

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 524

Animal drugs.

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs and redelegated to the Center for Veterinary Medicine, 21 CFR part 524 is amended as follows:

PART 524—OPHTHALMIC AND TOPICAL DOSAGE FORM NEW ANIMAL DRUGS

1. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 524 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 360b.

2. Section 524.2098 is added to read as follows:

§ 524.2098 Selamectin.

(a) *Specifications.* Each milliliter contains 60 or 120 milligrams of selamectin.

(b) *Sponsor.* See 000069 in § 510.600(c) of this chapter.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) *Conditions of use—(1) Amount.* 2.7 milligrams of selamectin, topically, per pound (6 milligrams per kilogram) of body weight once a month.

(2) *Indications for use.* Kills adult fleas and prevents flea eggs from hatching for 1 month, and it is indicated for the prevention and control of flea infestations (*Ctenocephalides felis*), prevention of heartworm disease caused by *Dirofilaria immitis*, and treatment and control of ear mite (*Otodectes cynotis*) infestations in dogs and cats. Treatment and control of sarcoptic mange (*Sarcoptes scabiei*) in dogs. Treatment of intestinal hookworm (*Ancylostoma tubaeforme*) and roundworm (*Toxocara cati*) infections in cats. For dogs and cats 6 weeks of age and older.

(3) *Limitations.* Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

Dated: June 29, 1999.

George A. Mitchell,

Acting Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine.

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SUMMARY: The Commission has replaced a set of policy guidelines for its Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) with a mission statement. The superseding statement retains current duties, adds responsibilities, and identifies opportunities for public input. This action clarifies and updates the OCA's role.

DATES: Effective July 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send correspondence about this rule to the attention of Margaret P. Crenshaw, Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, 1333 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20268-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, Postal Rate Commission, 1333 H Street NW., Washington, DC, 20268-0001, 202-789-6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Before recommending decisions on rate and classification matters, the Postal Rate Commission is required by the Postal Reorganization Act to provide an opportunity for a hearing on the record to "the Postal Service, users of the mails, and an officer of the Commission who shall be required to represent the interests of the general public." 39 U.S.C. 3624(a). In Order No. 433, issued June 1, 1982, the Commission issued policy guidelines for the officer of the Commission (OOC) (and for the permanent staff assigned to the OOC) with respect to representing the interests of the general public. Subsequently, the Commission designated a staff unit as the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA). The director of the OCA is generally appointed as the officer of the Commission responsible for representing the interests of the general public. See 39 CFR 3002.7 (describing the OCA) and Appendix A to 39 CFR Part 3002 (the policy statement).

Development of Superseding Mission Statement

The Commission has developed a mission statement of the OCA (presented as Appendix A to this order) to update and reemphasize the importance of the role of OCA in proceedings before the Commission. The mission statement encompasses the duties outlined in the 1982 guidelines, but broadens the scope of the activities the OCA is expected to undertake in representing the general public interest. The purpose of the mission statement also is to apprise the general public and participants in proceedings before the Commission of the current role of the OCA in the work of the agency and the opportunities available for public input in Commission proceedings.

The mission statement is not intended to limit the means by which the OCA represents the interests of the general public. The Commission will not consider either the scope of the activities of the OCA or whether positions taken by OCA adhere to the mission statement as an issue in any proceeding.

The OCA will participate in formal dockets before the Commission, including rulemaking dockets initiated by the Commission, and make evidentiary and legal presentations to the Commission on issues arising in such dockets. OCA shall participate in informal and formal discovery to obtain information needed to support its presentations or otherwise to inform the Commission on pending issues. For its presentations, OCA may utilize its staff resources and, where appropriate, retain expert witnesses, consultants, or counsel to assist it in preparing and presenting material to the Commission. OCA will present views to the Commission on behalf of members of the general public, including individuals and small businesses as both senders and recipients of mail, who are not otherwise adequately represented by private parties in proceedings before the Commission. The OCA shall also participate in dockets to assure that a full record is developed for Commission consideration.

In the event the Commission indicates through a notice of inquiry or other suitable procedure that it wishes to explore certain issues, including the reconsideration of previous decisions to evaluate their continued viability, the OCA shall contribute to this process on the same basis as all other parties. The OCA shall also carry out such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Commission.

The Commission values appropriate contact between the OCA and members of the general public and organizations representing consumers or advocating on behalf of consumers. Such contacts can provide useful information as to general public postal needs and preferences; widely held concerns about postal rates and services; and complaints about, or perceptions of, deficiencies in the Postal Service. Such contacts also can be the source of specific suggestions for changes in the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule (DMCS) and the DMCS Fee Schedule, and for other public suggestions for changes in which the Commission may be interested. Such suggestions may include matters that are not the subject of specific Commission proceedings.

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION**39 CFR Part 3002****Mission Statement for Office of Consumer Advocate**

[Order No. 1255; Docket No. RM99-3]

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

The OCA is expected to maintain regular contact with consumer advocacy or public interest groups that may wish to participate, either on a full or limited basis, in proceedings before the Commission. The OCA may consult with such groups and shall facilitate, through informational or logistical means, the ability of such groups to present their positions to the Commission. The OCA also shall serve as a resource to assist individuals and otherwise unrepresented entities to understand how they may best present their views to the Commission.

Other Responsibilities

In addition to the duty to participate in Commission proceedings, the OCA staff is expected to stay abreast of the body of published information germane to postal rate and classification matters, as well as regulatory and non-regulatory developments in related fields such as public utilities, telecommunications, and transportation. The OCA staff is expected to increase its understanding of mailer needs and postal operations by appropriate field study, including the use of surveys where appropriate. Public contacts and informational undertakings of this nature are appropriately related to the OCA's function.

Impact on Existing Policy Statement

The mission statement that has been developed supersedes the "Policy Guidelines for Representation of the Interests of the General Public in Commission Proceedings," which currently appears as Appendix A to 39 CFR Part 3002. Adoption of the mission statement also requires a minor conforming editorial change in 39 CFR 3002.7(c).

Effective Date

The Commission has determined that the mission statement shall take effect upon publication of this notice and order.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 3002

Administrative practice and procedure, Organization and functions, Postal Service.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Postal Rate Commission amends part 3002 of title 39 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 3002—ORGANIZATION

1. The authority citation for part 3002 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 404(b), 3603, 3622–24, 3661, 3662.

2. In § 3002.7(c) remove the phrase "policy statement" and add in its place the phrase "mission statement."

3. Revise Appendix A to part 3002 as follows:

Appendix A to Part 3002—Postal Rate Commission, Mission Statement of the Office of the Consumer Advocate

The mission of the Office of the Consumer Advocate is to be a vigorous, responsive, and effective advocate for reasonable and equitable treatment of the general public in proceedings before the Postal Rate Commission.

In furtherance of this mission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate will:

1. Give a strong and consistent voice to the views of consumers, especially those that are not otherwise represented in Commission proceedings;
2. Argue for equity on behalf of individuals and small businesses, both as senders and as recipients of mail and mail services;
3. Utilize all means and procedures available under the Commission's rules and applicable law to present evidence and arguments on behalf of consumers in Commission proceedings;
4. Assist in the development of a complete record on issues pending before the Commission;
5. Engage in dialogue with parties or participants in proceedings before the Commission to advance the interests of consumers;
6. Encourage the equitable settlement of issues among the parties and participants in proceedings whenever possible;
7. Promote fair competition between the United States Postal Service and its competitors for the ultimate benefit of consumers;
8. Seek out responsible advocates of consumer interests and encourage their participation in Commission cases;
9. Maintain the highest standards of competence and quality in all evidence and pleadings submitted to the Commission; and
10. Maintain separation and independence from the Commission and its advisory staff in the course of proceedings before the Commission.

Dated: July 7, 1999.

Cyril J. Pittack,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[OH 125–1a; FRL–6375–4]

Approval and Promulgation of Maintenance Plan Revisions; Ohio

AGENCY: United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: USEPA is approving a June 1, 1999 request from Ohio for a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision of the Dayton/Springfield, Ohio ozone maintenance plan. The maintenance plan revision establishes a new transportation conformity mobile source emissions budget for the year 2005. We are also approving the revision of the maintenance plan which reestimates point source growth and allots a larger volatile organic compounds (VOCs) budget to the area's 2005 mobile source sector for transportation conformity purposes. This allocation will still maintain the total emissions for the area at or below the attainment level required by the transportation conformity regulations. We are also correcting a typographical error in the original maintenance plan approval.

DATES: This rule is effective on August 26, 1999, unless USEPA receives adverse written comments by August 11, 1999. If adverse comment is received, USEPA will publish a timely withdrawal of the rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch, (AR–18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604. You may inspect copies of the documents relevant to this action during normal business hours at the following location: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch, (AR–18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604. Please contact Patricia Morris at (312) 353–8656 before visiting the Region 5 office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Morris, Environmental Scientist, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353–8656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Supplementary Information section is organized as follows:

What action is USEPA taking today?
Who is affected by this action?
How did the State support its request?
What is transportation conformity?
What is an emissions budget?
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Why is the request approvable?