

(b) *Hearings authorized or required by this subheading shall be conducted by the Secretary or such officer, agent, or employee as the Secretary may designate for the purpose.*

(c) *All food additive regulations and their amendments now or hereafter adopted under authority of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are the food additive regulations in this State. However, the Secretary may adopt a regulation which prescribes conditions under which a food additive may be used in this State whether or not in accordance with regulations promulgated under the Federal Act.*

(d) *All color additive regulations and their amendments now or hereafter adopted under authority of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are the color additive regulations in this State. However, the Secretary may adopt a regulation which prescribes conditions under which a color additive may be used in this State whether or not in accordance with regulations promulgated under the Federal Act.*

(e) *All special dietary use regulations and their amendments now or hereafter adopted under authority of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are the special dietary use regulations in this State. However, the Secretary may, if he finds it necessary to inform purchasers of the value of a food for special dietary use, prescribe special dietary use regulations whether or not in accordance with regulations promulgated under the Federal Act.*

(f) *A Federal regulation automatically adopted pursuant to this subheading takes effect in this State on the date it becomes effective as a Federal regulation. The Secretary shall publish all other proposed regulations in accordance with the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act. A person who may be adversely affected by a regulation may, within 30 days after publication of any such regulation, file with the Secretary, in writing, objections and a request for a hearing. The timely filing of objections to a Federal regulation automatically adopted stays the effect of the regulation in the State of Maryland.*

*If no objections are received and no hearing is requested within 30 days after publication of a proposed regulation, it shall take effect on a date set by the Secretary. The effective date shall be at least 60 days after the time for filing objections has expired.*

*If timely objections are made to a Federal regulation within 30 days after it is automatically adopted or to a proposed regulation within 30 days after it is published, the Secretary, after notice, shall conduct a public hearing to receive evidence on the issues raised by the objections. Any interested person or his representative may be heard. The Secretary shall act upon objections by order and shall mail the order to objectors by certified mail as soon after the hearing as practicable. The order shall be based on substantial evidence in the record of the hearing. If the order concerns a Federal regulation, it may reinstate, rescind or modify it. If the order concerns a proposed regulation, it may withdraw it or set an effective date for the regulations as published or as modified by the order. The effective date shall be at least 60 days after publication of the order.*