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II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA has received a pesticide petition as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that this petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data support granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Feed additives, Food additives, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: May 31, 2002.

Peter Caulkins,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Summary of Petition

The petitioner summary of the pesticide petition is printed below as required by section 408(d)(3) of the FFDCA. The summary of the petition was prepared by the petitioner and represents the views of the petitioner.

EPA is publishing the petition summary verbatim without editing it in any way. The petition summary announces the availability of a description of the analytical methods available to EPA for the detection and measurement of the pesticide chemical residues or an explanation of why no such method is needed.

Interregional Research Project Number 4 (IR-4)

0E6185

EPA has received a pesticide petition (0E6185) from the Interregional Research Project Number 4 (IR-4), 681 U.S. Highway #1 South, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-3390 proposing, pursuant to section 408(d) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR part 180 by establishing time-limited tolerances for residues of the herbicide, diflufenzopyr, 2-(1-(3,5-difluorophenylamino) carbonyl)hydrazono) ethyl(-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid, its metabolites convertible to 8-methylpyrido(2,3-d)pyridazin-5(6H)-1, and free and acid-released 8-hydroxymethylpyrido(2,3-d)pyridazine-2,5(1H,6H)-dione, expressed as diflufenzopyr in or on the raw agricultural commodities of cattle, goat, hog, horse, and sheep meat at 0.60 parts per million (ppm); cattle, goat, hog, horse, and sheep kidney at 4.0 ppm; cattle, goat, hog, horse, and sheep meat by-products (except kidney) at 0.50 ppm; cattle, goat, hog, horse, and sheep fat at 0.30 ppm; and milk at 3.0 ppm. EPA has determined that the petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2) of the FFDCA; however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data support granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition. This notice includes a summary of the petition prepared by BASF Corporation, P.O. Box 13528, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709.

A. Residue Chemistry

1. *Plant metabolism.* The nature of the residue of diflufenzopyr is adequately understood.

2. *Analytical method.* BASF Corporation has provided suitable independently validated analytical methods for detecting and measuring levels of diflufenzopyr and its metabolites in or on food with a limit of detection that allows monitoring of food with residues at or above the levels described in these and the existing tolerances. Adequate enforcement methodology (gas chromatography) is

available to enforce the tolerance expression.

3. *Magnitude of residues.* Data from metabolism studies in goat and poultry have established that the expected dietary burden from crops treated with diflufenzopyr will not result in quantifiable residues above the limits of the standard analytical method.

B. Toxicological Profile

The nature of the toxic effects caused by diflufenzopyr is discussed in Unit II.B. of the **Federal Register** of December 12, 2001 (66 FR 64257) (FRL-6812-7).

C. Aggregate Exposure

The aggregate exposure (food, drinking water, and residential) assessment for diflufenzopyr is discussed in Unit II.C. of the **Federal Register** of December 12, 2001 (67 FR 64257).

D. Cumulative Effects

The potential for cumulative effects for diflufenzopyr and other substances with a common mechanism of toxicity is discussed in Unit II.D. of the **Federal Register** of December 12, 2001 (66 FR 64257).

E. Safety Determination

The safety determination for the U.S. population, infants, and children for diflufenzopyr is discussed in Unit II.E. of the **Federal Register** of December 12, 2001 (66 FR 64257).

F. International Tolerances

There is no CODEX or Mexican residue limits established for diflufenzopyr or its metabolites.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0101; FRL-7182-3]

Tebufenozide; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Vermont Department of Agriculture, Food, and Markets and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources to use the pesticide tebufenozide (CAS No. 112410-23-8) to treat up to 25,000 acres of pasture and haylands in Vermont and 100,000 acres of pasture and haylands in Maine to control

armyworms. The Applicants propose a use which has been requested in 3 or more previous years, and a petition for a tolerance has not yet been submitted to the Agency. EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0101, must be received on or before June 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed

instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPP-2002-0101 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Madden, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703)

305-6463; fax number: (703) 308-5433; e-mail address: Sec-18-Mailbox@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you petition EPA for emergency exemption under section 18 of FIFRA. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Categories	NAICS Codes	Examples of potentially affected entities
State government	9241	State agencies that petition EPA for section 18 pesticide exemption

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be regulated by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table in this unit could also be regulated. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action applies to certain entities. To determine whether you or your business is affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions in this unit. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of This Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket ID number OPP-2002-0101. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record

includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPP-2002-0101 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov, or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0101. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI that I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

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II. Background

What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. The Vermont Department of Agriculture, Food, and Markets and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of tebufenozide on pasture and haylands to control armyworms. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the Vermont Department of Agriculture, Food, and Markets asserts that in 2001 unusually cooler temperatures and in localized regions of the state wet conditions triggered tremendous numbers of pests including armyworms and particularly fall armyworms. The concern is that there will be a recurrence of the conditions in 2002 leading to more potential crop loss. The economic threshold action level for pastures and haylands is three or more small armyworms per square foot. An armyworm outbreak in Vermont is of vital concern to farmers and livestock owners. Armyworm infestations have reduced the production in pasture and hay crops by an estimated 50% to 90%. According to Vermont Department of Agriculture, Food, and Markets there is no currently registered product that is effective in controlling armyworms.

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources asserts that in 2001 economic losses due to

armyworms occurred in all areas of Maine. In some locations armyworm infestations reduced the production in improved pastures as well as grasslands by 50% to 100%. The mild winter and recent wet conditions this spring are conducive to another outbreak of armyworms. Like Vermont, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources also states that currently registered alternatives are not effective in controlling armyworms.

Efficacy data as well as actual field use (under previous emergency exemptions) indicate that tebufenozide will provide excellent armyworm control.

Both applicants propose to make no more than two applications per acre per year of a formulated product containing 23% tebufenozide. Up to 0.125 lb active ingredient (ai) per acre (8 fluid ounces of formulated product) will be applied. A total of 0.25 lb ai per acre (16 fluid ounces of formulated product) may be applied. A maximum of 25,000 acres of pasture and haylands in Vermont and 100,000 acres of pasture and haylands in Maine will be treated.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 of FIFRA require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing a use which has been requested in 3 or more previous years, and a petition for a tolerance has not yet been submitted to the Agency. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application.

The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the specific exemptions requested by the Vermont Department of Agriculture, Food, and Markets and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources. In the past the Agency has issued emergency exemptions for this use in Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Vermont to control armyworms in pasture. It is likely these other states may also apply for emergency exemptions in 2002 for use season.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: May 31, 2002.

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Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7230-7]

Waste Characterization Program Documents Applicable to Transuranic Radioactive Waste From the Hanford Site for Disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability; opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of, and soliciting public comments for 30 days on, Department of Energy (DOE) documents applicable to characterization of transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste at the Hanford site proposed for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The documents (Item II-A2-40, Docket A-98-49) are available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. EPA will conduct an inspection of waste characterization systems and processes at Hanford to verify that the site can characterize transuranic waste in accordance with EPA's WIPP compliance criteria. EPA will perform this inspection the week of June 24, 2002.

DATES: EPA is requesting public comment on the documents. Comments must be received by EPA's official Air Docket on or before July 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Docket No. A-98-49, Air Docket, Room M-1500, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Mail Code 6102, Washington, DC 20460. The DOE documents are available for review in the official EPA Air Docket in Washington, DC, Docket No. A-98-49, Category II-A2, and at the following three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico: in Carlsbad at the Municipal Library, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 am-9 pm, Friday-Saturday, 10 am-6 pm, and Sunday 1 pm-5 pm; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Hours: vary by semester; and in Santa Fe at the New Mexico State Library, Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

As provided in EPA's regulations at 40 CFR part 2, and in accordance with normal EPA docket procedures, if copies of any docket materials are requested, a reasonable fee may be charged for photocopying. Air Docket A-98-49 in Washington, DC, accepts