

biologics be measured in grams per liter, rather than equivalent percent or parts per million. The effect of this action will be to provide a standardized method that has been shown to be more accurate than the basic fuchsin method and that has been standardized and adopted internationally.

This rule will affect all licensed manufacturers of veterinary biologics that test inactivated bacterial products and killed virus vaccines for free formaldehyde content. Currently, there are approximately 135 veterinary biologics establishments, including permittees. According to the standards of the Small Business Administration, most veterinary biologics establishments would be classified as small entities.

We do not expect that this rule will impose any additional testing or economic burden on these manufacturers because manufacturers currently test their products for free formaldehyde content using the basic fuchsin and other methods, and the reagents and equipment necessary to perform the ferric chloride test for free formaldehyde content that will be required under this rule are expected to be comparable in cost.

Under these circumstances, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Executive Order 12372

This program/activity is listed in the catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.025 and is subject to Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V.)

Executive Order 12988

This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. It is not intended to have retroactive effect. This rule will not preempt any State or local laws, regulations, or policies, unless they present an irreconcilable conflict with this rule. The Act does not provide administrative procedures which must be exhausted prior to a judicial challenge to the provisions of this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule contains no new information or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 113

Animal biologics, Exports, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ Accordingly, we are amending 9 CFR part 113 as follows:

PART 113—STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 113 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151–159; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

■ 2. In § 113.100, paragraph (f) is revised to read as follows:

§ 113.100 General requirements for inactivated bacterial products.

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(f) If formaldehyde is used as the inactivating agent, and the serial has not been found satisfactory by the viricidal activity test, bulk or final container samples of completed product from each serial must be tested for residual free formaldehyde content using the ferric chloride test.² Firms currently using tests for residual free formaldehyde content other than the ferric chloride test have until July 14, 2004 to update their Outline of Production to be in compliance with this requirement.

(1) The residual free formaldehyde content of biological products containing clostridial antigens must not exceed 1.85 grams per liter (g/L).

(2) The residual free formaldehyde content of bacterins, bacterin-toxoids, and toxoids, other than those containing clostridial antigens, must not exceed 0.74 grams per liter (g/L).

■ 3. In § 113.200, paragraph (f) is revised to read as follows:

§ 113.200 General requirements for killed virus vaccines.

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(f) *Formaldehyde content.* If formaldehyde is used as the killing agent, the residual free formaldehyde content must not exceed 0.74 grams per liter (g/L) as determined using the ferric chloride test.³ Firms currently using tests for residual free formaldehyde content other than the ferric chloride test have until July 14, 2004 to update

² The procedures for performing the ferric chloride test for residual free formaldehyde may be obtained from USDA, APHIS, Center for Veterinary Biologics-Laboratory, 1800 Dayton Road, P.O. Box 844, Ames, IA 50010.

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their Outline of Production to be in compliance with this requirement.

Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of June 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

12 CFR Part 37

[Docket No. 03–11]

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Debt Cancellation Contracts and Debt Suspension Agreements; Change in Compliance Date and Request for Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of delay in compliance date; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) has determined to delay the date when compliance is required with certain provisions of the final rule governing debt cancellation contracts (DCCs) and debt suspension agreements (DSAs) in order to allow the OCC to consider issues that have recently been brought to our attention concerning the application of the DCC/DSA rule in the context of closed-end consumer loan transactions where DCCs and DSAs are offered through unaffiliated, non-exclusive agents. The delay of the compliance date applies only to the extent and to the types of transactions described in this document. In all other circumstances, national banks are required to comply with the DCC/DSA rule as of June 16, 2003, which is the date on which the rule takes effect. The OCC also is inviting comment on issues raised by national banks related to the sale of DCCs and DSAs in connection with closed-end consumer loans offered through such non-exclusive agency relationships.

DATES: *Compliance date:* The compliance date for certain provisions in 12 CFR part 37 published at 67 FR 58962 (September 19, 2002) is delayed indefinitely. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details. OCC will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the compliance date.

Comment date: Comments must be received by July 14, 2003.