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be made available to the public for reasonable inspections during Agency business hours.

(c) Whenever any information or data is required to be produced or examined and any party to the proceeding claims that such information is a trade secret or commercial or financial information, other than information relating to the formulas of a pesticide, the Administrative Law Judge, the Presiding Officer, or the Environmental Appeals Board may require production or testimony *in camera* and sealed to all but the parties.

(d) All orders, decisions, or other documents made or signed by the Administrative Law Judge, the Presiding Officer, or the Environmental Appeals Board shall be filed with the hearing clerk. The hearing clerk shall immediately serve all parties with a copy of such order, decision, or other document.

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§ 164.5 Filing and service.

(a) All documents or papers required or authorized to be filed, shall be filed with the hearing clerk, except as provided otherwise in this part. At the same time that a party files documents or papers with the clerk, it shall serve upon all other parties copies thereof, with a certificate of service on each document or paper, including those filed with the hearing clerk. If filing is accomplished by mail addressed to the clerk, filing shall be deemed timely if the papers are postmarked on the due date except as to initial filings requesting a public hearing or responding to a notice of intent to hold a hearing, in which case such filings must be received by the hearing clerk either within the time required by statute or by the notice of intent to hold a hearing.

(b) Each document filed, other than papers commencing a proceeding, shall contain the FIFRA docket number and, if the document affects less than all of the registrations included under that docket number, the registration number or file symbol of each product which is the subject of the document.

(c) In addition to copies served on all other parties, each party shall file an

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original and two copies of all papers with the hearing clerk.

§ 164.6 Time.

(a) *Computation.* In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these rules, except as otherwise provided, the day of the act, event, or default from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays shall be included in computing the time allowed for the filing of any document or paper, except that when such time expires on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, such period shall be extended to include the next following business day.

(b) *Enlargement.* When by these rules or by order of the Administrative Law Judge, the Presiding Officer, or the Environmental Appeals Board, an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified time, the Administrative Law Judge (before his initial decision is filed), or the Presiding Officer (before his recommended decision is filed), or the Environmental Appeals Board (after the Administrative Law Judge's initial decision or the presiding officer's recommended decision is filed), for cause shown may at any time in their discretion: with or without motion or notice, order the period enlarged if request therefor, which may be made *ex parte*, is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed or as extended by a previous order; or on motion made after the expiration of the specified period, permit the act to be done where the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect. In this connection, consideration shall be given to the fact that, under the provisions of the act, the Administrator must issue his order not later than 90 days after the completion of the hearing, unless all parties agree by stipulation to extend this period of time pursuant to § 164.103.

(c) *Additional time after service by mail.* A prescribed period of time within which a party is required or permitted to do an act shall be computed from the time of service, except that when the service is made by mail, 3 days shall be added to the prescribed period. Such addition for service by mail shall not apply in the case of filing initial

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requests for hearings or responding to a notice of intent to hold a hearing, in which cases statutory filing times will run from the date of the return receipt pursuant to §164.8.

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§ 164.7 *Ex parte* discussion of proceeding.

At no stage of a proceeding shall the Administrator, the members of the Environmental Appeals Board, the Presiding Officer, or the Administrative Law Judge discuss *ex parte* the merits of the proceeding with any party or with any person who has been connected with the preparation or presentation of the proceeding as an advocate, or in an investigative or expert capacity, or with any representative of such person, *Provided*, That the Environmental Appeals Board, the Presiding Officer, or the Administrative Law Judge may discuss the merits of the case with any such person if all parties to the proceeding, or their representatives, have been given reasonable notice and opportunity to be present. Any memorandum or other communication addressed to the Administrator, the Environmental Appeals Board, the Presiding Officer, or the Administrative Law Judge during the pendency of the proceeding, and relating to the merits thereof, by or on behalf of any party, shall be regarded as an argument made in the proceeding. The Administrator, the Environmental Appeals Board, the Presiding Officer, or the Administrative Law Judge shall cause any such communication to be filed with the hearing clerk and served upon all other parties to the proceeding who will be given the opportunity to file an answer thereto.

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§ 164.8 Publication.

All notices of intention to cancel a registration, all notices of intention to change a classification, and all denials of registrations, all together with the reasons (including the factual basis therefor), and all notices of intention by the Administrator to hold a hearing, together with the statement of issues as provided by §164.20(b) shall be

sent to the registrant or applicant by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested), and published by appropriate announcement in the FEDERAL REGISTER by the Administrator. The Administrative Law Judge shall cause to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER by appropriate announcement, a notice of the filing of any objections, pursuant to §164.20(b) or responses pursuant to §164.24, and a notice of the public hearing as provided by §164.80 *et seq.* Said notice of public hearing shall designate the place where the hearing will be held and specify the time when the hearing will commence. The hearing shall convene at the place and time announced in the notice, unless amended by subsequent notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, but thereafter it may be moved to a different place and may be continued from day to day or recessed to a later day without other notice than announcement thereof at the hearing.

Subpart B—General Rules of Practice Concerning Proceedings (Other Than Expedited Hearings)

COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDING

§ 164.20 Commencement of proceeding.

(a) A proceeding shall be commenced whenever a hearing is requested by any person adversely affected by a notice of the Administrator of his refusal to register or of his intent to cancel the registration or to change the classification of a pesticide. A proceeding shall likewise be commenced whenever the Administrator decides to call a hearing to determine whether or not the registration of a pesticide should be canceled or its classification changed. Such request or notice of intent to hold a hearing shall be timely filed with the hearing clerk, and the matter shall be docketed and assigned a FIFRA docket number.

(b) If a request for a hearing is filed, the person filing the request shall, at the same time, file a document stating his objections to the Administrator's refusal to register or his intent to cancel the registration or to change the classification of a pesticide. If a notice of intent to hold a hearing is filed by