

verification information within 30 days of the date of application and is determined eligible, the household must be reinstated and receive benefits within 30 calendar days after the application was filed or within 10 days of the date the interview is completed or required verification information is provided, whichever is later. In no event shall a subsequent period's benefits be provided before the end of the current certification period.

(B) Deny the household's recertification application at the end of the last month of the current certification period. The State agency may on a Statewide basis either require households to submit new applications to continue benefits or reinstate the households without requiring new applications if the households have been interviewed and have provided the required verification information within 30 days after the applications have been denied.

(C) Deny the household's recertification request 30 days after application. The State agency may on a Statewide basis either require households to submit new applications to continue benefits or reinstate households without requiring new applications if such households have been interviewed and have provided the required verification within 30 days after the applications have been denied.

(f) *Expedited service.* A State agency is not required to apply the expedited service provisions of § 273.2(i) at recertification if the household applies in a timely manner for recertification or applies late but within the certification period.

11. In § 273.21, paragraph (n)(1) is amended by adding a sentence to the end of the paragraph to read as follows:

§ 273.21 Monthly Reporting and Retrospective Budgeting (MRRB).

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(n) *Suspension.* * * *

(1) * * * The State agency may on a Statewide basis either suspend the household's certification prospectively for the issuance month or retrospectively for the issuance month corresponding to the budget month in which the noncontinuing circumstance occurs.

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PART 274—ISSUANCE AND USE OF COUPONS

12. In § 274.2:

a. Paragraphs (b)(2), (b)(3), and (b)(4) are removed.

b. Paragraphs (b)(1), (c), (d), and (e) are redesignated paragraphs (b), (d), (e), and (f), respectively.

c. Two sentences are added to the end of newly redesignated paragraph (b).

d. A new paragraph (c) is added.

The additions read as follows:

§ 274.2 Providing benefits to participants.

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(b) * * * For households entitled to expedited service, the State agency shall make available to the household coupons or an ATP card, not later than the fifth calendar day following the date the application was filed. Whatever system a State agency uses to ensure meeting this delivery standard shall be designed to allow a reasonable opportunity for redemption of ATPs no later than the fifth calendar day following the day the application was filed.

(c) *Combined allotments.* For those households which are to receive a combined allotment, the State agency shall provide the benefits for both months as an aggregate (one) allotment, or as two separate allotments made available at the same time, in accordance with the timeframes specified in S273.2(i) of this chapter.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 1700

Proposed Requirements for Child-Resistant Packaging; Packages Containing 250 mg or More of Naproxen: Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 14, 1994, the Commission issued a proposed rule under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act to require child-resistant packaging for naproxen preparations containing 250 mg or more of naproxen per package. The Commission had specified that comments should be submitted by January 30, 1995. After receiving a request to extend the comment period, the Commission has decided to do so, and it will permit comments until March 1, 1995.

DATES: Comments on the proposal should be submitted not later than March 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207-0001, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, room 502, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, telephone (301) 504-0800.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission recently published in the **Federal Register** proposed requirements for special packaging (also known as child resistant packaging) for naproxen preparations containing 250 mg or more of naproxen per package. 59 FR 56445.

These proposed requirements were issued under the authority of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA), 15 U.S.C. 1471-1476. The PPPA authorizes the Commission to establish standards for the special packaging of any household substance if (1) the degree or nature of the hazard to children in the availability of such substance, by reason of its packaging, is such that special packaging is required to protect children from serious personal injury or serious illness resulting from handling, using, or ingesting such substance and (2) the special packaging is technically feasible, practicable, and appropriate for the substance. 15 U.S.C. 1472(a).

The November 14, 1994, **Federal Register** notice provides details concerning toxicity, dosage, and packaging of naproxen. The notice also discusses findings that the PPPA requires the Commission to make concerning (1) the hazard to children presented by the substances; (2) the technical feasibility, practicability, and appropriateness of special packaging; and (3) the reasonableness of the proposed standard.

The Commission received a request from the Syntex Corporation ("Syntex") asking for an extension of the comment period allowed for the proposed requirements. Syntex and Proctor & Gamble jointly have three years exclusivity to manufacture and market the only over-the-counter naproxen product. Syntex stated that since it has recently been acquired by Hoffmann-La Roche, Ltd., additional time is necessary for preparation and review of comments by the new management. Syntex