

that this rulemaking proposal be referred to an Advisory Committee in accordance with FFDCA section 408(e).

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Comments must bear notation indicating the document control number, [OPP-300379]. All written comments filed in response to this document will be available in the Public Docket and Freedom of Information Section, at the address given above from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-354, 94 Stat. 1164, 5 U.S.C. 601-612), the Administrator has determined that regulations establishing exemption from tolerance requirements do not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A certification statement to this effect was published in the **Federal Register** of May 4, 1981 (46 FR 24950).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 10, 1995.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, it is proposed that chapter I of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations be amended as follows:

PART 180—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a and 371.

2. In 180.472, by revising paragraph (d), to read as follows:

§ 180.472 1-[(6-Chloro-3-pyridinyl) methyl]-N-nitro-2-imidazolidinimine; tolerances for residues.

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(d) A time-limited tolerance, to expire June 28, 1996, is established permitting the combined residues of the insecticide 1-[(6-chloro-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-N-nitro-2-imidazolidinimine and its metabolites containing the chloropyridinyl moiety, all expressed as 1-[(6-chloro-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-N-nitro-2-imidazolidinimine, in or on the following raw agricultural commodity:

| Commodity | Parts per million |
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| Hops, dried | 3.0 |

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40 CFR Part 180

[PP 2E4071/P603; FRL 4936-2]

RIN 2070-AC18

Methyl Anthranilate; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to establish exemptions from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of the biochemical methyl anthranilate in or on the raw agricultural commodities blueberry, cherry, and grape when the pesticide is used in accordance with good agricultural practices. The Interregional Research Project No. 4 (IR-4) requested these exemptions in a petition submitted to EPA.

DATES: Comments, identified by the document control number, [PP 2E4071/P603], must be received on or before March 24, 1995.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202. Information submitted as a comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI).

Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Hoyt Jamerson, Registration

Division (7505W), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Sixth Floor, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202, (703)-308-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Interregional Research Project No. 4 (IR-4), New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, P.O. Box 231, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, has submitted pesticide petition (PP) 2E4071 to EPA on behalf of the Agricultural Experiment Station of Washington. Pesticide petition 2E4071 requests that the Administrator, pursuant to section 408(e) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a(e), establish exemptions from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of the biochemical methyl anthranilate in or on the raw agricultural commodities blueberry, cherry, and grape. Methyl anthranilate will be applied as a dilute foliar spray to these crops to repel birds and reduce bird depredation. Methyl anthranilate is a natural constituent of food that can be found in grape and citrus. Methyl anthranilate is also synthetically produced and used in the purified form (not less than 99 percent pure) as a flavoring agent in beverages, ice cream, candy, baked goods, gelatins, puddings, and chewing gum. The synthetic product mimics the chemical structure and function of the natural plant constituent. Methyl anthranilate is listed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a flavoring compound under 21 CFR 182.60, and is classified generally recognized as safe (GRAS) by the Expert Panel of the Flavor and Extract Manufacturer's Association (FEMA). Registrants who produce end-use products for this active ingredient that are intended for use on blueberry, cherry, or grape will be required to use methyl anthranilate produced to meet or exceed U.S. Food Chemical Codex and U.S. Pharmacopoeia specifications.

Residue data submitted with the petition indicate that residues of methyl anthranilate would not exceed 35 parts per million (ppm) on blueberry, cherry, and grape from the proposed use. The incremental dietary exposure to methyl anthranilate is not significant compared to naturally occurring levels, or levels resulting from use of the chemical as a flavoring agent. For example, naturally occurring levels of methyl anthranilate are reported at 33 ppm in concord grapes, and the use of methyl anthranilate as a flavoring agent results in residues of approximately 30 ppm in

baked goods and hard candies and almost 400 ppm in chewing gum.

Methyl anthranilate is hydrolyzed in the small intestine to form an alcohol and either anthranilic acid or an *N*-alkyl anthranilic acid. Anthranilic acid is a common human metabolite that is excreted in the urine or converted to anthranilic acid glucuronide prior to excretion.

The available information is sufficient to demonstrate that there are no foreseeable human health hazards likely to arise from dietary exposure resulting from the proposed use of methyl anthranilate on blueberry, cherry, and grape.

There is also no reasonable expectation of secondary residues in meat, milk, poultry, or eggs from the proposed use.

No enforcement actions based on the level of residues in food are expected. Therefore, the requirement for an analytical method for enforcement purposes is not applicable to the exemption from the requirement of a tolerance.

Based on the information and data considered, the Agency concludes that tolerances are not needed to protect the public health. Therefore, it is proposed that the exemptions from the requirement of a tolerance be established as set forth below.

Any person who has registered or submitted an application for registration of a pesticide, under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended, which contains any of the ingredients listed herein, may request within 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** that this rulemaking proposal be referred to an Advisory Committee in accordance with section 408(e) of the FFDCA.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Comments must bear a notation indicating the document control number, [PP 2E4071/P603]. All written comments filed in response to this petition will be available in the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, at the address given above from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), the Agency must determine whether the regulatory action is "significant" and therefore subject to all the requirements of the Executive Order (i.e., Regulatory Impact Analysis, review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)). Under section 3(f), the order defines "significant" as those actions likely to lead to a rule (1) having an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, or adversely and materially affecting a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local or tribal governments or communities (also known as "economically significant"); (2) creating serious inconsistency or otherwise interfering with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3) materially altering the budgetary impacts of entitlement, grants, user fees, or loan programs; or (4) raising novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive Order.

Pursuant to the terms of this Executive Order, EPA has determined that this rule is not "significant" and is therefore not subject to OMB review.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-

354, 94 Stat. 1164, 5 U.S.C. 601-612), the Administrator has determined that regulations establishing new tolerances or raising tolerance levels or establishing exemptions from tolerance requirements do not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A certification statement to this effect was published in the **Federal Register** of May 4, 1981 (46 FR 24950).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 9, 1995.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

PART 180—[AMENDED]

Therefore, it is proposed that 40 CFR part 180 be amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346A and 371.

2. In Subpart D, by adding new § 180.1143, to read as follows:

§ 180.1143 Methyl anthranilate; exemption from the requirement of a tolerance.

Methyl anthranilate, a biochemical pesticide, is exempt from the requirement of a tolerance when used in accordance with good agricultural practices on the following raw agricultural commodities: Blueberry, cherry, and grape.

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