DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2011–D–0611]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of Office of Management and Budget Approval;
Extra Label Drug Use in Animals

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a revised draft guidance for industry entitled “Biosimilars: Additional Questions and Answers Regarding Implementation of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability.” This draft guidance is intended to provide answers to common questions from sponsors interested in developing proposed biosimilar products, biologics license application (BLA) holders, and other interested parties regarding FDA’s interpretation of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009 (BPCI Act). This guidance revises the draft guidance entitled “Biosimilars: Questions and Answers Regarding Implementation of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009,” issued February 15, 2012, to provide new and revised questions and answers (Q&As).

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comment on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)), to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance, submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by July 13, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 3128, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the draft guidance document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra Benton, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 6340, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–1042, or Stephen Ripley, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 7301, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 240–402–7911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a revised draft guidance for industry entitled “Biosimilars: Additional Questions and Answers Regarding Implementation of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009.” This draft guidance provides answers to common questions from sponsors interested in developing proposed biosimilar products, BLA holders, and other interested parties regarding FDA’s interpretation of the BPCI Act. This guidance revises the draft guidance entitled “Biosimilars: Questions and Answers Regarding Implementation of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009,” issued February 15, 2012, to provide new and revised Q&As. It also includes certain original Q&As that have not yet been finalized.

The BPCI Act, enacted as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111–148) on March 23, 2010, created an abbreviated licensure pathway under section 351(k) of the Public Health Service Act (the PHS Act) (42 U.S.C. 262(k)) for biological products demonstrated to be biosimilar to, or interchangeable with, an FDA-licensed reference product. This draft guidance describes FDA’s current interpretation of certain statutory requirements added by the BPCI Act and includes Q&As in the following categories:

- Biosimilarity or Interchangeability
- Provisions Related to Requirement to Submit a BLA for a “Biological Product”
III. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This draft guidance refers to information collection provisions that are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). The submission of an investigational new drug application is covered under 21 CFR part 312 and approved under OMB Control No. 0910–0014. The submission of an NDA is covered under 21 CFR 314.50 and approved under OMB Control No. 0910–0001. The submission of a BLA under section 351(a) of the PHS Act is covered under part 601 (21 CFR part 601) and approved under OMB Control No. 0910–0338. The submission of a BLA under section 351(k) of the PHS Act is covered under part 601 and approved under OMB control number 0910–0719.

IV. Electronic Access


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Leslie Kux, Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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[Docket No. FDA–2000–D–0598 (Formerly 2000D–1631)]

International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH GL23(R)); Studies To Evaluate the Safety of Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Human Food: Genotoxicity Testing; Revised Guidance for Industry; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a revised guidance for industry (GFI) #116 entitled “Studies to Evaluate the Safety of Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Human Food: Genotoxicity Testing” (VICH GL23(R)). This revised guidance has been developed for veterinary use by the International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH). In this VICH guidance, the recommendation for a second test to evaluate the potential of a chemical to produce chromosomal effects is revised. The revised guidance indicates that the potential of a chemical to produce chromosomal effects can be evaluated using one of the following three tests: (1) an in vitro chromosomal aberrations test using metaphase analysis, which detects both clastogenicity and aneugenicity; (2) an in vitro mammalian cell micronucleus test, which detects the activity of clastogenicity and aneugenicity; or (3) a mouse lymphoma test, which, with modification, can detect both gene mutation and chromosomal damage. This revised VICH guidance document is intended to facilitate the mutual acceptance of safety data necessary for the establishment of acceptable daily intakes for veterinary drug residues in human food by the relevant regulatory authorities.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidance at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the revised guidance to the Policy and Regulations Staff (HFV–6), Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, 7519 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the revised guidance document.

Submit electronic comments on the revised guidance to http://www.regulations.gov. Submit written comments to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In recent years, many important initiatives have been undertaken by regulatory authorities and industry associations to promote the