



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 573

[Docket No. FDA-2017-F-5528]

Idemitsu Kosan, Cp. Ltd.; Filing of Food Additive Petition (Animal Use)

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notification; petition for rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is announcing that Idemitsu Kosan, Cp. Ltd. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of silicon dioxide as a carrier for flavors for use in animal feed.

DATES: The food additive petition was filed on August 7, 2017.

ADDRESSES: For access to the docket, 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (section 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 2304) has been filed by Idemitsu Kosan, Cp. Ltd., Agri-Bio Business Dept., 1-1 Marunouchi 3-Chome, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 1000-8321, Japan. The petition proposes to amend Title 21 of the

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in part 573 (21 CFR part 573) *Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals* to provide for the safe use of silicon dioxide (21 CFR 573.940) as a carrier for flavors for use in animal feed.

The petitioner has claimed that this action is categorically excluded under 21 CFR 25.32(r) because it is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. In addition, the petitioner has stated that, to their knowledge, no extraordinary circumstances exist. If FDA determines a categorical exclusion applies, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required. If FDA determines a categorical exclusion does not apply, we will request an environmental assessment and make it available for public inspection.

Dated: September 19, 2017.

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Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Planning, Legislation, and Analysis.

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