requests. The document may also be obtained by mail by calling the CBER Voice Information System at 1–800–835–4709 or 301–827–1800, or by fax by calling the FAX Information System at 1–888–CBER–FAX or 301–827–3844. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the draft guidance document.

Submit written comments on the document to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Requests and comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathaniel L. Geary, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM–17), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, suite 200N, Rockville, MD 20852–1448, 301–827–6210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft document entitled ''Guidance for Industry: Pre-Storage Leukocyte Reduction of Whole Blood and Blood Components Intended for Transfusion.'' The draft guidance document provides FDA recommendations regarding leukocyte reduction and provides information to assist licensed facilities in filing supplements to their biologics licenses to include leukocyte reduced products.

This draft guidance document describes the manufacturing procedures and controls applicable to pre-storage leukocyte reduced blood components for transfusion. Additionally, the agency would streamline the licensing procedure for leukocyte reduced products in order to assist blood establishments in making pre-storage leukocyte reduced products more widely available.

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115; 65 FR 56468, September 19, 2000). This draft guidance document represents the agency's current thinking on the leukocyte reduction of blood components intended for transfusion. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirement of the applicable statute and regulations. As with other guidance documents, FDA does not intend this document to be all-inclusive and cautions that not all information may be applicable to all situations. The document is intended to provide information and does not set forth requirements.

II. Comments

This draft document is being distributed for comment purposes only and is not intended for implementation at this time. Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments regarding this draft guidance document. Written comments may be submitted at any time, however, comments should be submitted by May 1, 2001, to ensure adequate consideration in preparation of the final document. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except individuals may submit one copy. Comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. A copy of the document and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the draft guidance document at http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/index.htm or at http://www.fda.gov/cber/guidelines.htm.

Dated: January 22, 2001.

Ann M. Witt,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 01D–0033]

Draft Guidance for Industry on Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format, Prescription Drug Advertising and Promotional Labeling; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled ''Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format—Prescription Drug Advertising and Promotional Labeling.'' The draft guidance discusses how to submit promotional materials in electronic format to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) and the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER). This draft guidance is one of a series of guidances being developed by the agency to assist applicants who wish to make regulatory submissions in electronic format. Although submissions in electronic format are voluntary, the agency encourages them as a way to improve the efficiency of handling and reviewing documents and data.

DATES: Submit written comments on the draft guidance by April 2, 2001. General comments on agency guidance documents are welcome at any time.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this draft guidance are available on the Internet at http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/index.htm or http://www.fda.gov/cber/guidelines.htm. Written requests for copies of the draft guidance should be submitted to the Drug Information Branch (HFD–210), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; or the Office of Communication, Training and Manufacturers Assistance (HFM–40), Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852–1448, Fax: 1–888–CBERFAX or 301–827–3844. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist the office in processing your request. Submit written comments on the draft guidance to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Traditionally, regulations have required that submissions, such as investigational new drug application (IND's) and new drug applications (NDA's), be submitted as paper documents. In the **Federal Register** of March 20, 1997 (62 FR 13430), FDA published the electronic records and electronic signatures regulation, which provided for the voluntary submission of parts or all of an application, as defined in the relevant regulations, in electronic format without an accompanying paper copy (21 CFR part 11). The agency also established public Docket No. 92S–0251 to provide a list of

the agency unit(s) that are prepared to receive electronic submissions and the specific types of records and submissions that can be accepted in electronic format (62 FR 13467, March 20, 1997).

In the **Federal Register** of January 28, 1999 (64 FR 4433), CDER and CBER jointly published a guidance entitled ''Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format--General Considerations.'' Since that time, CDER and CBER have included NDA's and BLA's on the docket as submission types that we are able to accept in electronic format.

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115; 65 FR 56468, September 19, 2001). This draft guidance represents the agency's current thinking on providing promotional materials in electronic format to CDER and CBER. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes, regulations, or both.

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments on the draft guidance. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments and requests are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The draft guidance and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. As in the past, applicants planning to make submissions in electronic format should consult public Docket No. 92S–0251 to determine which agency units are prepared to receive electronic submissions and the specific types of documents that can be submitted in electronic format.

Dated: January 24, 2001.

Ann M. Witt,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)–443–1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: The Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program: Physician's Certification of Borrower's Total and Permanent Disability Form (OMB No. 0915–0204)—Revision

The Health Education Assistance (HEAL) program provided federally-insured loans to students in schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, podiatric medicine, pharmacy, public health, allied health, or chiropractic, and graduate students in health administration or clinical psychology through September 30, 1998. Eligible lenders, such as banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, pension funds, State agencies, HEAL schools, and insurance companies, make new refinanced HEAL loans which are insured by the Federal Government against loss due to borrower's death, disability, bankruptcy, and default. The basic purpose of the program was to assure the availability of funds for loans to eligible students who needed to borrow money to pay for their educational loans. Currently, the program refinances previous HEAL loans, monitors the Federal liability, and assists in default prevention activities. The HEAL borrower, the borrower's physician, and the holder of the loan completes the Physician's Certification form to certify that the HEAL borrower meets the total and permanent disability provisions.

The Department uses this form to obtain detailed information about disability claims which includes the following: (1) The borrower's consent to release medical records to the Department of Health and Human Services and to the holder of the borrower's HEAL loans, (2) pertinent information supplied by the certifying physician, (3) the physician's certification that the borrower is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity because of a medically determinable impairment that is expected to continue for a long and indefinite period of time or to result in death, and (4) information from the lender on the unpaid balance. Failure to submit the required documentation will result in disapproval of a disability claim.

The estimate of burden for the Physician's Certification form is as follows:

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Minutes per responses	Total burden hours
Borrower*	117	1	117	5	10
Physician	117	1	117	30	58.5
Loan Holder	20	5.85	117	10	19.5
Total	254		351		88

*Includes 2 categories of borrowers requesting disability waivers: (1) whose loans have previously defaulted and (2) whose loans have not defaulted.

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: John Morrall, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 26, 2001.

Jane M. Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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