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Re: K980597
Trade Name: Carrara PDF, Carrara H, Carrara R
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: EJT
Dated: February 10, 1998
Received: February 17, 1998

Dear Mr. Everngam:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Premarket Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the current Good Manufacturing Practice requirement, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic (QS) inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does

not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4618. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its internet address "<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,



Timothy A. Ulatowski
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Division of Dental, Infection Control
and General Hospital Devices
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Radiological Health

Enclosure

510(k) Premarket Notification for Carrara Dental Alloys
Submitted by european dental imports, inc., Reg#1218814

INDICATIONS FOR USE:

510(K) Number: K980597

Device Name: Carrara Dental Alloys

Indications for Use:

Used by a dental lab technician, under the direction of an attending dentist, to cast elements of fixed and removable dental prostheses:

precious metal inlays, onlays, and crowns;

precious metal bridges, bars, posts, and attachments;

precious metal copings and bridges for porcelain-fused-to-metal restorations.

When used for porcelain-fused-to-metal restorations it is intended by the manufacturer that only Carrara Porcelain products be used with the Carrara alloys.

After fabrication and finishing the completed prosthesis is approved and placed in the patient's mouth by the dentist.

(Please do not write below this line)

Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation

(Division Sign-Off) POS for MSR
Division of Dental, Infection Control,
and General Hospital Devices
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Prescription Use yes OR Over the Counter Use No
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)