DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 73

[Doctc No. FDA–2012–C–0900]

GNT USA, Inc.; Filing of Color Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of petition.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that GNT USA, Inc. (GNT) has filed a petition proposing that the color additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of spirulina concentrate, made from the edible blue-green cyanobacterium Arthrospira platensis (also known as Spirulina platensis) as a color additive in food.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (section 721(d)(1) [21 U.S.C. 379e(d)(1)]), not withstanding that a color additive petition (CAP 2C0297) has been filed by GNT, c/o Hogan Lovells US LLP, Columbia Square, 555 Thirteenth St. NW., Washington, DC 20004. The petition proposes to amend the color additive regulations in 21 CFR part 73, Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification to provide for the safe use of spirulina concentrate made from the edible blue-green cyanobacterium Arthrospira platensis (also known as Spirulina platensis) as a color additive in food.

The Agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(k) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

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Integrated Hedging Transactions of Qualifying Debt

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations.

SUMMARY: In the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the Federal Register, the IRS and the Treasury Department are issuing temporary regulations (TD 9598) under section 988(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. These regulations address certain integrated transactions that involve a foreign currency denominated debt instrument and multiple associated hedging transactions. The text of these temporary regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations. The preamble to the temporary regulations explains the temporary regulations and these proposed regulations.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this notice of proposed rulemaking is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It has also been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations, and because these regulations do not impose a collection of information on small entities, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) do not apply. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, this notice of proposed rulemaking will be submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on its impact on small businesses.

Comments and Public Hearing

Before these proposed regulations are adopted as final regulations, consideration will be given to any written (a signed original and eight (8) copies) or electronic comments that are submitted timely to the IRS. The IRS and the Treasury Department request comments on the clarity of the proposed rules and how they can be made easier to understand. All comments will be available for public inspection and copying. A public hearing may be scheduled if requested in writing by any person that timely submits written comments. If a public hearing is scheduled, notice of the date, time, and