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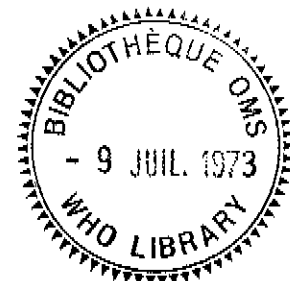
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The Director-General of the World Health Organization presents his compliments and, pursuant to resolution WHA23.50 of the Twenty-third World Health Assembly on Health Hazards of Food Additives, has the honour to transmit information on food additives which he has received under provision (2) of that resolution.

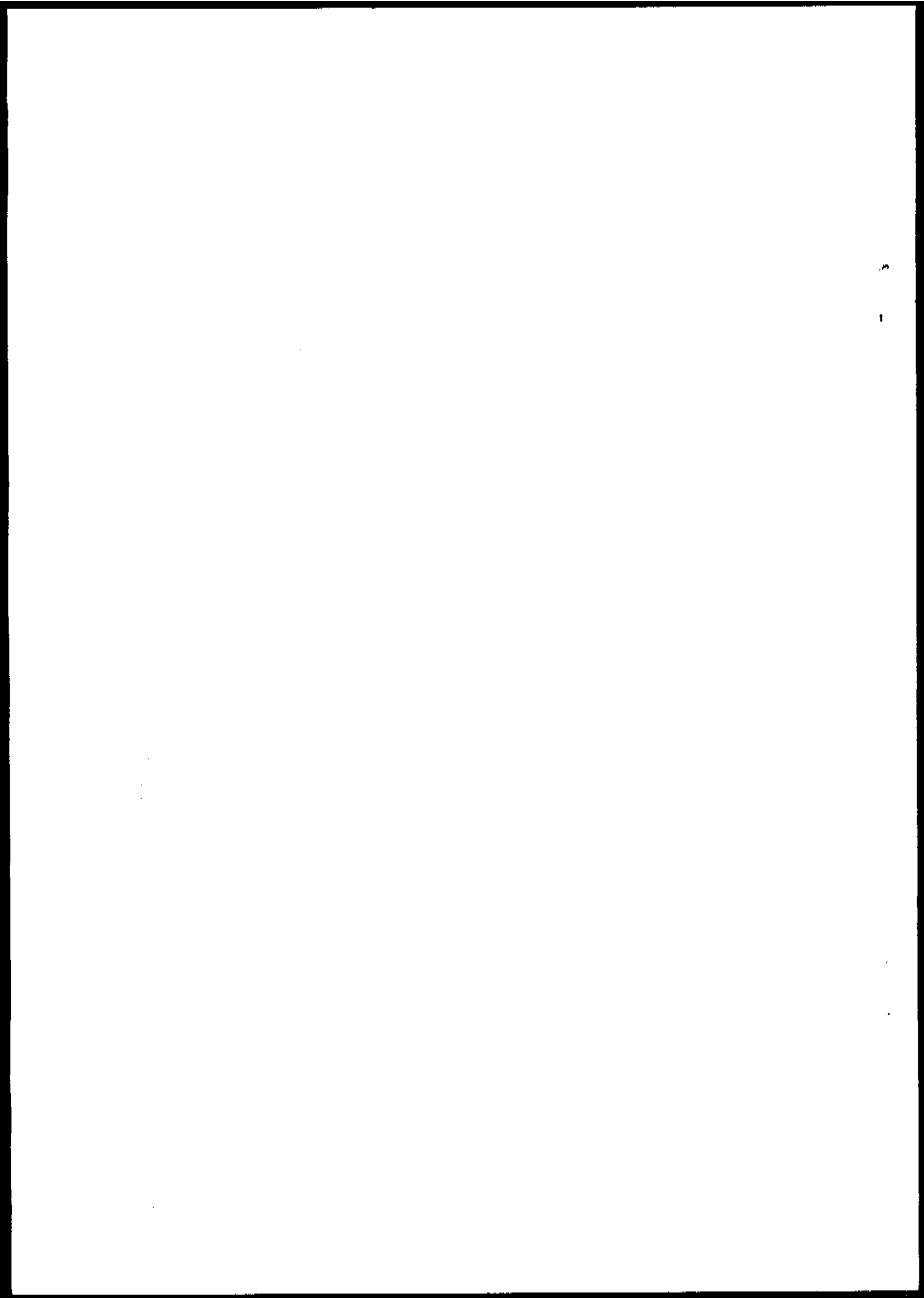
... Enclosed are food additive information sheets Nos. 21 and 22 as well as a corrigendum relating to information sheet No. 17. (The original communications from which this information is drawn are retained in the archives of WHO for consultation.)

Geneva, 12 July 1973



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HEALTH HAZARDS OF FOOD ADDITIVES

FOOD ADDITIVES INFORMATION No. 21
(Resolution WHA23.50)

12 July 1973

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

The United States Food and Drug Administration has informed the World Health Organization that it is revoking its provisional listing and approval for the use of Violet No. 1* as a colour additive in food, drugs and cosmetics.

"Violet No. 1 has been used for 22 years and has been previously listed by FDA since the 1960 Color Additive Amendments to the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

"The order terminating provisional listing and all outstanding certificates for Violet No. 1 is effective April 10, 1973. Use of the color in any food, drug or cosmetic after that date will cause the product to be considered adulterated and subject to regulatory action.

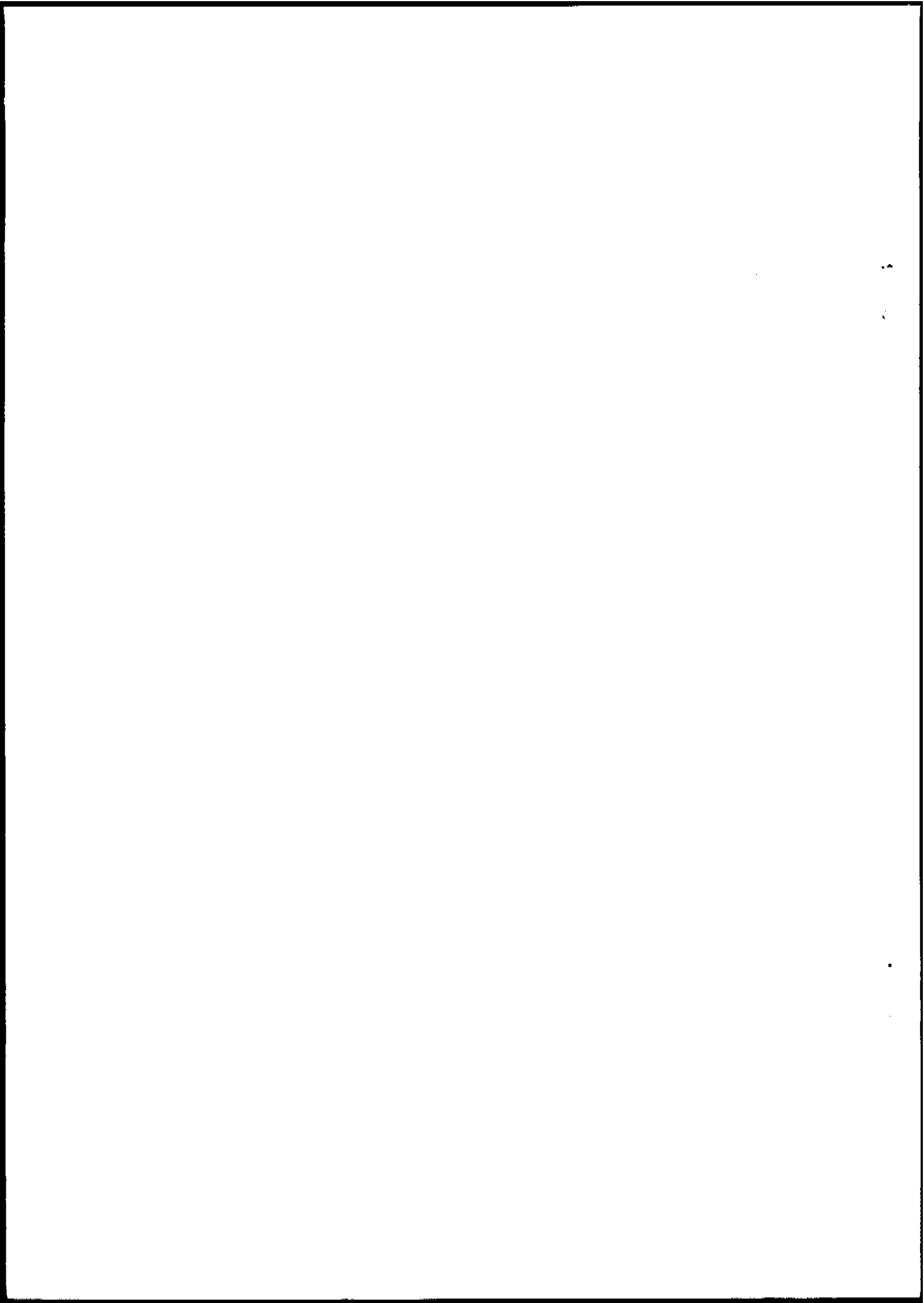
"FDA has accumulated and evaluated a number of studies on Violet No. 1 over the years. These data have not supported a finding that Violet # 1 is unsafe for human use.

"More recently, however, the Agency has been informed of unpublished data from two Japanese studies in which rats were fed Violet No. 1 at a level of five percent of their diet. Although these data are preliminary, they nonetheless, suggest that the material fed may be carcinogenic.

"Further FDA evaluation of the Japanese data will take place as the data become available. In addition, FDA is undertaking its own study to parallel the Japanese investigations.

"FDA has concluded that delisting and decertification of the color is adequate to protect the public health."

* Benzyl Violet (C.I. (1956) No. 42640)



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FOOD ADDITIVES INFORMATION No. 22
(Resolution WHA23.50)

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ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

The Ministry of Health and Welfare of Japan has informed the World Health Organization that the following amendments concerning food additives have been promulgated:

1. The maximum level of the residue of sulfur dioxide in shrimps is established as 100 ppm. This amendment came into force from 28 April 1973.
2. The use of sodium saccharin is restricted. Its use is only permitted in diet food, which is permitted according to the provisions of the Nutrition Improvement Law. This amendment will come into force from 1 November 1973.