

The State did not evaluate environmental justice considerations as part of its SIP submittal; the CAA and applicable implementing regulations neither prohibit nor require such an evaluation. The EPA did not perform an EJ analysis and did not consider EJ in this action. Consideration of EJ is not required as part of this action, and there is no information in the record inconsistent with the stated goal of Executive Order 12898 of achieving environmental justice for people of color, low-income populations, and Indigenous peoples.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: April 24, 2024.

Martha Guzman Aceves,

Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 180

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0059; FRL-11682-03-OCSPP]

Receipt of a Pesticide Petition Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities (March 2024)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of filing of petition and request for comment.

SUMMARY: This document announces the Agency's receipt of an initial filing of a pesticide petition requesting the establishment or modification of regulations for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various commodities.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 3, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0059, through the *Federal eRulemaking Portal* at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madison H. Le, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (BPPD) (7511M), main telephone number: (202) 566-1400, email address: BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov; or Charles Smith, Registration Division (RD) (7505T), main telephone number: (202) 566-2427, email address: RDFFRNotices@epa.gov. The mailing address for each contact person is Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001. As part of the mailing address, include the contact person's name, division, and mail code. The division to contact is listed at the end of each application summary.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes 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 docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at

<https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low-income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticides discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

EPA is announcing receipt of a pesticide petition filed under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a, requesting the establishment or modification of regulations in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities. The Agency is taking public comment on the request before responding to the petitioner. EPA is not proposing any particular action at this time. EPA has determined that the pesticide petition described in this document contains data or information prescribed in FFDCA section 408(d)(2), 21 U.S.C. 346a(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the pesticide petition. After considering the public comments, EPA intends to evaluate whether and what action may be warranted. Additional data may be needed before EPA can make a final determination on this pesticide petition.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 180.7(f), a summary of the petition that is the subject of this document, prepared by the petitioner, is included in a docket EPA has created for this rulemaking. The docket for this petition is available at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

As specified in FFDCA section 408(d)(3), 21 U.S.C. 346a(d)(3), EPA is publishing notice of the petition so that the public has an opportunity to comment on this request for the establishment or modification of regulations for residues of pesticides in or on food commodities. Further information on the petition may be obtained through the petition summary referenced in this unit.

A. Notice of Filing—New Tolerance Exemptions for Inerts (Except PIPS)

PP IN-11860. (EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0153). Evonik Corporation, 7801 Whitepine Road, Richmond, VA 23237, requests to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of oxirane, phenyl-, polymer with oxirane, mono (dihydrogen phosphate), decylethers, (CAS Reg. No. 308336-53-0), with a minimum number average molecular weight of 1225 daltons, when used as an inert ingredient in pesticide formulations under 40 CFR 180.960. The petitioner believes no analytical method is needed because it is not required for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance. *Contact:* RD.

B. New Tolerance Exemptions for Non-Inerts (Except PIPS)

PP 3F9091. EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0157. Plant Health Care Inc., 242 South Main Street, Suite 216, Holly Springs, NC 27540, requests to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of the biochemical pesticide PDHP 68949 in or on all food commodities. The petitioner believes no analytical method is needed because it is expected that, when used as proposed, PDHP 68949 would not result in residues that are of toxicological concern. *Contact:* BPPD.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a.

Dated: April 29, 2024.

Kimberly Smith,

Acting Director, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 40

[FAR Case 2023-008, Docket No. FAR-2023-0008, Sequence No. 1]

RIN 9000-AO56

Federal Acquisition Regulation: Prohibition on Certain Semiconductor Products and Services

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Advanced notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: DoD, GSA, and NASA are considering amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement paragraphs (a), (b), and (h) in section 5949 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 that prohibits executive agencies from procuring or obtaining certain products and services that include covered semiconductor products or services effective December 23, 2027.

DATES: Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat Division at the address shown below on or before July 2, 2024 to be considered in the formation of the proposed rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in response to FAR Case 2023-008 to the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for “FAR Case 2023-008”. Select the link “Comment Now” that corresponds with “FAR Case 2023-008”. Follow the instructions provided on the “Comment Now” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “FAR Case 2023-008” on your attached document. If your comment cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, call or email the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite “FAR Case 2023-008” in all correspondence related to this case. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. Public comments may be submitted as an individual, as an organization, or anonymously (see frequently asked questions at <https://www.regulations.gov/faq>). To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check <https://www.regulations.gov>, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Farpolicy@gsa.gov* or call 202-969-4075. Please cite FAR Case 2023-008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Semiconductors are tiny electronic devices that are essential to America’s economic and national security. Semiconductors power our consumer electronics, automobiles, data centers, critical infrastructure, and virtually all military systems. These devices power tools as simple as a power adapter and as complex as a fighter jet or a

smartphone. They are also essential building blocks of the technologies that will shape our future, including artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and clean energy. For additional information on semiconductors, visit <https://www.nist.gov/semiconductors> and [chips.gov](https://www.chips.gov). See the section containing definitions in this advance notice of proposed rulemaking for the definition of “semiconductor”.

The National Counterintelligence and Security Center, located in the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence, has identified semiconductors as one of the technology sectors where the stakes of disruption are potentially greatest for U.S. economic and national security. There are numerous opportunities for adversaries and other threat actors to introduce hardware backdoors, malicious firmware, and malicious software into a semiconductor during production. Since semiconductors are key components of U.S. critical infrastructure (e.g., information technology, communications) and have many military applications, it is vital that these threat vectors are addressed during the production process. Chips are ultimately integrated into end products, so it can be difficult to identify and mitigate risks to semiconductor hardware, firmware, and software.

Due to this significant national security risk, Congress included a prohibition for certain covered semiconductors in section 5949 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 (Pub. L. 117-263). The statute states that “[t]he head of an executive agency may not (A) procure or obtain, or extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, any electronic parts, products, or services that include covered semiconductor products or services; or (B) enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) with an entity to procure or obtain electronic parts or products that use any electronic parts or products that include covered semiconductor products or services”. However, executive agencies are not required to—

(1) Remove or replace any products or services resident in equipment, systems, or services, prior to the effective date of the prohibition.

(2) Prohibit or limit the utilization of covered semiconductor products or services throughout the lifecycle of existing equipment.

DoD, GSA, and NASA plan to implement section 5949 of the NDAA for FY 2023 in the FAR via FAR Case