

holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than December 3, 1999.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond** (A. Linwood Gill III, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Heritage Bancshares, Inc.*, Lucama, North Carolina; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Heritage Bank, Lucama, North Carolina.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *The Leaders Group, Inc.*, Oak Brook, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Leaders Bank (in organization), Oak Brook, Illinois.

**C. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *Walden Financial Group, Inc.*, Pochontas, Arkansas; to merge with Rainbow Investment Company, Inc., Tuckerman, Arkansas, and thereby indirectly acquire Bank of Tuckerman, Tuckerman, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 2, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than December 3, 1999.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond** (A. Linwood Gill III, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *First Citizens Bancorporation of South Carolina*, Columbia, South Carolina; to acquire up to 10 percent of Heritage Bancorp, Inc., Laurens, South Carolina, and Heritage Federal Bank, Laurens, South Carolina, and thereby engage in owning and operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

2. *First Citizens Bancorporation of South Carolina*, Columbia, South Carolina; to acquire up to 10 percent of Great Pee Dee Bancorp, Inc., Cheraw, South Carolina, and First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cheraw, Cheraw, South Carolina, and thereby engage in owning and operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 2, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Advisory Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation; Notice of Report Availability

**AGENCY:** Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF)—Head Start Bureau, ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The 1998 Head Start Reauthorization (42 U.S.C. 9844(g); Section 649(g)(1) of the Head Start Act, as amended) called on the Secretary of Health and Human Services to form a independent panel of experts (i.e., an Advisory Committee) to offer advice concerning research designs that would provide a national analysis of the impact of Head Start Programs. The Advisory Committee met three times during 1999 and has issued its recommendations to the Secretary in a report entitled "Evaluating Head Start: A Framework for Studying the Impact of the Head Start Program." This report is available on the Advisory Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation web site <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsreac>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** ACF Office of Public Affairs at 202/401-9215 for press inquiries.

Dated: October 3, 1999.

**Patricia Montoya,**

*Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99P-4648]

#### Grated Parmesan Cheese Deviating From Identity Standard; Temporary Permit for Market Testing

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a temporary permit has been issued to Sartori Foods Corp. to market test a product designated as "Grated Parmesan Cheese" that deviates from the U.S. standards of identity for parmesan cheese and grated cheeses. The purpose of the temporary permit is to allow the applicant to measure consumer

acceptance of the product, identify mass production problems, and assess commercial feasibility, in support of a petition to amend the standard of identity for parmesan cheese.

**DATES:** This permit is effective for 15 months, beginning on the date the food is introduced or caused to be introduced into interstate commerce, but not later than February 7, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Loretta A. Carey, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-158), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-5099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 21 CFR 130.17 concerning temporary permits to facilitate market testing of foods deviating from the requirements of the standards of identity issued under section 401 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 341), FDA is giving notice that it has issued a temporary permit to Sartori Foods Corp., 107 Pleasant View Rd., P.O. Box 258, Plymouth, WI 53073.

The permit covers 28 million pounds of interstate marketing test products identified as "grated parmesan cheese" that deviate from the U.S. standard of identity for parmesan cheese (21 CFR 133.165) and grated cheeses (21 CFR 133.146) in that the product is formulated by using a different enzyme technology that fully cures the cheese in 6 months rather than 10 months. The test product meets all the requirements of the standards with the exception of this deviation. Because test preferences vary by area, along with social and environmental differences, the purpose of this permit is to test the product throughout the United States. Under this temporary permit, the parmesan cheese will be test marketed as grated parmesan cheese. The test product will bear the name "Grated Parmesan Cheese."

This permit provides for the temporary marketing of 28 million pounds of grated parmesan cheese in 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 18, 20, and 50-pound sizes. The test product will be manufactured at 12 West Main, Plymouth, WI 53073, 2 East Main, Plymouth, WI 53703, and 9001 North Lander Ave., Hilmar, CA 95324. The product will be aged, grated, and packaged for distribution at 12 West Main, Plymouth, WI 53073, and 2 East Main, Plymouth, WI 53703. The product will be distributed throughout the United States.

The information panel of the labels will bear nutrition labeling in accordance with 21 CFR 101.9. Each of the ingredients used in the food must be

declared on the labels as required by the applicable sections of 21 CFR part 101.

This permit is effective for 15 months, beginning on the date the food is introduced or caused to be introduced into interstate commerce, but not later than February 7, 2000.

Dated: November 2, 1999.

**Gerard L. McGowin,**

*Acting Director, Office of Food Labeling,  
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-1093-N]

#### Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests nominations from medical organizations representing physicians for individuals to serve on the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council).

Section 4112 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 established the Council to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services on proposed regulations and manual issuances related to physicians' services. There will be four Council vacancies on February 28, 2000.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Nominations will be considered if they are received no later than December 15, 1999, at 5 p.m., e.s.t.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver nominations to Paul Rudolf, MD, JD, Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Office of Professional Relations, Health Care Financing Administration, Room 435 H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 690-7418.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Rudolf, MD, JD, Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, (202) 690-7418.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4112 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) added a new section 1868 to the Social Security Act (the Act), which established the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council). The Council advises the Secretary of the

Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) on proposed regulations and manual issuances related to physicians' services. An advisory committee created by the Congress, such as this one, is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2).

Section 1868(a) of the Act requires that the Council consist of 15 physicians, each of whom must have submitted at least 250 claims for physicians' services under Medicare in the previous year. At least 11 Council members must be physicians as defined in section 1861(r)(1) of the Act; that is, State-licensed doctors of medicine or osteopathy. The other four Council members may include dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, and chiropractors.

The Council must include both participating and nonparticipating physicians, as well as physicians practicing in rural and underserved urban areas. In addition, section 1868(a) of the Act provides that nominations to the Secretary for Council membership must be made by medical organizations representing physicians.

This notice is an invitation to all organizations representing physicians to submit nominees for membership on the Council. Current members whose terms expire in year 2000 will be considered for reappointment if they are renominated. The Secretary will appoint new members to the Council from among those candidates determined to have the expertise required to meet specific agency needs and in a manner to ensure appropriate balance of membership.

Each nomination must state that the nominee has expressed a willingness to serve as a Council member and must be accompanied by a short resume or description of the nominee's experience. To permit an evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest, potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning financial holdings, consultant positions, research grants, and contracts.

Section 1868(b) of the Act provides that the Council meet once each calendar quarter to discuss proposed changes in regulations and manual issuances that relate to physicians' services identified by the Secretary. Council members are expected to participate in all meetings.

Section 1868(c) of the Act provides for payment of expenses and a per diem allowance for Council members at a rate equal to payment provided members of other advisory committees. In addition to making these payments, the Department of Health and Human