DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2021-P-0424]

Medical Devices; Exemption from Premarket Notification: Powered Patient Transport, All
Other Powered Patient Transport; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) is extending the comment period for the notice that appeared in the Federal Register of June 15, 2021. In the notice, FDA requested comments by August 16, 2021. The Agency is taking this action in response to a correction to the notice’s docket number that appeared in the Federal Register of June 30, 2021, to allow interested persons time to submit comments in response to the corrected notice.

DATES: FDA is extending the comment period on the notice published June 15, 2021 (86 FR 31722). Submit either electronic or written comments by August 30, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered. Electronic comments must be submitted on or before August 30, 2021. The https://www.regulations.gov electronic filing system will accept comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time at the end of August 30, 2021. Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are postmarked or the delivery service acceptance receipt is on or before that date.

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to
https://www.regulations.gov will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on https://www.regulations.gov.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions): Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2021-P-0424 for “Medical Devices; Exemption from Premarket Notification: Powered Patient Transport, All Other Powered Patient Transport.” Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see ADDRESSES), will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at https://www.regulations.gov or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.
Confidential Submissions--To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.” The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on https://www.regulations.gov. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as “confidential.” Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA’s posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at:

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, 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, 240-402-7500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Reed, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm.1526, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 240-402-4717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of June 15, 2021, FDA published a notice with a 60-day comment period requesting comments by August 16, 2021.
Comments on the notice will inform FDA’s response to a petition requesting exemption from premarket notification requirements for powered patient transport, all other powered patient transport.

In the Federal Register of June 30, 2021, FDA corrected the docket number associated with the notice (86 FR 34770). FDA has considered the requirements associated with receipt of a petition requesting exemption from premarket notification requirements under section 510(m) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360(m)). Due to the correction to the docket number, the Agency is extending the comment period for the notice, until August 30, 2021. The Agency believes that an extension allows adequate time for interested persons to submit comments from the date of the correction to the notice issued June 30, 2021, without delaying our consideration of these important issues.

Dated: July 16, 2021.

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Acting Principal Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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