DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2009-N-0380]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Product Jurisdiction and Combination Products

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) 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 (PRA) of 1995.

DATES: Submit written comments (including recommendations) 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 submitted to https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review--Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0910-0523. 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.

Product Jurisdiction and Combination Products--21 CFR Part 3
OMB Control Number 0910-0523--Revision

This information collection supports implementation of section 503(g) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 353(g)), as amended by the 21st Century Cures Act (Pub. L. 114-255) (Cures Act), section 563 of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C 360bbb-2) added to the FD&C Act by the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-115), and Agency regulations in 21 CFR part 3. Section 503(g) of the FD&C Act expressly provides for the regulation of combination products, including how primary Agency responsibility shall be designated for such products and how certain submissions regarding such products may be made to the Agency. Section 563 of the FD&C Act requires FDA to classify products as biological products, devices, drugs, or combination products and to assign products to an Agency component for regulation, in response to requests for designation (RFDs) submitted by product sponsors. We updated our regulations in 21 CFR part 3 in 2005 to clarify the meaning of the statutory term “primary mode of action,” which determines the FDA component to which a combination product is assigned. We proposed to update these regulations further on May 15, 2018 (83 FR 22428), intending to: (1) clarify the scope of our regulations; (2) streamline and clarify the appeals process; (3) align the regulations with more recent legislative and regulatory measures; (4) update advisory content; and (5) clarify Agency policies and practices.

We are revising the information collection to include changes to these existing procedures and current statutory and legislative mandates. Specifically, as amended by the Cures Act, section 503(g) of the FD&C Act includes provisions exclusive to FDA’s Office of Combination Products (OCP) and/or to provide for combination product-specific submission types, including provisions addressing engagement between OCP and combination product sponsors and Combination Product Agreement Meetings (CPAMs) for sponsors to engage with FDA. In addition, FDA has developed an associated jurisdictional process to the RFD process,
the pre-RFD process, for sponsors to obtain feedback regarding medical product classification and assignment.

To assist respondents with format and content elements related to the information collection for RFDs and pre-RFDs, we have developed proposed Forms FDA 5003, 5004, and 5005 (pre-request and request for designation). To support RFD and pre-RFD submissions, FDA has also made information technology improvements, enabling sponsors to use preferred submission methods, including automated, electronic, mechanical, and other technological collection techniques. We expect the use of improved technology to enhance sponsors’ user experience with submissions.

We have also developed Agency guidance consistent with sections 503(g) and 563 of the FD&C Act and with our Good Guidance Practice regulations in 21 CFR 10.115 (approved under OMB control number 0910-0191).

The guidance entitled “How to Write a Request for Designation” (issued April 2011), provides instruction regarding the information that needs to be submitted to OCP in a RFD as described in 21 CFR section 3.7. The guidance is available at https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/how-write-request-designation-rfd. In the Federal Register of July 17, 2019 (84 FR 34188), we published a notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information associated with 21 CFR part 3; no comments were received.

The guidance entitled “How to Prepare a Pre-Request for Designation,” was developed to assist sponsors in obtaining a preliminary, nonbinding assessment from OCP through the pre-RFD process. The guidance explains the pre-RFD process and helps a sponsor understand the type of information to provide in a pre-RFD submission. The guidance is available at https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/how-prepare-pre-request-designation-pre-rfd. In the Federal Register of January 13, 2017 (82 FR 4351), we published a notice announcing the availability of the draft guidance that included an analysis
under the PRA and solicited public comment on the recommended information collection. In consideration of comments, we made minor edits to the guidance, including clarifying our pledge of confidentiality for information submitted and clarifying that OCP may be contacted at any time to discuss questions. No comments suggested revision to the information collection, and therefore we made no adjustment in our burden estimate.

The guidance entitled “Requesting FDA Feedback on Combination Products,” was developed to discuss ways in which combination product sponsors can obtain feedback from FDA on scientific and regulatory questions and to describe best practices for FDA and sponsors when interacting on these topics. The guidance is available at https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/requesting-fda-feedback-combination-products. In the Federal Register of December 26, 2019 (84 FR 70976), we published a notice announcing the availability of the draft guidance that included an analysis under the PRA and solicited public comment on the proposed collection of information for CPAMs. One comment was received in support of the collection but suggested no change in FDA’s burden estimate.

Respondents to the information collection are sponsors of medical products, including combination products. We estimate the burden of this collection of information as follows:

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

For RFDs and pre-RFDs, our estimate is based on the number of submissions received from October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2019. We assume 1 submission per respondent, for an annual average of 53 RFD submissions, and 83 pre-RFD submissions and assume that each submission requires an average of 24 hours to prepare and submit to FDA.

Our estimate for CPAM requests is based on future activity in light of the minimal use of CPAMs to date; FDA has received two CPAM requests since the enactment of the Cures Act in
December 2016. We estimate one CPAM request will be received per year by each medical product center (Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, and Center for Devices and Radiological Health). We assume it will take sponsors approximately 25 hours to compile and submit the recommended information. Because we expect burden associated with application submissions is already captured by approved information collection requests for drug, biologic, and medical device applications, respectively (approved under OMB control numbers 0910-0001, 0910-0338, and 0910-0231), we do not include burden associated with application submissions captured by these programs in this information collection request.

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