33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: February 10, 2005.

Tina M. Cheatham,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

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Proposed Project: The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Recruitment and Retention Assistance Application (OMB No. 0915–0230)—Revision

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC), managed by the Bureau of Health Professions (BHPr), HRSA, is committed to improving the health of the Nation's underserved by uniting communities in need with caring health professionals and by supporting communities' efforts to build better systems of care.

The Application for NHSC Recruitment and Retention Assistance submitted by sites or clinicians, requests information on the practice site, sponsoring agency, recruitment contact, staffing levels, service users, charges for services, employment policies, and fiscal management capabilities. Assistance in completing the application may be obtained through the appropriate State Primary Care Offices, State Primary Care Associations and NHSC contractors. The information on the application is used for determining eligibility of sites and to verify the need for NHSC providers. Sites must apply once every three years.

Estimates of annualized reporting burden are as follows:

Type of report	Number of respondents	Response per respondents	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Application	2900	1	.5	1450