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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0197]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Medical Devices; Shortages Data Collection System

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Fax written comments on the collection of information by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attn: FDA Desk Officer, Fax: 202-395-7285, or emailed to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. All comments should be identified with the OMB control number 0910-0491. Also include the FDA docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

Medical Devices; Shortages Data Collection System

OMB Control Number 0910-0491--Reinstatement

Under section 1003(d)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 393(d)(2)), the Commissioner of Food and Drugs is authorized to implement general powers (including conducting research) to carry out effectively the mission of FDA.

After the events of September 11, 2001, and as part of broader counterterrorism and emergency preparedness activities, FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) began developing operational plans and interventions that would enable CDRH to anticipate and respond to medical device shortages that might arise in the context of federally declared disasters/emergencies or regulatory actions. In particular, CDRH identified the need to acquire and maintain detailed data on domestic inventory, manufacturing capabilities, distribution plans, and raw material constraints for medical devices that would be in high demand and/or would be vulnerable to shortages in specific disaster/emergency situations or following specific regulatory actions. Such data could support prospective risk assessment, help inform risk mitigation strategies, support real-time decision making by the Department of Health and Human Services during actual emergencies or emergency preparedness exercises, and mitigate or prevent harm to the public health.

The data collection process will consist of an initial telephone call to firms who have been identified as producing an essential medical device. In this initial call, the intent and goals of the data collection effort will be described, and the specific data request made. Data will be collected, using least burdensome methods, in a structured manner to answer specific questions.

After the initial outreach, we will request updates to the information on a quarterly basis to keep the data current and accurate. Additional followup correspondence may occasionally be needed to verify/validate data, confirm receipt of followup correspondence(s), and/or request additional details to further inform FDA's public health response.

In the *Federal Register* of December 28, 2018 (83 FR 67298), FDA published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. No comments were received.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

Table 1.--Estimated Annual Reporting Burden¹

Activity	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Average Burden per Response	Total Hours
Shortages Data Collection	260	4	1,040	0.5 (30 minutes)	520

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

FDA based the burden estimates in table 1 on past experience with direct contact with the medical device manufacturers and anticipated changes in the medical device manufacturing patterns for the specific devices being monitored. FDA estimates that approximately 260 manufacturers would be contacted by telephone and/or electronic mail 4 times per year either to obtain primary data or to verify/validate data. Because the requested data represent data elements that are monitored or tracked by manufacturers as part of routine inventory management activities, it is anticipated that for most manufacturers, the estimated time required of manufacturers to complete the data request will not exceed 30 minutes per request cycle.

This information collection is a reinstatement without change. There is an increase (an adjustment) of 332 hours in the total estimated burden compared with that identified in the information collection request previously approved by OMB. This increase reflects changes in market demands, in which manufacturers are increasingly adopting just-in-time production methods.

Dated: November 18, 2019.

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