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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Andrea Beard, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Floor 6, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8791; e-mail: beard.andrea@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 specific exemptions for the use of pyriproxyfen and buprofezin on cotton to control the sweet potato, or silverleaf whitefly (SLW). Information in accordance with

40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

The Applicant states that a new strain or possibly a new species, of whitefly, often referred to as the strain B of sweet potato whitefly, or silverleaf whitefly (SLW), was initially found in Arizona in 1988. Since that time, it has steadily spread to new host plants and grown in population size each summer and fall. The SLW causes damage by feeding, and also through the production of honeydew, which encourages growth of sooty mold and other fungi. When SLWs become numerous as they did in many areas of the state in the past several years, their direct feeding lowers the yield. The SLW has also been implicated as a vector of virus. The Applicant claims that adequate control of the SLW is not being achieved with currently registered products and alternative cultural practices. The Applicant indicates that one application of either one or the other of the requested chemicals would not provide adequate control throughout the season, and since application of either would be limited to one, is requesting the use of both materials. The Applicant indicates that without adequate control of the SLW in cotton, significant economic losses will be suffered.

The Applicant proposes to apply pyriproxyfen at a rate of 0.054 lb. active ingredient (a.i.) per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on a total of 350,000 acres of cotton. The Applicant proposes to apply buprofezin at a rate of 0.35 lb. a.i. per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on a total of 350,000 acres of cotton. Therefore, use under these exemptions could potentially amount to a maximum total of 18,900 lbs. of pyriproxifen and 122,500 lbs. of buprofezin. This is the first time for an exemption request for either of these uses.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt in the Federal Register for an application for a specific exemption proposing the first food use of an active ingredient, or for use of a new (unregistered) chemical. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-180998] (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

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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 Arizona Department of Agriculture.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: March 6, 1996.

Peter Caulkins,  
*Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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[OPP-181000; FRL 5355-3]

#### **Emamectin Benzoate; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemptions, Solicitation of Public Comment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide emamectin benzoate (CAS 137512-74-4) (formulated as "Proclaim

5SG") to treat up to 1,000 acres of head and Chinese (Napa) cabbage, to control the diamondback moth. The Applicant proposes the use of a "new" chemical (an active ingredient not currently found in any registered product). Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemptions. **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181000," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Program 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. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

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**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 emamectin benzoate on head and Chinese (Napa) cabbage to control the diamondback moth. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

The Applicant states that the diamondback moth has become resistant to registered materials, which were formerly effective at providing control. The Applicant claims that the larva of this species has caused significant yield reductions in cabbage through its feeding activities, when it was not adequately controlled through use of registered materials. The applicant states that significant economic losses will be suffered by cabbage growers without the use of emamectin benzoate, since the registered alternatives do not provide acceptable levels of control.

The Applicant proposes to apply emamectin benzoate at a rate of 0.0075 to 0.015 lb. active ingredient (a.i.) per acre with six to twelve applications per crop season, but no more than 0.09 lb. a.i. applied per acre per crop season. The proposed use is for up to 1,000 acres of head and Chinese (Napa) Cabbage. Therefore, use under this exemption could potentially amount to a maximum total of 90 lbs. of active ingredient, emamectin benzoate. This is the first time an exemption request for this use has been requested.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt in the Federal Register for an application for a specific exemption proposing the use of a new (unregistered) chemical. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

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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 Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: March 8, 1996.

Peter Caulkins,  
*Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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#### Propazine; 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 Kansas Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide propazine (CAS 139-40-2) to treat up to 500,000 acres of sorghum