

TABLE 2—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN ¹

Number of respondents	Total burden hours annualized	Hourly wage rate	Total cost annualized
2,544	137	\$150	\$52,279,200

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

The average to industry per hour for this type of work is \$150, resulting in a cost of \$20,550 per respondent. The estimated submission cost of \$20,550 multiplied by 2,544 submissions per year equals \$52,279,200, which is the aggregated industry reporting cost annualized.

FDA's annual estimate of 2,544 submissions is based on experienced trends over the past several years. FDA's administrative and technical staffs, who are familiar with the requirements for current pre-submissions, estimate that an average of 137 hours is required to prepare a pre-submission. However, we recognize there is a variance in the preparation submission because of the vast and varying complexities of medical devices.

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Leslie Kux,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0578]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; General Licensing Provisions: Biologics License Application, Changes to an Approved Application, Labeling, Revocation and Suspension, Postmarketing Studies Status Reports, and Forms FDA 356h and 2567

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Fax written comments on the collection of information by December 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attn: FDA Desk Officer, FAX: 202-395-7285, or emailed to *oira_submission@omb.eop.gov*. All comments should be identified with the OMB control number 0910-0338. Also include the FDA docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FDA PRA Staff, Office of Operations, Food and Drug Administration, 1350 Piccard Dr., PI50-400B, Rockville, MD 20850, *PRAStaff@fda.hhs.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

General Licensing Provisions: Biologics License Application, Changes to an Approved Application, Labeling, Revocation and Suspension, Postmarketing Studies Status Reports, and Forms FDA 356h and 2567—(0910-0338)—Extension

Under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (the PHS Act) (42 U.S.C. 262), manufacturers of biological products must submit a license application for FDA review and approval before marketing a biological product in interstate commerce. Licenses may be issued only upon showing that the establishment and the products for which a license is desired meets standards prescribed in regulations designed to ensure the continued safety, purity, and potency of such products. All such licenses are issued, suspended, and revoked as prescribed by regulations in part 601 (21 CFR part 601).

Section 130(a) of the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-115) amended the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the FD&C Act) by adding a new provision (section 506B of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 356b)) requiring reports of postmarketing studies for approved human drugs and licensed biological products. Section 506B of the FD&C Act provides FDA with additional authority

to monitor the progress of postmarketing studies that applicants have made a commitment to conduct and requires the Agency to make publicly available information that pertains to the status of these studies. Under section 506B(a) of the FD&C Act, applicants that have committed to conduct a postmarketing study for an approved human drug or licensed biological product must submit to FDA a status report of the progress of the study or the reasons for the failure of the applicant to conduct the study. This report must be submitted within 1 year after the U.S. approval of the application and then annually until the study is completed or terminated.

A summary of the collection of information requirements follows:

Section 601.2(a) requires a manufacturer of a biological product to submit an application on forms prescribed for such purposes with accompanying data and information, including certain labeling information, to FDA for approval to market a product in interstate commerce. The container and package labeling requirements are provided under §§ 610.60 through 610.65 (21 CFR 610.60 through 610.65). The estimate for these regulations is included in the estimate under § 601.2(a) in table 1 of this document.

Section 601.5(a) requires a manufacturer to submit to FDA notice of its intention to discontinue manufacture of a product or all products. Section 601.6(a) requires the manufacturer to notify selling agents and distributors upon suspension of its license, and provide FDA of such notification.

Section 601.12(a)(2) requires, generally, that the holder of an approved Biologics Licensing Application (BLA) must assess the effects of a manufacturing change before distributing a biological product made with the change. Section 601.12(a)(4) requires, generally, that the applicant must promptly revise all promotional labeling and advertising to make it consistent with any labeling changes implemented. Section 601.12(a)(5) requires the applicant to include a list of all changes contained in the supplement or annual report; for supplements, this list must be provided in the cover letter. The burden estimates for § 601.12(a)(2) are included in the

estimates for supplements (§§ 601.12(b) and (c)) and annual reports (§ 601.12(d)). The burden estimates for § 601.12(a)(4) are included in the estimates under 601.12(f)(4) in table 1 of this document.

Sections 601.12(b)(1), (b)(3), (c)(1), (c)(3), (c)(5), (d)(1), and (d)(3) require applicants to follow specific procedures to submit information to FDA of any changes in the product, production process, quality controls, equipment, facilities, or responsible personnel established in an approved license application. The appropriate procedure depends on the potential for the change to have a substantial, moderate, or minimal adverse effect on the identity, strength, quality, purity, or potency of the products as they may relate to the safety or effectiveness of the product. Under § 601.12(b)(4), an applicant may ask FDA to expedite its review of a supplement for public health reasons or if a delay in making the change described in it would impose an extraordinary hardship of the applicant. The burden estimate for § 601.12(b)(4) is minimal and included in the estimate under § 601.12(b)(1) and (b)(3) in table 1 of this document.

Section 601.12(e) requires applicants to submit a protocol, or change to a protocol, as a supplement requiring FDA approval before distributing the product. Section 601.12(f)(1), (f)(2), and (f)(3) requires applicants to follow specific procedures to report certain labeling changes to FDA. Section 601.12(f)(4) requires applicants to report to FDA advertising and promotional labeling and any changes.

Under § 601.14, the content of labeling required in 21 CFR 201.100(d)(3) must be in electronic format and in a form that FDA can process, review, and archive. This requirement is in addition to the provisions of §§ 601.2(a) and 601.12(f). The burden estimate for § 601.14 is minimal and included in the estimate under §§ 601.2(a) (BLAs) and 601.12(f)(1), (f)(2), and (f)(3) (labeling supplements and annual reports) in table 1 of this document.

Section 601.45 requires applicants of biological products for serious or life-threatening illnesses to submit to the Agency for consideration, during the pre-approval review period, copies of all promotional materials, including promotional labeling as well as advertisements.

In addition to §§ 601.2 and 601.12, there are other regulations in 21 CFR parts 640, 660, and 680 that relate to information to be submitted in a license application or supplement for certain blood or allergenic products as follows:

§§ 640.6; 640.17; 640.21(c); 640.22(c); 640.25(c); 640.56(c); 640.64(c); 640.74(a) and (b)(2); 660.51(a)(4); and 680.1(b)(2)(iii) and (d).

In table 1 of this document, the burden associated with the information collection requirements in the applicable regulations is included in the burden estimate for §§ 601.2 and/or 601.12. A regulation may be listed under more than one subsection of § 601.12 due to the type of category under which a change to an approved application may be submitted.

There are also additional container and/or package labeling requirements for certain licensed biological products including: § 640.74(b)(3) and (4) for Source Plasma Liquid; § 640.84(a) and (c) for Albumin; § 640.94(a) for Plasma Protein Fraction; § 660.2(c) for Antibody to Hepatitis B Surface Antigen; § 660.28(a), (b), and (c) for Blood Grouping Reagent; § 660.35(a), (c) through (g), and (i) through (m) for Reagent Red Blood Cells; § 660.45 for Hepatitis B Surface Antigen; and § 660.55(a) and (b) for Anti-Human Globulin. The burden associated with the additional labeling requirements for submission of a license application for these certain biological products is minimal because the majority of the burden is associated with the requirements under §§ 610.60 through 610.65 or 21 CFR 809.10. Therefore, the burden estimates for these regulations are included in the estimate under §§ 610.60 through 610.65 in table 1 of this document. The burden estimates associated with § 809.10 are approved under OMB control number 0910-0485.

Section 601.25(b) requests interested persons to submit, for review and evaluation by an advisory review panel, published and unpublished data and information pertinent to a designated category of biological products that have been licensed prior to July 1, 1972. Section 601.26(f) requires that licensees submit to FDA a written statement intended to show that studies adequate and appropriate to resolve the questions raised about a biological product have been undertaken for a product if designated as requiring further study under the reclassification procedures. Under § 601.25(b), FDA estimates no further burden for this regulation, and therefore this regulation is not included in table 1 of this document. Under section 601.26(f), FDA estimates no burden for this regulation since there are no products designated to require further study and none are predicted in the future. However, FDA is using an estimate of 1 for calculation purposes. Based on the possible reclassification of a product, the labeling for the product

may need to be revised, or a manufacturer, on its own initiative, may deem it necessary for further study. As a result, any changes to product labeling would be reported under the appropriate subsection of § 601.12.

Section 601.27(a) requires that applications for new biological products contain data that are adequate to assess the safety and effectiveness of the biological product for the claimed indications in pediatric subpopulations, and to support dosing and administration information. Section 601.27(b) provides that an applicant may request a deferred submission of some or all assessments of safety and effectiveness required under § 601.27(a) until after licensing the product for use in adults. Section 601.27(c) provides that an applicant may request a full or partial waiver of the requirements under § 601.27(a) with adequate justification. The burden estimates for § 601.27(a) are included in the burden estimate under § 601.2(a) in table 1 of this document since these regulations deal with information to be provided in an application.

Section 601.28 requires sponsors of licensed biological products to submit the information in § 601.28(a), (b), and (c) to the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) or to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) each year, within 60 days of the anniversary date of approval of the license. Section 601.28(a) requires sponsors to submit to FDA a brief summary stating whether labeling supplements for pediatric use have been submitted and whether new studies in the pediatric population to support appropriate labeling for the pediatric population have been initiated. Section 601.28(b) requires sponsors to submit to FDA an analysis of available safety and efficacy data in the pediatric population and changes proposed in the labeling based on this information. Section 601.28(c) requires sponsors to submit to FDA a statement on the current status of any postmarketing studies in the pediatric population performed by, on or behalf of, the applicant. If the postmarketing studies were required or agreed to, the status of these studies is to be reported under § 601.70 rather than under this section.

Sections 601.33 through 601.35 clarify the information to be submitted in an application to FDA to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of radiopharmaceuticals intended for in vivo administration for diagnostic and monitoring use. The burden estimates for §§ 601.33 through 601.35 are included in the burden estimate under § 601.2(a) in table 1 of this document

since these regulations deal with information to be provided in an application.

Section 601.70(b) requires each applicant of a licensed biological product to submit annually a report to FDA on the status of postmarketing studies for each approved product application. Each annual postmarketing status report must be accompanied by a completed transmittal Form FDA 2252 (Form FDA 2252 approved under OMB control number 0910-0001). Under § 601.70(d), two copies of the annual report shall be submitted to FDA.

Sections 601.91 through 601.94 concern biological products for which human efficacy studies are not ethical or feasible. Section 601.91(b)(2) requires, in certain circumstances, such postmarketing restrictions as are needed to ensure the safe use of the biological product. Section 601.91(b)(3) requires applicants to prepare and provide labeling with relevant information to patients or potential patients for biological products approved under part 601, subpart H, when human efficacy studies are not ethical or feasible (or based on evidence of effectiveness from studies in animals). Section 601.93 provides that biological products approved under subpart H are subject to the postmarketing recordkeeping and safety reporting applicable to all approved biological products. Section 601.94 requires applicants under subpart H to submit to the Agency for consideration during preapproval review period copies of all promotional materials including promotional labeling as well as advertisements. Under § 601.91(b)(2) and § 601.93, any potential postmarketing reports and/or recordkeeping burdens would be included under the adverse experience reporting (AER) requirements under 21 CFR part 600 (OMB control number 0910-0308). Therefore, any burdens associated with these requirements would be reported under the AER information collection requirements (OMB control number 0910-0308). The burden estimate for § 601.91(b)(3) is included in the estimate under §§ 610.60 through 610.65.

Section 610.9(a) (21 CFR 610.9(a)) requires the applicant to present certain information, in the form of a license application or supplement to the application, for a modification of any particular test method or manufacturing process or the conditions which it is conducted under the biologics regulations. The burden estimate for § 610.9(a) is included in the estimate under §§ 601.2(a) and 601.12(b) and (c) in table 1 of this document.

Section 610.11(g)(2) (21 CFR 610.11(g)(2)) provides that a manufacturer of certain biological products may request an exemption from the general safety test (GST) requirements contained in subpart H. Under § 610.11(g)(2), FDA requires only those manufacturers of biological products requesting an exemption from the GST to submit additional information as part of a license application or supplement to an approved license application. Therefore, the burden estimate for § 610.11(g)(2) is included in the estimate under §§ 601.2(a) and 601.12(b) in table 1 of this document.

Under 21 CFR 610.15(d) (21 CFR 610.15(d)), the Director of CBER or the Director of CDER may approve, as appropriate, a manufacturer's request for exceptions or alternatives to the regulation for constituent materials. Manufacturers seeking approval of an exception or alternative must submit a request in writing with a brief statement describing the basis for the request and the supporting data.

Section 640.120 requires establishments to submit a request for an exception or alternative to any requirement in the biologics regulations regarding blood, blood components, or blood products. For licensed establishments, a request for an exception or alternative must be submitted in accordance with § 601.12. The burden estimate for § 640.120 is included in the estimate under § 601.12(b) in table 1 of this document.

Section 680.1(c) requires manufacturers to update annually their license file with the list of source materials and the suppliers of the materials. Section 680.1(b)(3)(iv) requires manufacturers to notify FDA when certain diseases are detected in source materials.

Sections 600.15(b) and 610.53(d) (21 CFR 610.53(d)) require the submission of a request for an exemption or modification regarding the temperature requirements during shipment and from dating periods, respectively, for certain biological products. Section 606.110(b) (21 CFR 606.110(b)) requires the submission of a request for approval to perform plasmapheresis of donors who do not meet certain donor requirements for the collection of plasma containing rare antibodies. Under §§ 600.15(b), 610.53(d), and 606.110(b), a request for an exemption or modification to the requirements would be submitted as a supplement. Therefore, the burden hours for any submissions under §§ 600.15(b), 610.53(d), and 606.110(b) are included in the estimates under § 601.12(b) in table 1 of this document.

In July 1997, FDA revised Form FDA 356h "Application to Market a New Drug, Biologic, or an Antibiotic Drug for Human Use" to harmonize application procedures between CBER and CDER. The application form serves primarily as a checklist for firms to gather and submit certain information to FDA. As such, the form, now entitled "Application to Market a New or Abbreviated New Drug or Biologic for Human Use" helps to ensure that the application is complete and contains all the necessary information, so that delays due to lack of information may be eliminated. In addition, the form provides key information to FDA for efficient handling and distribution to the appropriate staff for review. The estimated burden hours for nonbiological product submissions to CDER using Form FDA 356h are approved under OMB control number 0910-0001 (an estimated 3,200 submissions × 24 hours = 76,800 hours).

Form FDA 2567 "Transmittal of Labels and Circulars" may be used by manufacturers of licensed biological products to submit labeling (e.g., circulars, package labels, container labels, etc.) and labeling changes for FDA review and approval. For advertisements and promotional labeling, manufacturers of licensed biological products may submit to CBER either Form FDA 2567 or 2253. Form FDA 2253 was previously used only by drug manufacturers regulated by CDER. In August 1998, FDA revised and harmonized Form FDA 2253 so the form may be used to transmit specimens of promotional labeling and advertisements for biological products as well as for prescription drugs and antibiotics. The revised, harmonized form updates the information about the types of promotional materials and the codes that are used to clarify the type of advertisement or labeling submitted, clarifies the intended audience for the advertisements or promotional labeling (e.g., consumers, professionals, news services), and helps ensure that the submission is complete. Form FDA 2253 is approved under OMB control number 0910-0001.

Under tables 1 and 2 of this document, the numbers of respondents are based on the estimated annual number of manufacturers that submitted the required information to FDA or the number of submissions FDA received in fiscal year 2012. Based on information obtained from FDA's database systems, there are an estimated 323 licensed biologics manufacturers. The total annual responses are based on the estimated number of submissions (i.e., license applications, labeling and other

supplements, protocols, advertising and promotional labeling, notifications) for a particular product received annually by FDA. The hours per response are based on information provided by industry and past FDA experience with the various submissions or notifications. The hours per response include the time estimated to prepare the various submissions or notifications to FDA, and, as applicable, the time required to fill out the appropriate form and collate the documentation. Additional information regarding these estimates is provided below as necessary.

Under §§ 601.2 and 601.12, the estimated hours per response are based on the average number of hours to submit the various submissions. The estimated average number of hours is based on the range of hours to complete a very basic application or supplement and a complex application or supplement.

Under § 601.6(a), the total annual responses are based on FDA estimates

that establishments may notify an average of 20 selling agents and distributors of such suspension, and provide FDA of such notification. The number of respondents is based on the estimated annual number of suspensions of a biologic license.

Under §§ 601.12(f)(4) and 601.45, manufacturers of biological products may use either Form FDA 2567 or Form FDA 2253 to submit advertising and promotional labeling. Based on information obtained from FDA's database system, there were an estimated 10,578 submissions of advertising and promotional labeling.

Under §§ 601.28 and 601.70(b), FDA estimates that it takes an applicant approximately 24 hours (8 hours per study × 3 studies) annually to gather, complete, and submit the appropriate information for each postmarketing status report (approximately two to four studies per report) and the accompanied transmittal Form FDA 2252. Included in these 24 hours is the time necessary to

prepare and submit two copies of the annual progress report of postmarketing studies to FDA under § 601.70(d).

Under 21 CFR 610.15(d), FDA has received no submissions since the implementation of the final rule in April 2011. Therefore, FDA is estimating one respondent and one annual request to account for a possible submission to CBER or CDER of a request for an exception or alternative for constituent materials under § 610.15(d).

There were a total of 2,664 amendments to an unapproved application or supplement and resubmissions submitted using Form FDA 356h.

In the **Federal Register** of June 12, 2013 (78 FR 35273), FDA published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. No comments were received.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

21 CFR section	Form FDA No.	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response	Total hours
601.2(a) ² , 610.60 through 610.65 ³	2567/356h	25	1.8	45	860	38,700
601.5(a)	NA	8	1	8	* 0.33	2.64
601.6(a)	NA	1	1	1	* 0.33	0.33
601.12(a)(5)	NA	791	16.51	13,057	1	13,057
601.12(b)(1)/(b)(3)/(e) ⁴	² 356h	174	4.01	698	80	55,840
601.12(c)(1)/(c)(3) ⁵	² 356h	117	4.60	538	50	26,900
601.12(c)(5)	² 356h	18	1.61	29	50	1,450
601.12(d)(1)/(d)(3) ⁶ /(f)(3) ⁸	² 356h	241	3.08	742	24	17,808
601.12(f)(1) ⁷	2567	67	2.48	166	40	6,640
601.12(f)(2) ⁷	2567	72	1.78	128	20	2,560
601.12(f)(4)/601.45 ⁹	2567/2253	102	103.71	10,578	10	105,780
601.26(f)	NA	1	1	1	1	1
601.27(b)	NA	4	1	4	24	96
601.27(c)	NA	6	1	6	8	48
601.70(b) and (d)/601.28	2252	56	1.91	107	24	2,568
610.15(d)	NA	1	1	1	1	1
680.1(c)	NA	9	1	9	2	18
680.1(b)(3)(iv)	NA	1	1	1	2	2
Amendments/Resubmissions	356h	207	12.87	2,664	20	53,280
Total						324,752

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

² The reporting requirements under §§ 601.14, 601.27(a), 601.33, 601.34, 601.35, 610.9(a), 610.11(g)(2), 640.17, 640.25(c), 640.56(c), 640.74(b)(2), 660.51(a)(4), and 680.1(b)(2)(iii) are included in the estimate under § 601.2(a).

³ The reporting requirements under §§ 601.93(b)(3), 640.70(a), 640.74(b)(3) and (4), 640.84(a) and (c), 640.94(a), 660.2(c), 660.28(a), (b), and (c), 660.35(a), (c through g), and (i through m), 660.45, and 660.55(a) and (b) are included under §§ 610.60 through 610.65.

⁴ The reporting requirements under §§ 601.12(a)(2) and (b)(4), 600.15(b), 610.9(a), 610.11(g)(2), 610.53(d), 606.110(b), 640.6, 640.17, 640.21(c), 640.22(c), 640.25(c), 640.56(c), 640.64(c), 640.74(a) and (b)(2), 640.120, and 680.1(d) are included in the estimate under § 601.12(b).

⁵ The reporting requirements under §§ 601.12(a)(2), 610.9(a), 640.17, 640.25(c), 640.56(c), and 640.74(b)(2) are included in the estimate under § 601.12(c).

⁶ The reporting requirement under § 601.12(a)(2) is included in the estimate under § 601.12(d).

⁷ The reporting requirement under § 601.14 is included in the estimate under § 601.12(f)(1) and (f)(2).

⁸ The reporting requirement under §§ 601.12(a)(4) and 601.14 is included in the estimate under § 601.12(f)(3).

⁹ The reporting requirement under § 601.94 is included in the estimate under § 601.45.

* 20 minutes.

TABLE 2—ESTIMATED ANNUAL THIRD PARTY DISCLOSURE BURDEN ¹

21 CFR Section	Number of respondents	Number of disclosures per respondent	Total annual disclosures	Average burden per disclosure	Total hours
601.6(a)	1	20	20	*0.33	6.6

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.
 * 20 minutes.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2013–N–0663]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Investigational New Drug Safety Reporting Requirements for Human Drug and Biological Products and Safety Reporting Requirements for Bioavailability and Bioequivalence Studies in Humans

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Fax written comments on the collection of information by December 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attn: FDA Desk Officer, FAX: 202–395–7285, or emailed to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. All comments should be identified with the OMB control number 0910–0672. Also include the FDA docket number found

in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FDA PRA Staff, Office of Operations, Food and Drug Administration, 1350 Piccard Dr., PI50–400B, Rockville, MD 20850, PRAStaff@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

Investigational New Drug Safety Reporting Requirements for Human Drug and Biological Products and Safety Reporting Requirements for Bioavailability and Bioequivalence Studies in Humans—(OMB Control Number 0910–0672)—Extension

In the **Federal Register** of September 29, 2010 (75 FR 59935), FDA published a document entitled “Investigational New Drug Safety Reporting Requirements for Human Drug and Biological Products and Safety Reporting Requirements for Bioavailability and Bioequivalence Studies in Humans.” The document clarified the Agency’s expectations for timely review, evaluation, and submission of relevant and useful safety information and implemented internationally harmonized definitions and reporting standards for IND safety reports. The document also required safety reporting for bioavailability and bioequivalence studies. The document was intended to improve the utility of IND safety reports, expedite FDA’s review of critical safety information, better protect human subjects enrolled in clinical trials, and harmonize safety reporting requirements internationally.

The rulemaking included the following information collection under the PRA that was not already included in 21 CFR 312.32 and approved under OMB control number 0910–0014.

Section 312.32(c)(1)(ii) and (c)(1)(iii) requires reporting to FDA, in an IND safety report, of potential serious risks from clinical trials within 15 calendar days for findings from epidemiological studies, pooled analyses of multiple studies, or other clinical studies that suggest a significant risk in humans exposed to the drug.

Section 312.32(c)(1)(iii) specifies the requirements for reporting to FDA in an IND safety report potential serious risks from clinical trials within 15 calendar days for findings from in vitro testing that suggest a significant risk to humans. FDA estimates that approximately 100 sponsors spend a total of approximately 12 hours per report to prepare and submit approximately 600 reports annually.

Section 312.32(c)(1)(iv) requires reporting to FDA in an IND safety report within 15 calendar days of any clinically important increase in the rate of occurrence of serious suspected adverse reactions over that listed in the protocol or investigator brochure. FDA estimates that approximately 10 sponsors spend a total of approximately 12 hours per report to prepare and submit approximately 10 reports annually.

The rulemaking also included new information collection under the PRA by requiring safety reporting for bioavailability and bioequivalence studies (21 CFR 320.31(d)). FDA estimates that approximately 10 sponsors spend a total of approximately 14 hours per report to prepare and submit approximately 200 reports annually.

In the **Federal Register** of June 12, 2013 (78 FR 35283), FDA published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. No comments were received.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: