

organization indicating an interest in participating in the selection process to consult with the others in selecting a single member representing industry interests for the committee within 60 days after receipt of the letter. If no individual is selected within 60 days, the agency will select the nonvoting member representing industry interests.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2), relating to advisory committees.

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Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Request for Nominations for Members on Public Advisory Committees; Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for members to serve on the Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration (the board) administered from FDA's Office of Science. Nominations will be accepted for upcoming vacancies that may or will occur on the board during the next 24 months.

FDA has a special interest in ensuring that women, minority groups, and individuals with disabilities are adequately represented on advisory committees, and therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations for appropriately qualified female, minority, or physically disabled candidates. Final selections from among qualified candidates for each vacancy will be determined by the expertise required to meet specific agency needs and in a manner to ensure appropriate balance of membership.

DATES: All nominations must be received by September 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for membership and curricula vitae from academia, industry, and government, except for general public representatives (consumer-nominated members), should be sent to Susan K. Meadows (address below). All nominations for general public representatives (consumer-nominated members) should be sent to Annette J. Funn (address below).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding all nominations for general membership, except for general public representatives: Susan K. Meadows, Office of Science (HF-32), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-4591.

Regarding all nominations for general public representatives: Annette J. Funn, Office of Consumer Affairs (HFE-88), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-5006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is requesting nominations for members to serve on the board for upcoming vacancies that may or will occur on the board during the next 24 months.

Function

The function of the board is to provide advice primarily to the agency's Senior Science Advisor and, as needed, to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs and other appropriate officials on specific complex and technical issues as well as emerging issues within the scientific community in academia and industry. Additionally, the board provides advice to the agency on keeping pace with technical and scientific evolutions in the field of regulatory science, on formulating an appropriate research agenda and on upgrading its scientific and research facilities to keep pace with these changes. The board also provides the means for critical review of agency-sponsored intramural and extramural scientific research programs.

Criteria for Members

Persons nominated for membership shall have exceptional accomplishments and expertise in science, or executive level experience in scientific programmatic or laboratory management involving scientific endeavors appropriate to the work of the board and the interests of FDA. Disciplines or expertise of particular interest include biomedical technology with application to medical devices, biologics and vaccine development and research, and genetics. The term of office is 4 years.

General Public Representatives (Consumer-nominated Members)

FDA currently attempts to place members on advisory committees who are nominated by consumer organizations. These members are recommended by a consortium of 12 consumer organizations that has the responsibility for screening, interviewing, and recommending consumer-nominated candidates with appropriate scientific credentials.

Candidates are sought who are aware of the consumer impact of committee issues, but who also possess enough technical background to understand and contribute to the committee's work. The agency notes, however, that for some advisory committees, it may require such nominees to meet the same technical qualifications and specialized training required of other expert members of the committee. The term of office for these members is up to 4 years, depending on the appointment date. Nominations are invited for consideration for membership as openings become available.

Nomination Procedures

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the board. Nominations shall state that the nominee is aware of the nomination, is willing to serve as a member of the board, and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude board membership. Potential candidates will be asked by FDA to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts in order to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97F-0305]

Goldschmidt Chemical Corp.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Goldschmidt Chemical Corp. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the expanded safe use of siloxanes and silicones; cetylmethyl, dimethyl, methyl 11-methoxy-11-oxoundecyl as a pigment dispersant in all pigmented polymers intended for use in contact with food.