term “release agent” referred to an agent used to facilitate the release of foods from food contact surfaces, where the agent has been applied directly to the food contact surface, rather than incorporated into the food. In that guidance, we also stated our intention to reconsider our enforcement priorities with regard to the labeling of lecithin derived from soy used as a component of a release agent approximately 18 months after the issuance of the guidance. Further, we stated our expectation that, during the period in which we considered the exercise of our enforcement discretion, manufacturers of foods that use lecithin derived from soy as a component of a release agent would revise as necessary the labels of their relevant food products to comply with FALCPA and begin to label their products using the FALCPA-compliant labels by the end of the enforcement discretion period.

We believe that there has been sufficient time for all manufacturers of foods that use lecithin derived from soy as a component of a release agent to revise the labels for such foods to be consistent with the requirements of section 403(w) of the FD&C Act. Therefore, we no longer believe it is appropriate to consider the exercise of our enforcement discretion with regard to foods that use lecithin derived from soy as a component of a release agent. For these reasons, we are withdrawing the April 2006 guidance entitled “Guidance on the Labeling of Certain Uses of Lecithin Derived from Soy Under Section 403(w) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.”


Leslie Kux,
Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2013–N–0001]

Joint Meeting of the Medical Imaging Drugs Advisory Committee and the Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting;

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committees: Medical Imaging Drugs Advisory Committee and the Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committees: To provide advice and recommendations to the Agency on FDA’s regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on May 3, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: FDA White Oak Campus, Building 31, the Great Room, White Oak Conference Center (rm. 1503), 10003 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Information regarding special accommodations due to a disability, visitor parking, and transportation may be accessed at: http://www.fda.gov/ AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm; under the heading “Resources for You,” click on “Public Meetings at the FDA White Oak Campus.” Please note that visitors to the White Oak Campus must enter through Building 31.

Contact Person: Diane Goyette, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., WO31–2417, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–9001, FAX: 301–847–8533, email: MIDACO@ fda.hhs.gov, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–433–6572 in the Washington, DC area). A notice in the Federal Register about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice. Therefore, you should always check the Agency’s Web site at http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/ default.htm and scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee meeting link, or call the advisory committee information line to learn about possible modifications before coming to the meeting.

Agenda: On May 3, 2013, the committees will discuss the safety and efficacy of currently approved leukocyte growth factors (LGFs) as potential treatments for radiation-induced myelosuppression associated with a radiological/nuclear incident. (Myelosuppression is a reduction of blood cell production, which can be caused by radiation exposure.) Currently approved LGFs are licensed under biological license applications (BLAs): 103353, NEUPOGEN (filgrastim, Amgen, Inc.), 125031, NEULASTA (pegfilgrastim, Amgen, Inc.), 103362, LEUKINE, (sargramostim, Genzyme, Inc.), and 125294, TBO–FILGRASTIM (tbo-filgrastim, Sichor Biotech, UAB). The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) has submitted efficacy data for filgrastim, based on treatment in an animal model of radiation-induced myelosuppression. Safety and other supportive information are currently described in the labeling for LGFs.

FDA intends to make background material available to the public no later than 2 business days before the meeting. If FDA is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, the background material will be made publicly available at the location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on FDA’s Web site after the meeting. Background material is available at http://www.fda.gov/ AdvisoryCommittees/Calendar/ default.htm. Scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee meeting link.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person on or before April 19, 2013. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Those individuals interested in making formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before April 11, 2013. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, FDA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested persons regarding their request to speak by April 12, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2013–N–0001]

Pediatric Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Pediatric Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the Agency on FDA’s regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301–589–0800 or visit the hotel’s Web site at http://www.sheratonsolespring.com/.

Contact Person: Walter Ellenberg, Office of the Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 32, rm. 5154, Silver Spring, MD 20993, 301–796–0885, email walter.ellenberg@fda.hhs.gov or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area). A notice in the Federal Register about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice. Therefore, you should always check the Agency’s Web site at http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm and scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee meeting link, or call the advisory committee information line to learn about possible modifications before coming to the meeting.

Agenda: On Thursday, March 14, 2013, the Pediatric Advisory Committee will meet to discuss pediatric-focused safety reviews, as mandated by the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (Public Law 107–109) and the for Pediatric Research Equity Act (Public Law 108–155) for: ACTEMRA (tocilizumab), ALIMTA (Pemetrexed disodium), CREON (pancrelipase), GADAVIST (gadobutrol), HIZENTRA [Immune Globulin Subcutaneous (Human), 20% Liquid], INOMAX (nitric oxide), INVEGA (paliperidone), KEDBUMIN (albumin human), KYTRIL Injection (granisetron hydrochloride), LAMICTAL XR (lamotrigine), MENACTRA [Meningococcal (Groups A, C, Y and W–135) Polysaccharide Diphtheria Toxoid Conjugate Vaccine], MOXEZA (moxifloxacin ophthalmic solution 0.5%), NATROBA (spinosad), NEXIUM (esomeprazole magnesium), NEXIUM IV (esomeprazole sodium), UROXATRAL (alfuzosin hydrochloride), and ZENPEP (pancrelipase). Also, there will be an Informational Update on Codeine.

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Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person on or before March 7, 2013. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Those individuals interested in making formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before February 27, 2013. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, FDA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested persons regarding their request to speak by February 28, 2013.

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Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).


Jill Hartzler Warner, Acting Associate Commissioner for Special Medical Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Fecal Microbiota for Transplantation; Public Workshop

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), and the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), are announcing a public workshop entitled “Fecal Microbiota for Transplantation.” The purpose of the public workshop is to exchange information with the medical and scientific community about the regulatory and scientific issues associated with fecal microbiota for transplantation (FMT).