

Linkages Between Generic Approval and the Patent System in the United States

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TRIPs Article 33 - Term of Protection

- ◆ Article 33 provides that the term of protection for a patent shall not end before the expiration of a period of twenty years counted from the filing date.
- ◆ Leaves open the possibility of patent term extensions in instances when circumstances warrant patent extension.





Conditions for extension:

- 1) The patent had not expired before an application was filed
- 2) The patent has never been extended under 35 USC 156(e)(1)
- 3) The application for extension is submitted within 60 days of FDA approval of the product
- 4) The product has been subject to a regulatory review before its commercial marketing or use
- 5) The approval is the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the product (with some exceptions)



*"Product" means:

- The active ingredient of a new human drug,
 antibiotic drug, or human biological product
- The active ingredient of a new animal drug or veterinary biological product
- Any medical device, food additive or color additive subject to regulation under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act



*A patent is considered to claim the product if the patent claims the active ingredient per se, or claims a composition or formulation which contains the active ingredient(s) and the claim covers the composition or formulation approved for commercial marketing or use

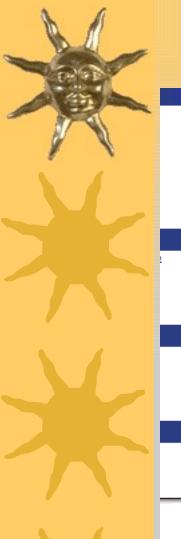


★Where a product contains multiple active ingredients, if any one active ingredient has not been previously approved, it can form the basis of an extension of patent term provided the patent claims that ingredient



A new animal drug or veterinary biological product may be extended based on a second or subsequent approval of the active ingredient provided:

- 1) The patent claims the drug or product
- 2) The drug or product is not covered in another patent that has been extended
- The patent term was not extended on the basis of the regulatory review period for use in non-food producing animals
- The second or subsequent approval was the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the drug or product for administration to a food-producing animal



Application for Patent Term Extension on USPTO Internet Website

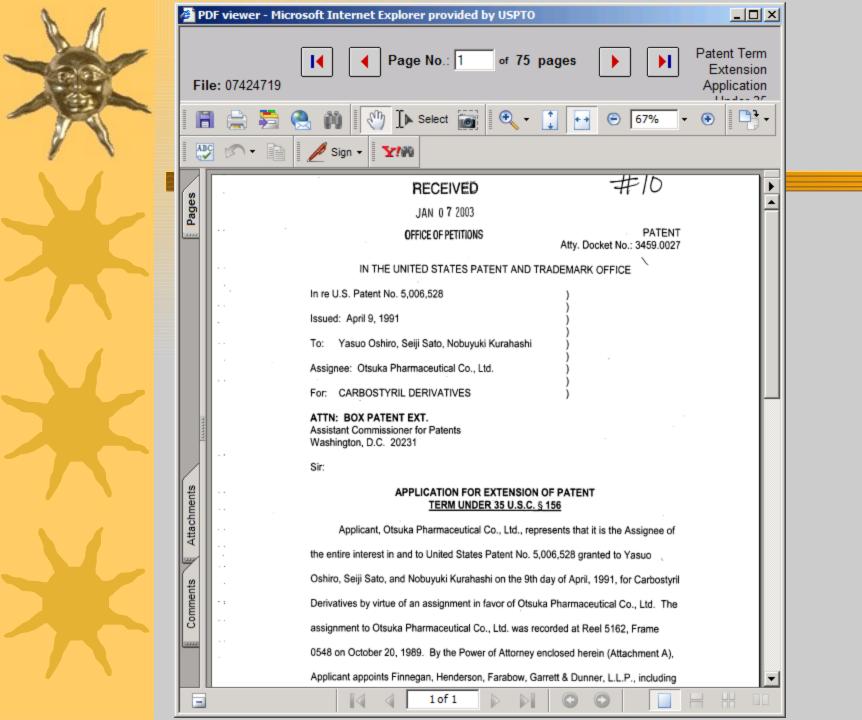
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Examiner Name:	TURNIPSEED, JAMES		Location:	ELECTRONIC
Group Art Unit:	1203		Location Date:	-
Confirmation Number:	4641		Earliest Publication No:	-
Attorney Docket Number:	ASAM138		Earliest Publication Date:	-
Class / Subclass:	514/253		Patent Number:	5,006,528
First Named Inventor:	Yasuo Oshiro , Tokushin	na, (JP)	Issue Date of Patent:	04-09-1991
Title of Invention:	CARBOSTY	RIL DERIVATIVE	ES	



Application for Patent Term Extension on USPTO Internet Website

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U.S. Patent
Term
Extension
Certificate

PATENT NO.

4,379,785

ISSUED

April 12, 1983

INVENTOR(S)

Rudi Weyer et al.

PATENT OWNER :

Hoechst Atiengesellschaft

This is to certify that there has been presented to the

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

an application under 35 U.S.C. § 156 for an extension of the patent term. Since it appears that the requirements of the law have been met, this certificate extends the term of the patent for the period of

1,571 days

from December 17, 2000, the original expiration date of the patent, with all rights pertaining thereto as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 156(b).



I have caused the seal of the Patent and Trademark Office to be affixed this 5th day of September 1997.

Bruce A. Lehman

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Assistant Secretary of Commerce and

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks



"Patent Linkage"
In the United States



Overview

- *A mechanism to promote effective and adequate protection of intellectual property rights: Patent Linkage
- Orange Book patent listings



Objective of TRIPs

- Desiring to reduce distortions and impediments to international trade, and taking into account the need to promote effective and adequate protection of intellectual property rights, and to ensure that measures and procedures to enforce intellectual property rights do not themselves become barriers to legitimate trade. (Introduction to TRIPS Annex C)
- *Any system of patent linkage should keep this dual goal in mind: promote both IP rights and trade.



An Efficient Balance with "Patent Linkage"

- * New Drug Application (NDA) must include patent information and the FDA considers the existence of patents as part of the approval process for certain drug applications
- * If a patent exists, marketing approval will not be granted to a generic until the patent has expired or is found to be invalid.
- * This is Patent Linkage: Generic Marketing Approval is "Linked" to the Expiration of the Pioneer Drug Patent



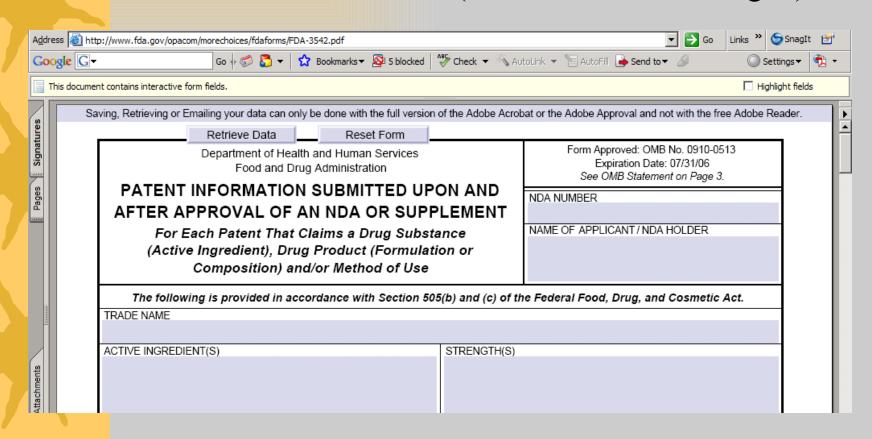
Patent Linkage

- **★Patent Information Can be Obtained**Efficiently:
 - US FDA Requires Applicant to list patents that cover the drug as part of NDA filing
 - Applicant Must submit signed declaration
 - FDA relies on innovator drug company's assertion
 - Patent information published in Orange Book



How FDA becomes aware of patents:

* Forms 3542 and 3542a (available at www.fda.gov)





Required to list patents that cover the drug as part of NDA filing

This patent declaration form is required to be submitted to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) within thirty (30) days after approval of an NDA or supplement or within thirty (30) days of issuance of a patent as required by 21 CFR 314.53(c)(2)(ii) at the address provided in 21 CFR 314.53(d)(4). To expedite review of this patent declaration form, you may submit an additional copy of this declaration form to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research "Orange Book" staff.

For hand-written or typewriter versions of this report: If additional space is required for any narrative answer (i.e., one that does not require a "Yes" or "No" response), please attach an additional page referencing the question number.

FDA will not list patent information if you file an incomplete patent declaration or the patent declaration indicates the patent is not eligible for listing.

For each patent submitted for the approved NDA or supplement referenced above, you must submit all the information described below. If you are not submitting any patents for this NDA or supplement, complete above section and sections 5 and 6.

1. GENERAL				
a. United States Patent Number	b. Issue Date of Patent	c. Expiration Date of Patent		
d. Name of Patent Owner	Address (of Patent Owner)			
	City/State			
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	Telephone Number	E-Mail Address (if available)		
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e. Name of agent or representative who resides or main-	Address (of agent or representative na	med in 1.e.)		



Must submit signed declaration

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5. No Relevant Patents					
For this NDA or supplement, there are no relevant patents that claim the approved drug substance (active ingredient) or the approved drug product (formulation or composition) or approved method(s) of use with respect to which a claim of patent infringement could reasonably be asserted if a person not licensed by the owner of the patent engaged in the manufacture, use, or sale of the drug product.					
6. Declaration Certification					
6.1 The undersigned declares that this is an accurate and complete submission of patent information for the NDA or supplement approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. This time-sensitive patent information is submitted pursuant to 21 CFR 314.53. I attest that I am familiar with 21 CFR 314.53 and this submission complies with the requirements of the regulation. I verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Warning: A willfully and knowingly false statement is a criminal offense under 18 U.S.C. 1001.					
6.2 Authorized Signature of NDA Applicant/Holder or Patent Owner (Attorney, Agent, Representative or other Authorized Official) (Provide Information below) Date Signed					
NOTE: Only an NDA applicant/holder may submit this declaration directly to the FDA. A patent owner who is not the NDA applicant/holder is authorized to sign the declaration but may not submit it directly to FDA. 21 CFR 314.53(c)(4) and (d)(4).					
Check applicable box and provide information below.					
NDA Applicant/Holder	NDA Applicant's/Holder's Attorney, Authorized Official	Agent (Representative) or other			
Patent Owner	Patent Owner's Attorney, Agent (Re	epresentative) or Other Authorized			

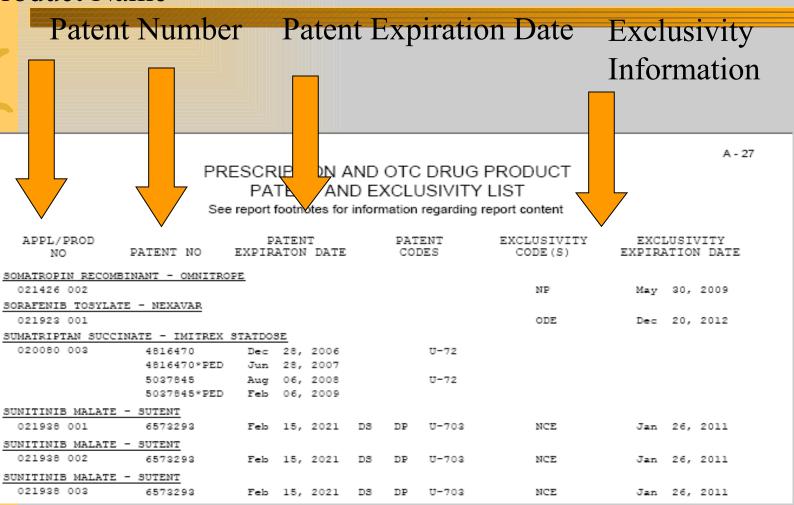


FDA will rely upon the information Submitted

3. Drug Product (Composit	ion/Formulation)				
3.1 Does the patent claim the ap	proved drug product	t as defined in 21 CFR 314.3?	Yes	■ No	
3.2 Does the patent claim only a	n intermediate?		Yes	■ No	
		ocess patent, is the product claimed in the patent is a product-by-process patent.)	Yes	■ No	
 FDA will not list the patent in the Orange Book as claiming the drug product if: the answer to question 3.1 is "No," or, the answer to question 3.2 is "Yes," or, the answer to question 3.3 is "No." 					
4. Method of Use					
Sponsors must submit the information in section 4 separately for each patent claim claiming an approved method of using the approved drug product. For each method of use claim referenced, provide the following information:					
4.1 Does the patent claim one or product?	more approved me	thods of using the approved drug	☐ Yes	□ No	
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4.2 Patent Claim Number (as list	ted in the patent)	Does the patent claim referenced in 4.2 claim an approved method of use of the approved drug product?		□ No	

Orange Book

Lists Product Name





"Orange Book"

Orange Book

- 1) Lists:
 - Approved Drugs,
 - Discontinued Drugs
 - Provides Patent and Exclusivity Information
 - Published annually with monthly cumulative supplements
 - Electronic Orange Book also available



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Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations Orange Book

Orange Book Query (9/15/2006)

The Electronic Orange Book Query enables searching of the approved drug list by active ingredient, proprietary name, applicant holder or applicant number. The data is updated concurrently with the publication of the annual edition or cumulative supplements.

Orange Book Annual Edition [6.6 MB] (1/27/2006, updated 4/11/2006)

The publication identifies drug products approved on the basis of safety and effectiveness by the Food and Drug Administration under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Orange Book Current Cumulative Supplement (9/15/2006)

The monthly Cumulative Supplement publication provides information on newly approved drugs, changes and revisions to current data including therapeutic equivalence evaluations, and updated patent and exclusivity data.

Orange Book - Information and Data Files (9/15/2006)

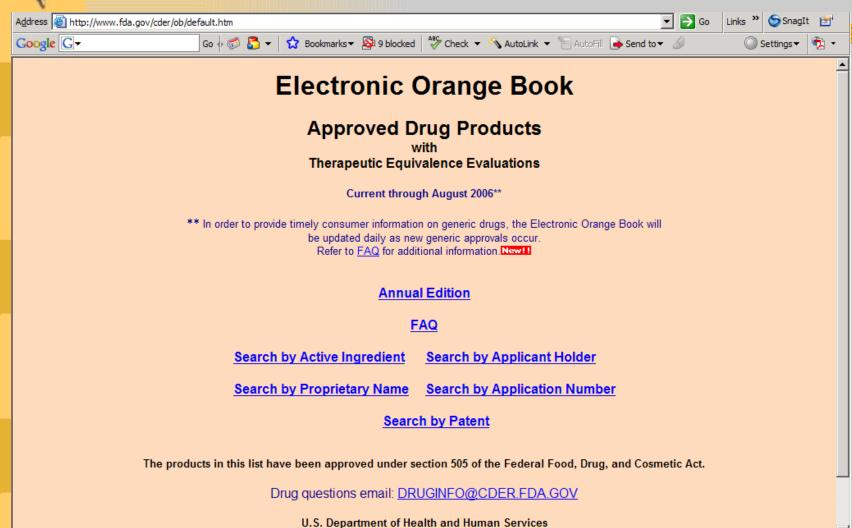
Text files for importing into databases.

Orange Book Monthly Additions and Deletions (9/18/2006)

Changes to the annual edition are listed separately by month.



Electronic Orange Book



Food and Drug Administration



Errors in Orange Book

- **★Opportunity** for generic drug companies to inform FDA that it does not believe a particular listed patent does covers the FDA-approved drug product
- *FDA requests evaluation of complaint by innovator company
- ★Innovator company can request de-listing or respond with good-faith belief that listing is proper



Generic Drug Applications: The Process

- Generic Drug Company must certify when filing Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA)
 - 1) That the drug has not been patented;
 - 2) That the patent has already expired;
 - 3) The date on which the patent will expire, and the generic drug will not go on the market until that date passes; or
 - 4) That the patent is not infringed or is invalid

Referred to as paragraphs I, II, III and IV certifications



Generic Drug Applications: The Process

- *Paragraph I, II, III certifications relatively straightforward
 - Existence of ANDA normally a secret until approval date
- Paragraph IV certification more complicated to administer
 - ANDA applicant must notify innovator company of its filing; must describe reasons patent will not be infringed, is invalid, or unenforceable



FDA Website Lists ANDAs with Paragraph IV Patent Certifications



Paragraph IV Patent Certifications As of October 19, 2007

Below is a list of drug products for which an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) has been received by the Office of Generic Drugs (OGD) containing a "Paragraph IV" patent certification. This list includes the name of the drug product, dosage form, strength (subject of Paragraph IV certification), reference listed drug (RLD), and the date on which the first substantially complete generic drug application was submitted to the Agency (on a prospective basis beginning 3/2/04). The Agency will not disclose the identity of the applicant. This information will be updated twice a month and will be as current as the last update. This information should be used for reference only. The Agency will make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information disclosed in this list. However, any discrepancies or disparities should be discussed with the Regulatory Support Branch at 301-827-5862, before making any decisions based on this information.

Any additions from the preceding list are marked with the New!! icon.

- . FDA News: FDA announces measure to improve generic drug access
- Docket # 2000P-1556 Policy regarding ANDA holder confidentiality

DRUG NAME	DOSAGE FORM	STRENGTH	RLD	DATE OF SUBMISSION
Acarbose	Tablets	25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg	Precose	3/22/2005
Acetaminophen	Extended-release Tablets	650 mg	Tylenol	
Acetaminophen/ Aspirin/ Caffeine	Tablets	250 mg/250 mg/ 65 mg	Excedrin (migraine)	
Acetaminophen and Tramadol	Tablets	325 mg/ 37.5 mg	Ultracet	



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Generic Drug Applications: The Process

Paragraph IV Certification

- Innovator has 45-days after receipt of notice to file an infringement suit; the submission to FDA of paragraph IV certification in an ANDA creates infringement for purposes of federal court jurisdiction
- If lawsuit filed FDA approval is stayed for 30-months; at end of period FDA issues tentative approval
- Most ANDA applicants await resolution of the litigation before going to market to avoid liability for damages



Patent Linkage: Benefits

* Benefits of patent information:

- Allows Generic Drug companies to review patent information to determine:
 - When Patent Expires- Generic Drug Company Allowed to use Patented Invention after patent expires
 - What the Patent Covers
- With information about what patents cover drug product, generic drug companies can more quickly address issue of whether patent is infringed by a competitor's use of a specific drug product



Patent Linkage: Benefits

- The system reduces wasteful and unnecessary patent infringement litigation by:
 - (1) requiring generic drug companies to assess whether their drug product is subject to a patent prior to seeking drug approval; and
 - (2) acting as a safeguard for patent rights by preventing potential patent violations.



Patent Linkage: Benefits

- An adequate linkage system also increases the efficiency and productivity of the research and development sector by:
 - (1) providing transparency and predictability of the process for both the pioneer and the generic company;
 - (2) helping both sides make better and more efficient investment decisions; and
 - (3) encouraging timely redress of disputes.
- * Better and more efficient investment decisions mean faster development for life saving inventions and better healthcare.



Summary

- *Information about patents simple to submit to appropriate government agency
- *Agency Communicates Information to the Public
- *Government agency can make appropriate decisions about approving generic applications.
- *Generic Companies can access information, take appropriate actions, and make better business decisions



Thank You!!