

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA-2017-D-5868]

**Requests for Reconsideration at the Division Level Under the Generic Drug User Fee Amendments; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, Agency, or we) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled “Requests for Reconsideration at the Division Level Under GDUFA.” This draft guidance provides recommendations on the procedures for applicants of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) that wish to pursue a request for reconsideration within the review discipline at the division level or original signatory authority. This draft guidance revises the draft guidance of the same title issued in October 2017. This revision is being issued to reflect the most recent reauthorization of the Generic Drug User Fee Amendments (GDUFA) and to clarify what matters are appropriate for requests for reconsideration.

**DATES:** Submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by March 11, 2024 to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance. Submit electronic or written comments on the proposed collection of information in the draft guidance by March 11, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on any guidance at any time as follows:

*Electronic Submissions*

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://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 <https://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):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, 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-2017-D-5868 for “Requests for Reconsideration at the Division Level Under GDUFA.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

- **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 <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. 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: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://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 Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-402-7500.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to the Division of Drug Information, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10001 New Hampshire Ave., Hillandale Building, 4th Floor, 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:**

*With regard to the draft guidance:* Martha Nguyen, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 75, Rm. 1676, Silver Spring, MD 20903, 240-695-3412, [Martha.Nguyen@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Martha.Nguyen@fda.hhs.gov); *With regard to the proposed collection of information:* Duong T (Diane) Nhu, Office of Operations, Food and Drug Administration, Three White Flint North, 10A-12M, 11601 Landsdown St., North Bethesda, MD 20852, 240-402-3953, [PRASStaff@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:PRASStaff@fda.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled “Requests for Reconsideration at the Division Level Under GDUFA.” This draft guidance provides recommendations on the procedures for applicants of ANDAs that wish to pursue a request for reconsideration within the review discipline at the division level or original signatory authority. Requests within the scope of this guidance document should concern certain actions that relate to an ANDA and have scientific significance.

During the assessment of an ANDA, FDA considers important issues that are central to product evaluation. Sometimes, an applicant may disagree with FDA, and because these disagreements often involve intricate matters, it is critical to have procedures in place to ensure open and prompt consideration of an applicant’s concern(s). The procedures and policies described in this guidance are intended to formalize FDA’s current and historical practices and to continue to promote rapid and fair resolution of eligible requests between an applicant and FDA. This draft guidance revises the draft guidance of the same title issued on October 12, 2017 (82 FR 47531). This revision is being issued to reflect the most recent reauthorization of GDUFA in the Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (Division F, Title III, Pub. L. 117–180, 136 Stat. 2155), and to clarify what matters are appropriate for requests for reconsideration.

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 current thinking of FDA on “Requests for Reconsideration at the Division Level Under GDUFA.” It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if

it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

**II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party.

Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on these topics: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

**Applications for FDA Approval To Market a New Drug**

OMB Control Number 0910–0001—Revision

The information collection request supports the Agency’s draft guidance entitled, “Requests for Reconsideration at the Division Level Under GDUFA.” As discussed in section I of this notice, this draft guidance provides information to respondents regarding procedures for submitting requests for reconsideration, including details on the content and format of the submission. Respondents to the collection of information are applicants of ANDAs. Based on available data with regard to similar information collections, FDA’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research will receive approximately 310 requests for reconsideration annually from 155 respondents. Because we estimate it will take 5 hours to prepare a request for reconsideration, we estimate it will take an average of 1,550 total hours annually for respondents to prepare and submit requests for reconsideration.

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN <sup>1</sup>

Section of guidance/reporting activity	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total hours
Section IV: Procedures for Submitting and Responding to a Request for Reconsideration .....	155	2	310	5	1,550

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

This draft guidance refers to previously approved FDA collections of information found in FDA regulations. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 314 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0001. The collections of information pertaining to the GDUFA III commitment letter, meetings related to generic drug development, and the Generic Drug User Fee Program have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0727.

**III. Electronic Access**

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the draft guidance at <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/guidance-compliance-regulatory-information/guidances-drugs>, <https://www.fda.gov/>

[regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents](https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents), or <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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 Associate Commissioner for Policy.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA–2020–N–0026]

**Issuance of Priority Review Voucher; Rare Pediatric Disease Product**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the issuance of a priority review voucher to the sponsor of a rare pediatric disease product application. The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act)