DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-1987-P-0074]

Canned Pacific Salmon Deviating From Identity Standard; Amendment of Temporary Marketing Permit

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending Bumble Bee Seafoods Inc.’s temporary permit to market test canned skinless and boneless chunk salmon packed in water that contains sodium tripolyphosphate to inhibit protein curd formation during retorting. The temporary permit is amended to allow for the canned skinless and boneless chunk salmon packed in water with or without sodium tripolyphosphate and to update the manufacturing location. This amendment will allow the applicant to continue to test market the test product and collect data on consumer acceptance of the test product.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Loretta A. Carey, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-820), Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Dr., College Park, MD 20740, 240-402-2371.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of July 13, 1987 (52 FR 26186), we issued a notice announcing that we had issued a temporary permit to Bumble Bee Seafoods, Inc., San Diego, CA 92123, to market test products identified as canned skinless and boneless chunk salmon packed in water and containing added sodium tripolyphosphate to inhibit protein curd formation during retorting. The permit allowed for the test product to be
manufactured at a plant located in Petersburg, AK. We issued the permit to facilitate market
testing of products that deviate from the requirements of the standard of identity for canned
Pacific salmon in 21 CFR 161.170, which were issued under section 401 of the Federal Food,

In the Federal Register of April 8, 1988 (53 FR 11710), we issued a notice announcing
that we had amended the temporary permit to permit the test product be manufactured at one
additional plant, Chugach Alaska Fisheries, Inc., Ocean Dock Rd., Cordova, AK 99574. In the
Federal Register of September 6, 1988 (53 FR 34354), we issued another notice announcing that
we were extending the expiration date of the permit to either the effective date of a final rule for
any proposal to amend the standard of identity for canned Pacific salmon that may result from
the National Food Processors Association’s petition, submitted on behalf of Bumble Bee
Seafoods, Inc., and other salmon packers holding temporary permits, or 30 days after termination
of such proposal.

Under our regulations at 21 CFR 130.17(f), we are amending the temporary permit issued
to Bumble Bee Seafoods, Inc., to allow for the canned skinless and boneless chunk salmon
packed in water with or without sodium tripolyphosphate and to allow the test product to be
manufactured only at one plant, Pataya Food Industries Ltd., located at 90/6 Moo 7, Settakit
Road, Tambol Tarsai, Amphur Maung, Samutsakorn 74000 Thailand. All other conditions and
terms of this permit remain the same.


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Principal Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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