

378–3160). Oppositions to this petition must be filed by March 18, 2008. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions have expired.

*Subject:* In the Matter of Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Maritime Communications (PR Docket No. 92–257).

*Number of Petitions Filed:* 1.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than March 31, 2008.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond** (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Bank of America Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina;* to acquire Countrywide Financial Corporation, Calabasas, California, and thereby

indirectly acquire Countrywide Bank, FSB, Alexandria, Virginia, Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Calabasas, California, Countrywide Financial Corporation, Calabasas, California, Countrywide Financial Holding Company, Inc., Calabasas, California, Effinity Financial Corporation, Alexandria, Virginia, Countrywide Tax Services Corporation, Simi Valley, California, CTC Real Estate Services, Calabasas, California, Countrywide Servicing Exchange, Calabasas, California, Countrywide Asset Management Corp., Calabasas, California, Landsafe Appraisal Services, Inc., Plano, Texas, Landsafe Credit, Inc., Richardson, Texas, Landsafe Flood Determination, Inc., Richardson, Texas, Landsafe Title of California, Inc., Rosemead, California, Landsafe Title of Texas, Inc., Rosemead, California, Landsafe Title of Florida, Inc., Calabasas, California, Countrywide Warehouse Lending, Calabasas, California, Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Plano, Texas, Countrywide Mortgage Ventures, LLC, Calabasas, California, Countrywide Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc., Calabasas, California, The Countrywide Foundation, Calabasas, California, Recontrust Company, National Association, Thousand Oaks, California, CWB Community Assets, Inc., Thousand Oaks, California, Countrywide Commercial Administration LLC, Calabasas, California, Recontrust Company (Nevada) Thousand Oaks, California, Countrywide KB Home Loans, LLC, Thousand Oaks, California, CWB Mortgage Ventures, LLC, Thousand Oaks, California, Landsafe Services of Alabama, Inc., Rosemead, California, Landsafe Title of Maryland, Inc., Calabasas, California and thereby engage in (1) operating a savings association; (2) operating a nondepository trust company; (3) community development activities; (4) extending credit and servicing loans; (5) real estate and personal property appraising; (6) credit bureau services; (7) asset management, servicing, and collection activities; (8) acquiring debt in default; and (9) providing tax services for residential mortgage transaction pursuant to section 225.28(b)(1), 225.28(b)(2), 225.28(b)(4), 225.28(b)(5), 225.28(b)(6) and 225.28(b)(12) of Regulation Y.

In connection with this proposal Bank of America Corporation, has applied to acquire from Bank of America, National Association, Charlotte, North Carolina, 20,000 shares of Series B Non-Voting Convertible Preferred Stock of Countrywide Financial Corporation, Calabasas, California, which is

convertible at the option of the holder into approximately 15.7 percent of the voting common stock of Countrywide Financial Corporation.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 27, 2008.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting for the aforementioned committee:

*Times and Dates:* 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., March 18, 2008. 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., March 19, 2008.

*Place:* CDC Global Communication Center, Roybal Facility, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333, *Telephone:* (770) 488–3300.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 75 people.

*Please Note:* Due to current security measures, a valid government issued identification card with photo is required for admittance into the Roybal facility. Non-U.S. citizens wishing to attend should contact Claudine Johnson, *Telephone:* (770) 488–3629. Individuals should ask for the meeting by name: CDC Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention when they arrive at the Roybal Visitors Center.

*Purpose:* The Committee provides advice and guidance to the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Director, CDC, regarding new scientific knowledge and technological developments and their practical implications for childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts. The committee also reviews and reports regularly on childhood lead poisoning prevention practices and recommends improvements in national childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts.

*Matters To Be Discussed:* A discussion on the potential approaches to strengthen existing strategies to achieve the Healthy People 2010 goal of eliminating Elevated Blood Lead Levels as a public health problem in the U.S. by 2010; Update the school performance and concurrent Blood Lead Levels (BLLs); Discuss the study designs related to adverse effects from BLLs < 10 µg/dl; and discuss the development of a prevention-based research agenda.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. There will be an opportunity for oral comments during the meeting. Depending on the time available

and the number of requests, it may be necessary to limit the time of each presenter.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Claudine Johnson, Clerk, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, Division of Environmental Emergency Health Services, National Center for Environmental Health, CDC, 4770 Buford Hwy., NE., Mailstop F-60, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: (770) 488-3629, Fax (770) 488-3635.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: February 27, 2008.

**Diane Allen,**

*Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2008-D-0118]

#### Draft Guidance for Industry on Diabetes Mellitus: Developing Drugs and Therapeutic Biologics for Treatment and Prevention; Availability

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled "Diabetes Mellitus: Developing Drugs and Therapeutic Biologics for Treatment and Prevention." The draft guidance provides recommendations for industry for developing drugs and therapeutic biologics for the prevention and treatment of diabetes mellitus. Because diabetes mellitus has reached epidemic proportions in the United States, FDA recognizes the need for new products that can be used as part of a comprehensive treatment strategy in the treatment and prevention of diabetes. In addition to the draft guidance, FDA plans to convene a public advisory committee meeting to specifically discuss new approaches for the development of products for the treatment of diabetes, with particular emphasis on the design and implementation of studies to assess long-term cardiovascular risks and benefits of these new products. FDA plans to announce the meeting date in a future issue of the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Although you can comment on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)), to ensure that the agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance, submit written or electronic comments on the draft guidance by May 2, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to the Division of Drug Information (HFD-240), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. Submit written comments on the draft guidance to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the draft guidance document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ian Irony, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 22, rm. 3100, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-2290.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled "Diabetes Mellitus: Developing Drugs and Therapeutic Biologics for Treatment and Prevention." Although a number of drugs are available for the treatment of type 1 and type 2 diabetes, many patients remain inadequately controlled, and thus are exposed to a higher risk of long-term complications. This draft guidance provides recommendations on the following topics related to the treatment of type 1 and type 2 diabetes mellitus:

- Diabetes-specific preclinical studies;
- Different study designs in different phases of drug development for both type 1 and type 2 diabetes;
- Study endpoints in the assessment of pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic profiles and for efficacy and safety assessment in treating patients with diabetes;
- Study population considerations in different phases of development;
  - Sample sizes;
  - Study duration; and
  - Specific statistical issues related to development of drugs and biologics intended for the treatment of diabetes.

The draft guidance also provides recommendations regarding the

development of products for the prevention of both type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the agency's current thinking on the treatment and prevention of diabetes mellitus. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

#### II. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see **ADDRESSES**) written or electronic comments regarding this document. Submit a single copy of electronic comments or two paper copies of any mailed comments, except that individuals may submit one paper copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Please note that on January 15, 2008, the FDA Web site transitioned to the Federal Dockets Management System (FDMS). FDMS is a Government-wide, electronic docket management system. Electronic submissions will be accepted by FDA through FDMS only.

#### III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the document at either <http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/index.htm> or <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/default.htm>.

Dated: February 25, 2008.

**Jeffrey Shuren,**

*Assistant Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** HRSA, Healthcare Systems Bureau, Division of Transplantation (DoT) is in the process of information-