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[OPP-66228; FRL 5380-8]

Metalaxyl; Re-opening of Comment Period for Voluntary Cancellation of Ciba Crop Protection Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the re-opening of the comment period for the voluntary cancellation of Ciba Crop Protection Registrations of Metalaxyl Technical and End-Use Products that contain Metalaxyl.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by July 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: By mail submit comments identified by the document control number [OPP-66228] and the case number (noted below) 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, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-66228]. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as 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 docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket

without prior notice (including comments and data submitted electronically). The public docket and docket index, including printed paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Connie Welch, Product Manager (PM) 21, Office of Pesticide Programs, Registration Division (7505C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 237, CM#2, 2801 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-6226; e-mail: welch.connie@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA issued a notice, published in the Federal Register of May 1, 1996 (61 FR 19281), announcing the voluntary cancellation of Ciba-Crop Protection Registrations of Metalaxyl Technical and End-Use Products that contain Metalaxyl. Upon the Agency's further review of this notice and requests from other persons seeking extension to the 30-day comment period provided in the May 1, 1996 notice, the Agency has determined that it will re-open the comment period to allow additional time for further evaluation before acting on Ciba's request for voluntary cancellation. The comment period will end on July 26, 1996.

Accordingly, the voluntary cancellation of Ciba Crop Protection's products became effective on May 31, 1996. The Agency is hereby reinstating the registration of these products to correct an error in the notice which referenced provisions under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) regarding hearing requests and procedures, and re-opening the comment period on the voluntary cancellation request.

This request for voluntary cancellation was submitted pursuant to section 6 (f) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), which provides interested persons with the right to comment on voluntary cancellation requests, but does not include hearing rights. It was not the Agency's intention to provide an opportunity for hearing in connection with this action.

The Agency regrets any confusion the inclusion of this language may have caused and is granting this extension request in part to avoid any prejudice to

parties that may have been misled by the provisions of the May 1 notice. The Agency is also re-opening the comment period for the purpose of seeking clarification from Ciba regarding the nature of the proposed voluntary cancellation action. After the close of the comment period, the Agency will take action on Ciba's request and publish its determination in the Federal Register.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-66228] (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.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
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The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

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

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