DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel; NHLBI Nanotechnology Administrative Centers Contract Review.
Date: August 20, 2010.
Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.
Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, [Telephone Conference Call]
Contact Person: Shelley S Sehnert, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch/DERA, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 7206, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–0303, ssehnert@nhlbi.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict; Diabetes and Obesity.
Date: August 24, 2010.
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, [Telephone Conference Call]
Contact Person: Michael Knecht, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6176, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1046, knechtm@csr.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Draft Revised Guidance for Industry on Residual Solvents in New Veterinary Medicinal Products, Active Substances and Excipients (Revision) VICH GL18(R): Request for Comments; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability for comments of a draft revised guidance for industry (#100) entitled “Residual Solvents in New Veterinary Medicinal Products, Active Substances and Excipients (Revision) VICH GL18(R).” This draft revised guidance, which updates a final guidance on the same topic for which a notice of availability was published in the Federal Register of May 22, 2001 (66 FR 28182) (the 2001 final guidance), has been developed for veterinary use by the International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH). The guidance is intended to recommend acceptable amounts of residual solvents in new animal drugs (referred to as pharmaceuticals or veterinary medicinal products in this guidance) for the safety of the target animal as well as for the safety of human consumers of products derived from treated food producing animals. It is intended to assist in developing new animal drug applications (referred to as marketing applications in this guidance) submitted
to the European Union, Japan, and the United States.

DATES: Although you can comment on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)), to ensure that the agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance, submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by October 18, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the guidance to the Communications Staff (HFV–12), Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, 7519 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the draft guidance document.

Submit electronic comments on the draft guidance to http://www.regulations.gov. Submit written comments to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mai Huynh, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV–142), Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 240–276–8273, mai.huynh@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In recent years, many important initiatives have been undertaken by regulatory authorities and industry associations to promote the international harmonization of regulatory requirements. FDA has participated in efforts to enhance harmonization and has expressed its commitment to seek scientifically based harmonized technical procedures for the development of pharmaceutical products. One of the goals of harmonization is to identify and then reduce differences in technical requirements for drug development among regulatory agencies in different countries.

FDA has actively participated in the International Conference on Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Approval of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use for several years to develop harmonized technical requirements for the approval of human pharmaceutical and biological products among the European Union, Japan, and the United States. The VICH is a parallel initiative for veterinary medicinal products. The VICH is concerned with developing harmonized technical requirements for the approval of veterinary medicinal products in the European Union, Japan, and the United States, and includes input from both regulatory and industry representatives.

The VICH Steering Committee is composed of member representatives from the European Commission, European Medicines Evaluation Agency, European Federation of Animal Health, Committee on Veterinary Medicinal Products, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Animal Health Institute, the Japanese Veterinary Pharmacological Association, the Japanese Association of Veterinary Biologists, and the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries.

Four observers are eligible to participate in the VICH Steering Committee: One representative from the government of Australia/New Zealand, one representative from the industry in Australia/New Zealand, one representative from the government of Canada, and one representative from the industry of Canada. The VICH Secretariat, which coordinates the preparation of documentation, is provided by the International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH). An IFAH representative also participates in the VICH Steering Committee meetings.

II. Draft Revised Guidance on Residual Solvents in New Veterinary Medicinal Products, Active Substances and Excipients

In April 2010, the VICH Steering Committee agreed that a draft revised guidance entitled “Residual Solvents in New Veterinary Medicinal Products, Active Substances and Excipients (Revision) VICH GL18(R)” should be made available for public comment. The draft revised guidance is a revision of the 2001 final guidance on the same topic. The draft revised guidance revises the lower PDE (permissible daily exposure) for N-Methylpyrrolidone being kept in Class 2 (Table 2 of the draft revised guidance) and for Tetrahydrofuran being placed into Class 2 from Class 3 (Table 3 of the draft revised guidance). The draft revised guidance is a product of the Quality Expert Working Group of the VICH. Comments about this draft will be considered by FDA and the VICH Quality Expert Working Group.

III. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This draft revised guidance refers to previously approved collections of information found in FDA regulations. These collections of information are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). The collections of information in sections II–VI of this document have been approved under OMB Control No. 0910–0032.

IV. Significance of Guidance

This draft guidance developed under the VICH process, includes mandatory language that does not describe a statutory or regulatory requirement, as permitted by good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115(i)(3)). Mandatory language that does not describe a statutory or regulatory requirement will be revised in the final guidance document.

The draft revised VICH guidance (GFI #100) is consistent with the agency’s current thinking on this topic. This guidance does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and will not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative method may be used as long as it satisfies the requirements of applicable statutes and regulations.

V. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see ADDRESSES) either electronic or written comments regarding this document. It is only necessary to send one set of comments. It is no longer necessary to send two copies of mailed comments. Identify comments with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

VI. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the draft guidance at either http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/GuidanceComplianceEnforcement/ GuidanceforIndustry/default.htm or http://www.regulations.gov.

Dated: August 9, 2010.

Leslie Kux,
Acting Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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