

modification or alternative procedure shall be submitted as a petition in accord with § 10.30 of this chapter. The petition should contain data to support the modification or data demonstrating that an alternative procedure provides results of equivalent accuracy. All information submitted will be subject to the disclosure rules in part 20 of this chapter.

PART 355—ANTICARIES DRUG PRODUCTS FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HUMAN USE

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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 355.1 Scope.

(a) An over-the-counter anticaries drug product in a form suitable for topical administration to the teeth is generally recognized as safe and effective and is not misbranded if it meets each condition in this part and each general condition established in § 330.1 of this chapter.

(b) References in this part to regulatory sections of the Code of Federal Regulations are to chapter I of title 21 unless otherwise noted.

§ 355.3 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) *Abrasive*. Solid materials that are added to dentifrices to facilitate mechanical removal of dental plaque, debris, and stain from tooth surfaces.

(b) *Anhydrous glycerin*. An ingredient that may be prepared by heating glycerin U.S.P. at 150 °C for 2 hours to drive off the moisture content.

(c) *Anticaries drug*. A drug that aids in the prevention and prophylactic treatment of dental cavities (decay, caries).

(d) *Dental caries*. A disease of calcified tissues of teeth characterized by demineralization of the inorganic portion and destruction of the organic matrix.

(e) *Dentifrice*. An abrasive-containing dosage form (gel, paste, or powder) for delivering an anticaries drug to the teeth.

(f) *Fluoride*. The inorganic form of the chemical element fluorine in combination with other elements.

(g) *Fluoride ion*. The negatively charged atom of the chemical element fluorine.

(h) *Fluoride supplement*. A special treatment rinse dosage form that is intended to be swallowed, and is promoted to health professionals for use in areas where the water supply contains 0 to 0.7 parts per million (ppm) fluoride ion.

(i) *Preventive treatment gel*. A dosage form for delivering an anticaries drug to the teeth. Preventive treatment gels are formulated in an anhydrous glycerin base with suitable thickening agents included to adjust viscosity. Preventive treatment gels do not contain abrasives.

(j) *Treatment rinse*. A liquid dosage form for delivering an anticaries drug to the teeth.

(k) *Treatment rinse concentrated solution*. A fluoride treatment rinse in a concentrated form to be mixed with water before using to result in the appropriate fluoride concentration specified in the monograph.

(l) *Treatment rinse effervescent tablets*. A fluoride treatment rinse prepared by adding an effervescent tablet (a concentrated solid dosage form) to water