

Testing shows safety questionable FDA bans Red 4 food dye

and Drug Administration today banned the artificial colors used to make maraschino cherries red and jelly beans and licorice black, saying their safety is questionable.

Laboratory tests with dogs suggest that food dye called Red No. 4 may cause urinary bladder polyps and atrophy of the adrenal glands, the FDA said. Furthermore, there is no reliable testing method to assure that the color carbon black does not contain a cancer-causing byproduct, the agency said.

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30 days. It will also permanently Associated Press 30 days. It will also permanently WASHINGTON — The Food approve 20 other colors for use only in external drugs and cosmetics by the year's end and give industry more time to conduct further safety testing of 52 other colors, three of them in food.

Richard Ronk, who heads the FDA's color additives division, said the carbon black ban signals an end to black jelly beans and licorice.

It was unclear whether the Red No. 4 ban would spell the same fate for red maraschino cherries or whether another additive can be used

The color does not influence the flavor of cherries, which also are The FDA announced it also will marketed in green and in their ban 10 other color additives, ap- natural yellow color after process-

Three years ago, the Giant Food retail chain began marketing maraschino cherries without artificial coloring in its 110 stores in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. But "they have not been a wildly popular product," store officials say. "People always think cherries should be red, and yellow ones just

don't register. They re looking to, something red to put on grapefruit or in whiskey sours," said Janet Tenney, assistant to Giant's vice ident for consumer programs. FDA's ban last February of led 2, which until last year was h tion's most widely used ari color in foods, drugs and comdon't register. They're looking for president for consumer programs. Under the FDA order, Red No. 4

taken internally, but can still be sible substitute for Red No. used safely in cosmetics and externally applied drugs.

FDA said there is a "lac adequate chemical specificati for the color and no adequ method to test for the preser low levels of a manufacturin products called extractable pol lear aromatics, some of which known carcinogens. The announcement follows

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FDA's ban last February of Redy Red No. 40, another colo is banned for use in foods and drugs has been eyed by industry as self under suspicion but sti

cially approved for use. Can Carbon black is banned for use in lows the use of Red No. 2 but candies, drugs and cosmetics such Red No. 40.

Names in the news Compiled by BILL EPPERS

Nostalgia returns with 12; dinners

Joe Sena rolled back time 142 years when he hired 25 extra waitresses and began selling full-course dinners for 12 cents. In 3½ hours the restaurant had served 1,500 meals. Hungry bargain hunters ordered from a bill of fare duplicated from the menu

at Delmonico's Restaurant when that fashionable New York eatery was founded in 1834. "I just wanted to do something

crazy once in my life. This is it Sena said of the evening, which he estimated costed him \$6,000.

Torme, wife await custody decision

Singer Mel Torme and his English wife, actress Janette Scott, will let a Los Angeles court decide a custody battle over their two children.

This agreement was reached Tuesday after legal arguments before a High Court judge in London and out-of-court negotiations.

Comaneci to do

Wilson's special Comedian Flip Wilson will be joined by Olympic gold-medalist Nadia Comaneci, Romanian gymnast, in a one hour television special to be shown Thursday, ov. 18, on CBS.

The program, which will also be shown throughout Europe, will be the first co-production involving U.S. television and the official state broadcasting organi-

zation of Romania. The gymnast received an unprecedented seven perfect 10point scores and won three gold, one silver and a bronze medal at the Montreal Olympics.

No objections to investigations

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), says he doesn't object to reopening the investigation into the assassination of his brother, the late President

Last week the House of Representatives formed a special committee to investigate the Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinations.

Roy Ash to head Addressograph

Roy L. Ash, who was U.S. budget director from 1972 through 1974 has been named board chairman and chief executive officer of Addressograph-Multigraph Corp.

Ash, 57, said Tuesday he will be paid \$225,000 a year and has bought 300,000 shares of common stock from the company at \$9 a share. This will make him one of the largest individual shareholders.

Child recognized

as Hendrix's son

An appeals court in Sweden has upheld a lower court ruling that a six-year-old Swedish boy was fathered by Jimi Hendrix, the late American rock music

star. The ruling, which was handed down Tuesday, is not binding in the United States.

D-i-v-o-r-c-e hits

Tammy Wynette

Tammy Wynette has filed suit for divorce from her fourth husband, John Michael Tomlin, to whom she was married July 18. The divorce suit, filed in Circuit Court Tuesday, alleged that Tomlin, a Nashville real estate executive, has "been guilty of such cruel and inhuman treatment as to render further cohabitation unsafe and improper.

Star sues MGM

Esther Williams, movie swim star, wants to dunk Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for \$1 million plus a share of the profits from two recent movies that used clips from her old films.

MGM has been unjustly riched and has inva Williams's privacy by u scenes from several of herfil "That's Entertainment" "That's Entertainment Part The clips used in the two were from pictures made w Williams was under contract MGM for a weekly salary started at \$75 and ended 14 ye

A suit filed Monday alles

Korchnoi fears Soviet violence

later at \$200.

Viktor Korchnoi, So grandmaster, who is now live exile in the West, said Tues that Soviet violence will not k him out of the world chess cha

pionships. At his first news confere since defecting early last mon Korchnoi said he feared violer by Soviet authorities

Corbett breaks

record, wrists Billy Corbett says he broke record 5,800 bricks in Ancho age, Alaska during a karate der onstration for charity and crack his wrists in the process. Hese he's out of a job, out of moneya 'disgusted' because noboo

seems to care. Only four kids watched th 105-minute demonstration th was held recently under gra drizzly skies to raise money help fight muscular dystrophy



