

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 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. 1132, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Libby Pemberton, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Floor 6, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8326; e-mail: pemberton.libby@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 cymoxanil, propamocarb hydrochloride, and/or dimethomorph on potatoes to control late blight. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

Recent failures to control late blight in potatoes as well as tomatoes with the registered fungicides, have been caused almost exclusively by immigrant strains of late blight *Phytophthora infestans*, which are resistant to the control of choice, metalaxyl. Before the immigrant strains of late blight arrived, all of the strains in the U.S. were previously controlled by treatment with metalaxyl. The Applicant states that presently, there are no fungicides registered in the U.S. that will provide adequate control of the immigrant strains of late blight. The Applicant states that each of these requested chemicals has been shown to be effective against these strains of late blight. Each active ingredient holds current registrations throughout many European countries for control of this disease. The Applicant indicates that at least a 40 percent yield reduction is expected based on the current infestation. Net revenues are expected to be reduced by over \$27 million for the

affected acreage without the use of these requested chemicals.

Specific exemptions for use of one or more of these chemicals on potatoes were issued to 22 states in 1995. An additional request is currently pending, bringing the total potential potato acreage treated under these requests to 885,010. Specific exemption requests for use of one or more of these chemicals on tomatoes have either been authorized or are pending for three states involving 66,500 acres. It is presumed that a similar number of states will be requesting each of these uses for the 1997 season.

The Applicant proposes to apply propamocarb hydrochloride, manufactured by AgrEvo USA Company, as Tattoo C, at a maximum rate of 0.9 lbs. active ingredient (a.i.) [2.3 lbs. of product] per acre by ground or air, with a maximum of 5 applications per season. A 14-day PHI will be observed. Use under this exemption could potentially amount to a maximum 134,000 lbs. of propamocarb hydrochloride.

The Applicant proposes to apply cymoxanil, manufactured by E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, as Curzate M-8, at a maximum rate of 0.12 lbs. a.i., (1.5 lbs. of product) per acre, by ground or air, with a maximum of 7 applications per season and a 14-day PHI. Use under this exemption could potentially amount to a maximum 25,200 lbs. of cymoxanil.

The Applicant proposes to apply dimethomorph at a maximum rate of 0.2 lbs. a.i., (2.25 lb. of product) per acre, by ground or air, with a maximum of 5 applications per season and a 14-day PHI. Use under this exemption could potentially amount to a maximum 30,375 lbs of dimethomorph.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the applications. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing use of a new chemical (i.e., an active ingredient not contained in any currently registered pesticide) or the first food use of an active ingredient. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-181030] (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 8:30 a.m. to 4 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:

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.

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. Accordingly, interested persons may submit written views on this subject to the Field Operations Division at the address above.

The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemptions requested by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Crisis exemptions.

Dated: January 21, 1997.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal

Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notices have been accepted for processing, they will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than February 20, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (James A. Bluemle, Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Randolph S. Miles*, Antioch, Illinois; to retain 35.88 percent of the shares of Antioch Holding Company, Antioch, Illinois, and thereby indirectly retain share of State Bank of The Lakes, Antioch, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 31, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or

unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than February 28, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (James A. Bluemle, Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.*, Auburndale, Wisconsin; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 98.2 percent of the voting shares of Pioneer State Bank, Auburndale, Wisconsin.

2. *The Connor Trusts*, Marshfield, Wisconsin; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 36.84 percent of the voting shares of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc., Auburndale, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire Pioneer State Bank, Auburndale, Wisconsin.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *Marshfield Investment Company*, Springfield, Missouri; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Metropolitan Bancshares, Inc., Springfield, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Metropolitan National Bank, Springfield, Missouri.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Krum Holdings, L.L.C.*, Krum, Texas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 1.0 percent of the voting shares of Porter Holdings, Ltd., Krum, Texas.

In connection with this application Porter Holdings, Ltd., has also applied to become a bank holding company by acquiring 69.16 percent of the voting shares of Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Krum, Texas.

2. *Eagle Bancshares, Inc.*, Fairfield, Texas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Fairfield Holdings, Inc., Fairfield, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank of Fairfield, Fairfield, Texas.

In connection with this application, Fairfield Holdings, Inc., Fairfield, Texas, has also applied to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First National Bank of Fairfield, Fairfield, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 30, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

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The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than March 3, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Tri-County Financial Corporation*, Waldorf, Maryland; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Community Bank of Tri-County,