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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 573

[Docket No. FDA-2023-F-0147]

Micro-Tracers, Inc.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notification of petition.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is announcing that we have filed a petition, submitted by Micro-Tracers, Inc., proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to permit the use of ethyl cellulose as a matrix scaffolding in tracers for use in feeds at no more than 0.09 grams per ton of feed (0.1 ppm).

DATES: The food additive petition was filed on December 12, 2022.

ADDRESSES: For access to the docket to read background documents or 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Megan Hall, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, 7519 Standish Pl. (HFV-221), Rockville, MD 20855, 301-796-3801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (section 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), we are giving notice that we have filed a food additive petition (FAP 2316), submitted by Micro-Tracers, Inc., 1375 Van Dyke Ave., San Francisco, CA 94124. The petition proposes to amend Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in 21 CFR part 573, *Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals*, to provide for

the safe use of ethyl cellulose as a matrix scaffolding in tracers for use in feeds at no more than 0.09 grams per ton of feed (0.1 ppm).

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 that may significantly affect the quality of the human environment. 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: February 1, 2023.

Lauren K. Roth,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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