

40 CFR Part 180

[OPP-300383; FRL-4945-6]

RIN 2070-AB78

Poly(phenylhexylurea), Cross-Linked; Tolerance Exemption

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, when used as an inert ingredient (encapsulating agent) in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops only under 40 CFR 180.1001(d) to replace the existing exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of cross-linked polyurea-type encapsulating polymer under 40 CFR 180.1082. The Monsanto Co. requested this proposed regulation.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the document control number, [OPP-300383], must be received on or before June 2, 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, deliver comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Mary Waller, Registration Support Branch, Registration Division (7505W), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 2800 Crystal Drive, North Tower, 6th Floor, Arlington, VA 22202, (703)-308-8811; e-mail:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Monsanto Co., Suite 1100, 700 14th St., NW., Washington, DC 20005, submitted pesticide petition (PP) 4E04408 to EPA requesting that the Administrator, pursuant to section 408(e) of the Federal Food Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) (21 U.S.C. 346a(e)), propose to amend 40 CFR part 180 by replacing the existing exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of cross-linked polyurea-type encapsulating polymer listed under 40 CFR 180.1082 with an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, when used as an inert ingredient (encapsulating agent) in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops only under 40 CFR 180.1001(d).

Inert ingredients are all ingredients that are not active ingredients as defined in 40 CFR 153.125, and include, but are not limited to, the following types of ingredients (except when they have a pesticidal efficacy of their own): solvents such as alcohols and hydrocarbons; surfactants such as polyoxyethylene polymers and fatty acids; carriers such as clay and diatomaceous earth; thickeners such as carrageenan and modified cellulose; wetting, spreading, and dispersing agents; propellants in aerosol dispensers; microencapsulating agents; and emulsifiers. The term "inert" is not to imply nontoxicity; the ingredient may or may not be chemically active.

The data submitted in the petition and other relevant material have been evaluated. As part of the EPA policy statement on inert ingredients published in the **Federal Register** of April 22, 1987 (52 FR 13305), the Agency set forth a list of studies which would generally be used to evaluate the risks posed by the

presence of an inert ingredient in a pesticide formulation. However, where it can be determined without that data that the inert ingredient will present minimal or no risk, the Agency generally does not require some or all of the listed studies to rule on the proposed tolerance or exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for an inert ingredient. The Agency has decided that no data, in addition to that described below, for poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, will need to be submitted. The rationale for this decision is described below.

In the case of certain chemical substances that are defined as "polymers," the Agency has established a set of criteria which identify categories of polymers that present low risk. These criteria (described in 40 CFR 723.250) identify polymers that are relatively unreactive and stable compared to other chemical substances as well as polymers that typically are not readily absorbed. These properties generally limit a polymer's ability to cause adverse effects. In addition, these criteria exclude polymers about which little is known. The Agency believes that polymers meeting the criteria noted above will present minimal or no risk. Poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, conforms to the definition of a polymer given in 40 CFR 723.250(b)(11) and meets the following criteria that are used to identify low-risk polymers.

1. The minimum number-average molecular weight of poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, is 36,000. Substances with molecular weights greater than 400 generally are not absorbed through the intact skin, and substances with molecular weights greater than 1,000 generally are not absorbed through the intact gastrointestinal tract. Chemicals not absorbed through skin or GI tract generally are incapable of eliciting a toxic response.

2. Poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, is not a cationic polymer, nor is it reasonably expected to become a cationic polymer in a natural aquatic environment.

3. Poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, does not contain less than 32.0 percent by weight of the atomic element carbon.

4. Poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, contains as an integral part of its composition the atomic elements carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and oxygen.

5. Poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, does not contain as an integral part of its composition, except as impurities, any elements other than those listed in 40 CFR 723.250(d)(3)(ii).

6. Poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, is not a biopolymer, a synthetic equivalent of a biopolymer, or a derivative or modification of a biopolymer that is substantially intact.

7. Poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, is not manufactured from reactants containing, other than impurities, halogen atoms or cyano groups.

8. Poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, does not contain a reactive functional group that is intended or reasonably expected to undergo further reaction.

9. Poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, is neither designed nor reasonably expected to substantially degrade, decompose, or depolymerize.

The establishment of an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, when used as an inert ingredient (encapsulating agent) in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops only under 40 CFR 180.1001 will obviate the need to maintain an exemption of polyurea-type encapsulating polymer as listed under 40 CFR 180.1082. The polymer listed in 40 CFR 180.1082 is described as being "formed by the reaction of polymethylene polyphenylisocyanate and hexamethylene diamine." The resultant polymer can best be described as poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked, the subject of this proposed regulation.

In addition, based on the polymer's conformance to the set of criteria that are used to identify low-risk polymers, the additional use restrictions described in 40 CFR 180.1082 (i.e., use as an encapsulating material for formulations of alachlor (2-chloro-N-(2,6-diethylphenyl)-N-(methoxymethyl)acetamide) for use on dry beans, lima beans, peas, potatoes and soybeans, when applied to the soil before edible portions of the crops form are no longer applicable.

Based on the information above and review of its use, EPA has found that, when used in accordance with good agricultural practice, this ingredient is useful, and a tolerance is not necessary to protect the public health. Therefore,

EPA proposes that the exemption 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, that contains any of the ingredients listed herein, may request within 30 days after the publication of this document in the **Federal Register** that this rulemaking proposal be referred to an Advisory Committee in accordance with section 408(e) of the FFDCFA.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Comments must bear a notation indicating the document control number, [OPP-300383]. 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.

A record has been established for this rulemaking under docket number [OPP-300383] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

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transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official rulemaking record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official rulemaking record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this rule from the requirements of section 2 of Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to the requirement 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 an 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 Subject in 40 CFR Part 180

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

Dated: April 20, 1995.

Stephen L. Johnson,
Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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

PART 180—[AMENDED]

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

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

2. Section 180.1001(d) is amended in the table therein by adding and alphabetically inserting the inert ingredient, to read as follows:

§ 180.1001 Exemptions from the requirement of a tolerance.

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(d)	*	*	*	

Inert ingredients	Limits	Uses
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Poly(phenylhexylurea), cross-linked; minimum average molecular weight 36,000.	Encapsulating agent.
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§ 180.1082 [Removed]

3. By removing § 180.1082 *Cross-linked polyurea-type encapsulating polymer (Alachlor); exemption from the requirement of a tolerance.*

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40 CFR Part 185

[OPP-300260A; FRL-4951-8]

RIN 2070-AC18

Acephate, Triadimefon, Iprodione, and Imazalil; Revocation of Food Additive Regulations; Reopening and Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; Reopening and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is reopening and extending until June 2, 1995, the comment period for a proposed rule that was published in the **Federal Register** of January 18, 1995 (60 FR 3607) that proposed the revocation of certain section 409 food additive regulations established under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) for four chemicals: acephate, triadimefon, iprodione, and imazalil. The original comment period on the proposal extended until April 18, 1995, but because of the unavailability of certain documents in the docket, the comment period is being extended.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the document control number [OPP-300360A], must be received on or before June 2, 1995.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response Section, 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.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Niloufar Nazmi, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. WF32C5, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703)-308-8028; e-mail: nazmi.niloufar@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A record has been established for this rulemaking under docket number [OPP-300360A] (including any comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

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List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 185

Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Food additives, Pesticides and pests, Processed foods, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: April 25, 1995.

Daniel M. Barolo,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-5197-1]

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of intent to delete Alpha Chemical Corporation Site from the National Priorities List: request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IV announces its intent to delete the Alpha Chemical Corporation Site from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comment on this proposed action. The NPL is codified as Appendix B of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR part 300, which EPA promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended. EPA and the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) have determined that the Site poses no significant threat to public health or the environment and therefore, no further response pursuant to CERCLA is appropriate.

DATES: Comments concerning this Site may be submitted on or before: June 2, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Joe Franzmathes, Director, Waste Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 345 Courtland Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30365.

Comprehensive information on this Site is available through the Region IV