DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
[Docket No. FDA–2009–D–0322]

Guidance for Industry on Dosage Delivery Devices for Orally Ingested OTC Liquid Drug Products; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled “Dosage Delivery Devices for Orally Ingested OTC Liquid Drug Products.” This document is intended to provide guidance to firms that are manufacturing, marketing, or distributing orally ingested over-the-counter (OTC) liquid drug products packaged with dosage delivery devices (e.g., calibrated cups, droppers, syringes, or spoons). FDA is issuing this guidance because of ongoing concerns about potentially serious accidental drug overdoses that can result from the use of dosage delivery devices with markings that are inconsistent or incompatible with the labeled dosage directions for orally ingested OTC drug products. FDA recommends that dosage delivery devices be included for all orally ingested OTC drug products that are liquid formulations, that they should bear markings that are consistent with the labeled dosage directions, and that they should be labeled in a manner that attempts to ensure that they are used only with the products with which they are included.

In the Federal Register of November 5, 2009 (74 FR 57319), FDA announced the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled “Dosage Delivery Devices for Over-the-Counter Liquid Drug Products.” The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to comment by February 2, 2010. We received a number of comments from individuals, firms, and consumer groups. We have carefully considered the comments and, where appropriate, have made corrections, added information, or clarified the information in the guidance in response to the comments or on our own initiative.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the Agency’s current thinking on dosage delivery devices for orally ingested OTC liquid drug products. 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 and regulations.

II. 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.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the document at either http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm or http://www.regulations.gov.

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Acting Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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Health Resources and Services Administration

National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), notice is hereby given that the following committee will convene its sixty-seventh meeting.

Name: National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services.

Dates and Times: June 15, 2011, 9 a.m.–4:45 p.m., June 16, 2011, 9 a.m.–4:45 p.m., June 17, 2011, 8:45 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Place: Park Place Hotel, 300 East State Street, Traverse City, MI 49684. (231) 946–5000.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public.

Purpose: The National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services provides advice and recommendations of health and human services in rural areas.

Agenda: Wednesday morning, at 9 a.m., the meeting will be called to order by the Chairperson of the Committee, the Honorable Ronnie Musgrove. The first three presentations will be overview of rural Michigan and the relevant health indicators. The remainder of the day the Committee will hear presentations on two of the chosen


Dated: April 27, 2011.

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