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The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the South Carolina Department of Fertilizer and Pesticide Control.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, pesticides and pests, emergency exemptions.

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Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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#### [PP 3G4263/T685; FRL 5348-4]

#### Fipronil; Renewal of a Temporary Tolerance

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has renewed a temporary tolerance for combined residues of the insecticide fipronil or its metabolites in or on the raw agricultural commodity field corn grain at 0.02 parts per million (ppm).

**DATES:** This temporary tolerance expires March 28, 1997.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA issued a notice published in the Federal Register of May 17, 1995 (60 FR 26434), stating that a temporary tolerance had been established for combined residues of the insecticide fipronil (5-amino-3-cyano-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-4-trifluoromethylsulphonyl pyrazole) or its metabolites MB 46136 (5-amino-3-cyano-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-4-trifluoromethylsulphonyl pyrazole) or MB 45950 (5-amino-3-cyano-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-4-trifluoromethylthiopyrazole) in or on the raw agricultural commodity field corn grain at 0.02 parts per million (ppm). This tolerance is renewed in response to a request dated November 15, 1995, to extend Pesticide Petition (PP) 3G4263, submitted by Rhone Poulenc AG Company, P.O. Box 12014, 2 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2014.

The company has requested a 1-year renewal of a temporary tolerance for residues of the insecticide to permit the continued marketing of the above raw agricultural commodity when treated in accordance with the provisions of the experimental use permit 264-EUP-95, which is being renewed under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended (Pub. L. 95-396, 92 Stat. 819; 7 U.S.C. 136).

The scientific data reported and other relevant material were evaluated, and it was determined that a renewal of the temporary tolerance will protect the public health. Therefore, the temporary tolerance has been renewed on the condition that the pesticide be used in accordance with the experimental use permit and with the following provisions:

1. The total amount of the active ingredient to be used must not exceed the quantity authorized by the experimental use permit.
2. Rhone Poulenc AG Company must immediately notify the EPA of any findings from the experimental use that have a bearing on safety. The company must also keep records of production, distribution, and performance and on request make the records available to any authorized officer or employee of the EPA or the Food and Drug Administration.

This tolerance expires March 28, 1997. Residues not in excess of this amount remaining in or on the above raw agricultural commodity after this expiration date will not be considered

actionable if the pesticide is legally applied during the term of, and in accordance with, the provisions of the experimental use permit and temporary tolerance. This tolerance may be revoked if the experimental use permit is revoked or if any experience with or scientific data on this pesticide indicate that such revocation is necessary to protect the public health.

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this notice from the requirements of section 3 of Executive Order 12866.

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).

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a(j).

#### List of Subjects

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

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#### [PF644; FRL-5347-8]

#### Exemption From the Requirement of Temporary Tolerances for Trichodex (or ABG-8007)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Receipt of Petition.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received a petition (PP 6G4622) for an exemption from the requirement of temporary tolerances in or on all raw agricultural commodities which have been treated with Trichodex (or ABG-8007). This petition is associated with a request for an Experimental Use Permit (11678-EUP-R) for the subject pesticide, and is considered to be of regional and/or national significance.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted to EPA by March 29, 1996. **ADDRESSES:** By mail, comments should be forwarded to Public Response and