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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration****21 CFR Part 349**

[Docket No. 03N-0008]

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Ophthalmic Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Final Monograph; Technical Amendment**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.**ACTION:** Final rule; technical amendment.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the regulation that established conditions under which over-the-counter (OTC) ophthalmic drug products are generally recognized as safe and effective and not misbranded. This amendment clarifies the active ingredient in OTC eyewash drug products and the labeling of the active ingredient and its purpose. This final rule is part of FDA's ongoing review of OTC drug products.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This rule is effective March 21, 2003.

Compliance Dates: The compliance dates are either February 21, 2005, or the date of the first major labeling revision after the effective date of March 21, 2003.

Comment Dates: Submit written or electronic comments by April 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

In the **Federal Register** of March 4, 1988 (53 FR 7076), FDA issued a final monograph for OTC ophthalmic drug products (part 349 (21 CFR part 349)). Section 349.20 of that monograph states that eyewashes contain water, tonicity agents to establish isotonicity with tears, agents for establishing pH and buffering to achieve the same pH as tears, and a suitable preservative agent.

In the **Federal Register** of March 17, 1999 (64 FR 13254), FDA issued a final rule establishing standardized format and content requirements for the labeling of OTC drug products (§ 201.66 (21 CFR 201.66)). Section 201.66(c)(2) requires the labeling to state the established name of each active ingredient and the quantity in each dosage unit stated in the directions for use. Section 201.66(c)(3) requires the labeling to state the purpose of each active ingredient, which is the general pharmacological category or the principal intended action of the drug. When an OTC drug monograph contains a statement of identity, the pharmacological action described in the statement of identity shall also be stated as the purpose of the active ingredient. Section 201.66(c)(8) requires a listing of the established name of each inactive ingredient.

II. Clarification

Manufacturers of OTC eyewash drug products have requested clarification on how to list the active and inactive ingredients for these products to comply with § 201.66(c)(2) and (c)(8). The agency has determined that the active ingredient of these eyewash drug products is water, and that tonicity, hydrogen-ion concentration (pH) and buffering, and preservative agents should be listed as inactive ingredients. Based on the statement of identity in § 349.78(a), the agency has also determined that the purpose of the water may be stated as either "eyewash" or "eye irrigation."

Section 502(e)(1)(A)(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 352(e)(1)(A)(i)) (the act) requires the

label of a drug to bear the established name of the drug to the exclusion of any other nonproprietary name (except the applicable systematic chemical name or the chemical formula). The established name of the drug is defined as

* * * (A) the applicable official name designated pursuant to section 508 [of the act], or (B) if there is no such name and such drug, or such ingredient, is an article recognized in an official compendium, then the official title thereof in such compendium, or (C) if neither clause (A) nor clause (B) of this subparagraph applies, then the common or usual name, if any, of such drug or of such ingredient * * * (21 U.S.C. 352(e)(3))

Section 508 of the act (21 U.S.C. 358) authorizes FDA to designate an official name for any drug if FDA determines "that such action is necessary or desirable in the interest of usefulness and simplicity" (21 U.S.C. 358(a)). FDA does not, however, routinely designate official names for drug products under section 508 of the act (21 CFR 299.4(e)). In the absence of designation by FDA of an official name, interested persons may rely on the current compendial name as the established name (§ 299.4(e)). FDA has not designated an official name for water. The current compendial name for water is "purified water," which should appear in product labeling.

III. The Technical Amendment

The agency is revising § 349.20 to state: "The active ingredient of the product is purified water. The product also contains suitable tonicity agents to establish isotonicity with tears, suitable agents for establishing pH and buffering to achieve the same pH as tears, and a suitable preservative agent." The agency is also revising the statement of identity for eyewash drug products in § 349.78(a) to delete "eye lotion" and replace it with "eye irrigation." The agency does not consider the term "eye lotion" fully informative to consumers in stating the purpose of the water in the eyewash drug product. Manufacturers should state the purpose of the water as either "eyewash" or "eye irrigation."

Section 201.66(c)(2) requires the labeling to state the quantity of each active ingredient. For products marketed without discrete dosage