

205 FDA Draws up Proposed Rules.

The Food and Drug Administration has drawn up proposed rules to carry out the provisions of the Kefauver-Harris Amendment to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act approved by Congress last year. Drug makers have until April 1 to comment on the proposals, but the new rules were slated to get a going-over at a Food and Drug Administration—industry conference scheduled recently. The proposed rules establish procedures for registration of all drug manufacturers and provide broad descriptions of required manufacturing controls. The regulations detail FDA controls over drug advertising in journals and by direct mail, procedures on reporting clinical experience with new drugs, and rules for establishing generic names. The regulations also establish procedures for determining the efficacy of drugs as now required in new drug applications.

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206 Control of Water and Air Pollution May Result in Tax Break.

Industry would get a tax break for adding facilities to control water and air pollution under a bill introduced by Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D—Conn.). Under S. 736, the cost of building or installing air or water pollution control equipment could be treated as deductible expenses instead of being added to the capital account of a company. To qualify for tax deductions, the facilities would have to be certified by both state and federal pollution control officials. In a companion measure (S. 737), Senator Ribicoff proposes that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare make loans to small business to make it easier to get pollution control equipment.

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BOOKS, PAMPHLETS AND NOTICES

- 207 Flash Points Index of Trade Name Liquids. NFPA No. 325 A. National Fire Protection Assn. 180 pp. (1962). FOR SALE FROM: National Fire Protection Association, 60 Batterymarch St., Boston 10, Mass. PRICE: \$2.00.

This publication lists more than 5,300 products in its 1962 issue. Data given includes the flash point of the liquid, the name of the manufacturer, principal use of the product, and the source of the information listed. About 2,750 additions and changes have been made in the new volume, which supersedes one issued by NFPA in 1959. The 180-page index contains information essential to anyone buying, using or storing flammable liquids, to inspectors of properties, and to those responsible for the protection of life and property from fire. It is of particular value to purchasing agents, insurance managers, safety directors, transportation managers, and fire department personnel.

- 208 Safety in Industry. Mechanical and Physical Hazards No. 7. Maintenance and Safety. Bull. No. 246. U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards. 15 pp. (1962). FOR SALE BY: Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. PRICE: 15 cents.

This bulletin explains the difference between routine maintenance and preventive maintenance and suggests how each should be planned and organized. The advantages of preventive maintenance are outlined and suggestions offered as to criteria to be applied in determining what equipment should be covered by it. The necessary steps in establishing a preventive maintenance program are given and the application of these steps discussed.

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