

restoration application for SPEVIGO (U.S. Patent No. 9,023,995) from Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH, and the USPTO requested FDA's assistance in determining this patent's eligibility for patent term restoration. In a letter dated January 18, 2024, FDA advised the USPTO that this human biological product had undergone a regulatory review period and that the approval of SPEVIGO represented the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the product. Thereafter, the USPTO requested that FDA determine the product's regulatory review period.

II. Determination of Regulatory Review Period

FDA has determined that the applicable regulatory review period for SPEVIGO is 1,729 days. Of this time, 1,393 days occurred during the testing phase of the regulatory review period, while 336 days occurred during the approval phase. These periods of time were derived from the following dates:

1. *The date an exemption under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)) became effective:* December 9, 2017. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that the date the investigational new drug application became effective was on December 9, 2017.

2. *The date the application was initially submitted with respect to the human biological product under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262):* October 1, 2021. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that the biologics license application (BLA) for SPEVIGO (BLA 761244) was initially submitted on October 1, 2021.

3. *The date the application was approved:* September 1, 2022. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that BLA 761244 was approved on September 1, 2022.

This determination of the regulatory review period establishes the maximum potential length of a patent extension. However, the USPTO applies several statutory limitations in its calculations of the actual period for patent extension. In its application for patent extension, this applicant seeks 1,033 days of patent term extension.

III. Petitions

Anyone with knowledge that any of the dates as published are incorrect may submit either electronic or written comments and, under 21 CFR 60.24, ask for a redetermination (see **DATES**). Furthermore, as specified in § 60.30 (21 CFR 60.30), any interested person may petition FDA for a determination regarding whether the applicant for extension acted with due diligence

during the regulatory review period. To meet its burden, the petition must comply with all the requirements of § 60.30, including but not limited to: must be timely (see **DATES**), must be filed in accordance with § 10.20, must contain sufficient facts to merit an FDA investigation, and must certify that a true and complete copy of the petition has been served upon the patent applicant. (See H. Rept. 857, part 1, 98th Cong., 2d sess., pp. 41–42, 1984.) Petitions should be in the format specified in 21 CFR 10.30.

Submit petitions electronically to <https://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FDA-2013-S-0610. Submit written petitions (two copies are required) to the Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

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Lauren K. Roth,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2017-N-4853]

Receipt of Notice That a Patent Infringement Complaint Was Filed Against a Biosimilar or Interchangeable Biosimilar Applicant

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is publishing notice that an applicant for a biologics license application (BLA) for a biosimilar or interchangeable biosimilar product submitted under the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) (a "subsection (k) applicant") notified FDA that an action for patent infringement was filed in connection with the applicant's BLA. Under the PHS Act, within 30 days after the subsection (k) applicant is served with a complaint in an action for patent infringement described under the PHS Act, the subsection (k) applicant shall provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) with notice and copy of such complaint. FDA is required to publish notice of the complaint in the **Federal Register**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009 (BPCI Act) was enacted as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111-148) on March 23, 2010. The BPCI Act amended the PHS Act and created an abbreviated licensure pathway for biological products shown to be biosimilar to, or interchangeable with, an FDA-licensed biological reference product. Section 351(k) of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 262(k)) sets forth the requirements for an application for a proposed biosimilar product and an application or a supplement for a proposed interchangeable product.

Section 351(l) of the PHS Act describes certain procedures for exchanging patent information and resolving patent disputes between a subsection (k) applicant and the holder of the BLA reference product. If a subsection (k) applicant is served with a complaint in an action for a patent infringement described in section 351(l)(6) of the PHS Act, the subsection (k) applicant is required to provide the Secretary of HHS with notice and a copy of the complaint within 30 days of service. FDA is required to publish notice of a complaint received under section 351(l)(6)(C) of the PHS Act in the **Federal Register**.

FDA received notice of the following complaint under section 351(l)(6)(C) of the PHS Act: *Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Amgen Inc.*, 2:24-CV-00264 (C.D. Cal., filed January 10, 2024).

FDA has only a ministerial role that is limited to publishing notice of a complaint received under section 351(l)(6)(C) of the PHS Act and does not perform a substantive review of the complaint.

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