

As part of this request, the applicant asserts that Furadan has been an important and necessary tool for control of late season aphid problems the past several seasons. Cotton growers in California are specifically concerned with the prevention of sticky cotton, which can result from sugar secretions from specific insect pests and diminishes the quality of the cotton. The applicant claims that recently registered chloronicotinyl insecticides, which rely on foliar uptake and translaminar movement, are less effective in the late season after foliage has hardened off. The applicant further claims that resistance to these chloronicotinyl insecticides could develop and that without a specific exemption from registration under FIFRA for the use of flowable carbofuran on cotton to control cotton aphids, cotton growers in these states will suffer significant economic losses.

The applicant proposes to make no more than two applications of flowable carbofuran on cotton at the rate of 0.25 lb. active ingredient (8 fluid ounces) in a minimum of 2 gallons of finished spray per acre by air, or 10 gallons of finished spray per acre by ground application. The total maximum proposed use during the 2003 growing season, from August 20, 2003 to October 30, 2003, would be 0.5 lb. active ingredient (16 fluid ounces) per acre. The applicant proposes that a maximum of 300,000 acres could be treated under the requested exemptions. If all of these acres were treated at the maximum proposed rate and for the maximum allowed number of times, 150,000 lbs. active ingredient would be used in California. Under the crisis exemption, a single aerial application of flowable carbofuran at a rate of 0.25 lb. active ingredient (8 fluid ounces) per acre may be made to cotton. A maximum of 200,000 acres of cotton in California may 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 use of a chemical (*i.e.*, an active ingredient) which has been the subject of a Special Review within EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs and is intended for a use that could pose a risk similar to the risk posed by uses evaluated under the Special Review. The granular formulation of carbofuran was the subject of a Special Review between the years of 1986–1991, which resulted in a negotiated settlement whereby most of the registered uses of granular carbofuran were phased out. While the

flowable formulation of carbofuran is not the subject of a Special Review, EPA believes that the proposed use of flowable carbofuran on cotton could pose a risk similar to the risk assessed by EPA under the Special Review of granular carbofuran. 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 exemption requested by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 4, 2003.

Debra Edwards,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Sunshine Act Meeting

ACTION: Notice of a partially open meeting of the board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

OPEN AGENDA ITEM: PEFCO Secured Note Issues (Resolution).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation for Item No. 1 only. Attendees that are not employees of the Executive Branch will be required to sign in prior in the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact: Office of the Secretary, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571 (Telephone No. 202–565–3957).

James K. Hess,

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2630]

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

September 15, 2003.

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification have been filed in the Commission's Rulemaking proceeding listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room CY–A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor. Qualex International (202) 863–2893. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by October 6, 2003. *See* Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions have expired.

Subject: In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review—Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (MB Docket No. 02–277).

Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers (MM Docket No. 01–235).

Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets (MM Docket No. 01–317).

Definition of Radio Markets (MM Docket No. 00–244).

Definition of Radio Markets for Areas Not Located in an Arbitron Survey Area (MB Docket No. 03–130).

Number of Petitions Filed: 27.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notices

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission:

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Correction and approval of minutes.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2003–21: Lehman Brothers Inc. by counsel, Kenneth A. Gross and Ki P. Hong.