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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Larry Fried, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 6th Floor, Crystal Station I, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8328; e-mail: fried.larry@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a State agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption.

The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of the herbicide, 2,4-D, available as Weedar 64 (EPA Reg. No. 264-2) from Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company, to control waterplantain which develops a dense leaf canopy in wild rice fields and is known to reduce wild rice yields by more than 90 percent. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

According to the Applicant, waterplantain is found in nearly all Minnesota fields which have been cropped continuously to wild rice. In the spring waterplantain appears two to three weeks before wild rice emerges and severely obstructs wild rice development. No herbicides are currently registered for use on wild rice because of a ruling by EPA that disallowed chemicals that are registered for use on "rice" to be used on wild rice because of differences in taxonomy and growing practices of the two crops. Non-chemical control by hand-weeding or mechanical cultivation is not practical since wild rice fields are flooded with water.

Under the proposed exemption a maximum of one application could be applied, at a rate of 8.0 fl. oz. of product (0.25 lb active ingredient (a.i.) per acre). A maximum of 1,375 gal. of product or 5,500 lbs. (a.i.) could be applied in 1994. Applications would be made between May 1 and July 31, 1995.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require that the Agency publish notice of receipt in the **Federal Register** and solicit public comment on an application for a specific exemption if an emergency exemption has been requested or granted for that use in any

3 previous years, and a complete application for registration of that use has not been submitted to the Agency [40 CFR 166.24 (a)(6)]. Exemptions for this use of 2,4-D on wild rice in Minnesota have been requested and granted for the past 5 years, and an application for registration of this use has not been submitted to the Agency.

Accordingly, interested persons may submit written views on this subject to the Field Operations Division at the address above. The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Crisis exemptions.

Dated: March 17, 1995.

Lois Rossi,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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[OPP-180963; FRL 4942-4]

Fomesafen; 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 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") for use of the pesticide fomesafen (Reflex 2LC) (EPA Reg. No. 10182-83) manufactured by Zeneca Ag Products, to control broadleaf weeds on up to 24,383 acres of snap beans. In accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 13, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-180963," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Human Resource 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. 1128, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Information submitted in any comment concerning this notice

may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information." 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 Confidential Business Information must be provided by the submitter for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments filed pursuant to this notice will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1128, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

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The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of Reflex 2LC. The Applicant provided information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 to the Agency which supports the position that an emergency situation would exist for New York snap bean growers if Reflex 2LC is not available for use this growing season.

According to the Applicant, infestations of broadleaf weeds have caused significant yield reductions in dry and snap bean fields in New York State. Cultural practices and the use of registered alternative herbicides have proven ineffective in controlling a variety of broadleaf weed species. Bean crop yields have significantly declined and the incidence of weed contamination in the final product has increased steadily since the loss of the herbicide Premerge (dinoseb) in 1987.

Under the proposed exemption a maximum of one application could be applied, at a rate of 1.0 to 1.25 pints of Reflex 2LC per acre (0.25 to 0.313 lb active ingredient (a.i.) per acre). A maximum of 3,816 gallons of product or 7,632 pounds of (a.i.) could be applied

in 1995. Applications would be made between June 1, and August 15, 1995.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require that the Agency publish notice of receipt in the **Federal Register** and solicit public comment on an application for a specific exemption if an emergency exemption has been requested or granted for that use in any 3 previous years, and a complete application for registration of that use has not been submitted to the Agency [40 CFR 166.24 (a)(6)]. Exemptions for the use of fomesafen on snap and dry beans have been requested and granted for the past 4 years, and an application for registration of this use has not been submitted to the Agency.

Accordingly, interested persons may submit written views on this subject to the Field Operations Division at the address above. The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Crisis exemptions.

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Lois Rossi,

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[OPP-180966; FRL 4943-7]

Lactofen; 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 Oregon Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") for use of the pesticide Lactofen (Cobra Herbicide) (EPA Reg. No. 59639-34) manufactured by Valent U.S.A. Corp., to control black nightshade, hairy nightshade, and redroot pigweed on up to 2,000 acres of snap beans. In accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 13, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-180966," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Human Resource 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. 1128, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Information submitted in any comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information." 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 Confidential Business Information must be provided by the submitter for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments filed pursuant to this notice will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1128, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

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The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of Lactofen (Cobra Herbicide). The Applicant provided information (in accordance with 40 CFR part 166) to the Agency which supports the position that an emergency situation would exist for Oregon snap bean growers if Cobra Herbicide is not available for use this growing season.

According to the Applicant, infestations of black night shade, hairy nightshade, and redroot pigweed have caused significant yield reductions in snap bean fields in Oregon. The registered herbicides do not control these identified weed species.

Snap bean crop yields have significantly declined and the incidence of weed contamination in the final product has increased steadily since the loss of Chloramben Herbicide (Amiben).

Under the proposed exemption a maximum of one application could be applied, at a rate of 3/4 pint (.1875 lb. active ingredient (a.i.)) of product per acre. A maximum of 281.25 gallons of product or 375 lbs. of (a.i.) could be applied in 1995. Application would occur between April 1, 1995 and July 31, 1995.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require that the Agency publish notice of receipt in the **Federal Register** and solicit public comment on an application for a specific exemption if an emergency exemption has been requested or granted for that use in any 3 previous years, and a complete application for registration of that use has not been submitted to the Agency [40 CFR 166.24 (a)(6)]. Exemptions for the use of Cobra Herbicide on snap beans have been requested and granted for the past 3 years, and an application for registration of this use has not been submitted to the Agency.

Accordingly, interested persons may submit written views on this subject to the Field Operations Division at the address above. The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Crisis exemptions.

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

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received specific exemption requests from the Michigan, Oregon and Washington Departments of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") for use of the pesticide,