FEED CONCENTRATE status remains unchanged following FDA rejection of a plea by the Animal Health Institute to regard 20x concentrates as "feeds" rather than as "animal drugs." The agency conceded that the "concentrate" is not a "new animal drug" and needs only a Form 1800, but added that a New Animal Drug Application is required for use of a drug in a concentrate. This means that a concentrate must continue to be tested by feeding full strength -- without dilution -- with no residues remaining and no harm to the animals.

FD&C RED 2 is still provisionally listed, and it was covered by the recent FDA documen extending all existing provisional listings until Dec. 31, 1974 (See FOOD CHEMICAL NEWS, March 19, Page 26).

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[redacted] in paper food packaging have been greatly reduced through voluntary effort, the American Paper Institute told FDA in requesting a resurvey of content of packaging and suggesting that tolerances are not necessary. FDA is expected to publish another Environmental Impact Statement on polychlorinated biphenyls, and a Washington law firm said 30 days for comment should be allowed on the new statement.

CORRECTION: National Marine Fisheries Service's study of mercury levels in 52 kinds of fish eaten by 5,000 persons indicates that if there were no 0.5 p.p.m. mercury guideline in fish, only four individuals would exceed 30 micrograms per day; whereas if the mercury guideline were 1.5 p.p.m., no individuals would exceed 30 micrograms per day, in contrast to the figures presented on Page 31 of the March 26 issue of FOOD CHEMICAL NEWS.

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