TABLE TO § 652.40(C)—Continued

Liquidity level	Instruments	Discount (multiply market value by)
Supplemental Liquidity	• Eligible investments under § 652.20 and those approved under § 652.23.	90 percent except discounts for Level 1, 2 or 3 investments apply to such investments held as supplemental liquidity.

Dated: February 12, 2016.

Dale L. Aultman,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Part 240

[Release No. 34–77172; File No. S7–27–15]

RIN 3235–AL55

Transfer Agent Regulations; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; Concept release; Request for comment; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') is extending the comment period for the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Concept Release and Request for Comment with respect to transfer agent regulations. The original comment period is scheduled to end on February 29, 2016. The Commission is extending the time period in which to provide the Commission with comments by 45 days, until April 14, 2016. This action will allow interested persons additional time to analyze the issues and prepare their comments.

DATES: Comments on the document published December 31, 2015 (80 FR 81948) must be in writing and received by April 14, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/concept.shtml*);
- Send an email to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File Number S7–27–15 on the subject line; or
- Use the Federal eRulemaking Portal (*http://www.regulations.gov*). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments to: Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number S7–27–15. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/concept.shtml*). Comments are also available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Moshe Rothman, Branch Chief, Thomas Etter, Special Counsel, Catherine Whiting, Special Counsel, Mark Saltzburg, Special Counsel, or Elizabeth de Boyrie, Counsel, Office of Clearance and Settlement, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–7010 at (202) 551–5710.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has requested comment in its Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Concept Release and Request for Comment (''Release'') with respect to transfer agent regulations.[1] The Release identifies and seeks comment in various areas, including registration and reporting requirements, safeguarding of funds and securities, standards for restrictive legends, and cybersecurity. Additionally, the Release generally seeks comment on a broad range of topics in the transfer agent space, including the processing of book entry securities, recordkeeping for beneficial owners, administration of issuer plans, and the role of transfer agents to mutual funds and crowdfunding. The Release originally provided that comments must be received by February 29, 2016. The Commission has received requests to extend the comment period.[2] The Commission believes that extending the comment period would be appropriate in order to provide the public additional time to consider and comment on the issues addressed in the Release. Therefore, the Commission is extending the public comment period for 45 days, until April 14, 2016.

By the Commission.

Dated: February 18, 2016.

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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[1] Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76743 (December 22, 2015), 80 FR 81948 (December 31, 2015).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 172

[Docket No. FDA–2015–F–4317]

Center for Science in the Public Interest, Natural Resources Defense Council, Center for Food Safety, Consumers Union, Improving Kids' Environment, Center for Environmental Health, Environmental Working Group, Environmental Defense Fund, and James Huff; Filing of Food Additive Petition; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notification; extension of comment period.

[2] *See* letters from Todd May, President, Securities Transfer Association, dated January 7, 2016; Martin McHale, President, U.S. Equity Services, Computershare, dated January 15, 2016; Cristeena G. Naser, Vice President and Senior Counsel, Center for Securities, Trust & Investment of the American Bankers Association, dated January 22, 2015; Alvin Santiago, President, Shareholder Services Association, dated January 27, 2016; Thomas F. Price, Manager Director, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, dated February 2, 2016.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is extending the comment period for the notice of filing that appeared in the **Federal Register** of January 4, 2016. In the notice, FDA requested comments on a filed food additive petition (FAP 5A4810), submitted by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, Natural Resources Defense Council, Center for Food Safety, Consumers Union, Improving Kids' Environment, Center for Environmental Health, Environmental Working Group, Environmental Defense Fund, and James Huff, proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to no longer authorize the use of seven listed synthetic flavoring food additives and to establish zero tolerances for the additives. We are taking this action in response to a request for an extension to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments.

DATES: We are extending the comment period on the notice of filing of a food additive petition published on January 4, 2016 (81 FR 42). Submit either electronic or written comments by May 3, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments as follows:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to *http://www.regulations.gov* will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on *http://www.regulations.gov*.
- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see ''Written/Paper Submissions'' and ''Instructions'').

Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- *Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
- For written/paper comments submitted to the Division of Dockets Management, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in ''Instructions.''

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2015–F–4317 for ''Center for Science in the Public Interest, Natural Resources Defense Council, Center for Food Safety, Consumers Union, Improving Kids' Environment, Center for Environmental Health, Environmental Working Group, Environmental Defense Fund, and James Huff, Filing of Food Additive Petition.'' Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as ''Confidential Submissions,'' publicly viewable at *http://www.regulations.gov* or at the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Confidential Submissions—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states ''THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.'' The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on *http://www.regulations.gov*. Submit both copies to the Division of Dockets Management. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as ''confidential.'' Any information marked as ''confidential'' will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: *http://www.fda.gov/regulatoryinformation/dockets/default.htm*.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the ''Search'' box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Division of Dockets Management, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judith Kidwell, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–265), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740–3835, 240–402–1071.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of January 4, 2016 (81 FR 42), we published a notice of filing of a food additive petition (FAP 5A4810) submitted by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, Natural Resources Defense Council, Center for Food Safety, Consumers Union, Improving Kids' Environment, Center for Environmental Health, Environmental Working Group, Environmental Defense Fund, and James Huff, c/o Mr. Thomas Neltner, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20009. The notice also invited comments on the petition. The petition proposes to amend 21 CFR 172.515, *Synthetic flavoring substances and adjuvants,* to no longer provide for the use of seven listed synthetic flavoring food additives and to establish zero tolerances for these additives. Specifically, the petitioners contend that new data establish that these substances are carcinogenic and are, therefore, not safe for use in food pursuant to the Delaney Clause (section 409(c)(3)(A) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 348(c)(3)(A))), which provides that no food additive shall be deemed to be safe if it is found to induce cancer when ingested by man or animal, or if it is found, after tests which are appropriate for the evaluation of the safety of food additives, to induce cancer in man or animal.

The seven food additives which are the subject of the petition are:

- Benzophenone (also known as diphenylketone) (CAS No. 119–61–9);
- Ethyl acrylate (CAS No. 140–88–5);
- Eugenyl methyl ether (also known as 4-allylveratrole or methyl eugenol) (CAS No. 93–15–2);
- Myrcene (also known as 7-methyl-3-methylene-1,6-octadiene) (CAS No. 123–35–3);
- Pulegone (also known as *p*-menth-4(8)-en-3-one) (CAS No. 89–82–7);
- Pyridine (CAS No. 110–86–1); and

• Styrene (CAS No. 100–42–5).

We have received a request for a 60-day extension of the comment period for the petition. The request conveyed concern that the current 60-day comment period does not allow sufficient time to collect and provide data and information and develop a meaningful and thoughtful response to the assertions set forth in the petition.

We have considered the request and are extending the comment period for the petition for an additional 60 days, until May 3, 2016. We believe that a 60-day extension allows adequate time for interested persons to submit comments without significantly delaying rulemaking on these important issues.

Dated: February 18, 2016.

Dennis M. Keefe,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 101

[Docket No. FDA–2014–N–1021]

Food Labeling; Gluten-Free Labeling of Fermented or Hydrolyzed Foods; Reopening of the Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: In the **Federal Register** of November 18, 2015, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a proposed rule entitled ''Food Labeling; Gluten-Free Labeling of Fermented or Hydrolyzed Foods.'' The proposed rule would establish requirements concerning ''gluten-free'' labeling for foods that are fermented or hydrolyzed or that contain fermented or hydrolyzed ingredients. We are taking this action to reopen the comment period in response to requests to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments.

DATES: FDA is reopening the comment period on the proposed rule published November 18, 2015 (80 FR 71990). Submit either electronic or written comments by April 25, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments as follows:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to *http://www.regulations.gov* will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on *http://www.regulations.gov*.

• If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see ''Written/Paper Submissions'' and ''Instructions'').

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• For written/paper comments submitted to the Division of Dockets Management, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in ''Instructions.''

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2014–N–1021 for ''Food Labeling; Gluten-Free Labeling of Fermented or Hydrolyzed Foods.'' Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as ''Confidential Submissions,'' publicly viewable at *http://www.regulations.gov* or at the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

• Confidential Submissions—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states ''THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.'' The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on *http://www.regulations.gov*. Submit both copies to the Division of Dockets Management. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as ''confidential.'' Any information marked as ''confidential'' will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: *http://www.fda.gov/regulatoryinformation/dockets/default.htm*.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol D'Lima, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–820), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740, 240–402–2371, FAX: 301–436–2636.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule would establish requirements concerning ''gluten-free'' labeling for foods that are fermented or hydrolyzed or that contain fermented or hydrolyzed ingredients. These additional requirements for the ''gluten-free'' labeling rule are needed to help ensure that individuals with celiac disease are not misled and receive truthful and accurate information with respect to fermented or hydrolyzed foods labeled as ''gluten-free.'' We provided a 90-day comment period for the proposed rule.

We received multiple requests for a 60-day extension of the comment period and one request for a 90-day extension of the comment period for the proposed rule. Each request conveyed concern that the original 90-day comment period does not allow sufficient time to develop a meaningful or thoughtful response to the proposed rule. We have considered the requests and are reopening the comment period for the