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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the Fact Sheet are available from the EPA home page at the **Federal Register** Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA issued a notice, published the **Federal Register** of September 25, 1998 (63 FR 51351)(FRL-6031-6), which announced that BASF Corp., P.O. Box 13528, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, had submitted applications to conditionally register the herbicide products Diflufenzopyr Technical Herbicide, Sodium Diflufenzopyr Technical Herbicide, and BAS 662H 70WG (now known as Distinct Herbicide) (EPA File Symbols 7969-RLT, 7969-RLR, and 7969-RLN) respectively, containing active ingredients not included in any previously registered products.

The applications were approved on January 28, 1999, for the products listed below:

1. EPA Registration Number: 7969-157. Product name: Diflufenzopyr Technical Herbicide. Active ingredient: Diflufenzopyr: 2-(1-[(3,5-difluorophenylamino)carbonyl]hydrazono)ethyl)-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid at 99.1%. For formulation of herbicides for use on field corn.

2. EPA Registration Number: 7969-151. Product name: Sodium Diflufenzopyr Technical Herbicide. Active ingredient: Sodium diflufenzopyr: 2-(1-[(3,5-difluorophenylamino)carbonyl]hydrazono)ethyl)-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid, sodium salt at 93.0%. For formulation of herbicides for use on field corn.

3. EPA Registration Number: 7969-150. Product name: Distinct Herbicide (formerly BAS 662H 70WG). Active ingredients: Sodium salt of diflufenzopyr: 2-(1-[(3,5-difluorophenylamino)carbonyl]hydrazono)ethyl)-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid, sodium salt at 21.4% and Sodium salt of 3,6-dichloro-*o*-anisic acid at 55%. For control of annual broadleaf weeds and grasses on corn.

A conditional registration may be granted under section 3(c)(7)(C) of FIFRA for a new active ingredient where certain data are lacking, on condition that such data are received by the end of the conditional registration period and do not meet or exceed the risk criteria set forth in 40 CFR 154.7; that

use of the pesticide during the conditional registration period will not cause unreasonable adverse effects; and that use of the pesticide is in the public interest. The Agency has considered the available data on the risks associated with the proposed use of diflufenzopyr or its sodium salt, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from such use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature and its pattern of use, application methods and rates, and level and extent of potential exposure. Based on these reviews, the Agency was able to make basic health and safety determinations which show that use of diflufenzopyr or its sodium salt during the period of conditional registration will not cause any unreasonable adverse effect on the environment, and that use of the pesticide is, in the public interest.

Consistent with section 3(c)(7)(C), the Agency has determined that these conditional registrations are in the public interest. Use of the pesticides are of significance to the user community, and appropriate labeling, use directions, and other measures have been taken to ensure that use of the pesticides will not result in unreasonable adverse effects to man and the environment.

Diflufenzopyr is a reduced-risk pesticide that was jointly reviewed by EPA and Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA).

More detailed information on these conditional registrations is contained in an EPA Pesticide Fact Sheet on diflufenzopyr: 2-(1-[(3,5-difluorophenylamino)carbonyl]hydrazono)ethyl)-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid, or its sodium salt.

A paper copy of this fact sheet, which provides a summary description of the chemical, use patterns and formulations, science findings, and the Agency's regulatory position and rationale, may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

In accordance with section 3(c)(2) of FIFRA, a copy of the approved label, the list of data references, the data and other scientific information used to support registration, except for material specifically protected by section 10 of FIFRA, are available for public inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, Arlington, VA 22202 (703-305-5805). Requests for data must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and must be addressed

to the Freedom of Information Office (A-101), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Such requests should: (1) Identify the product name and registration number and (2) specify the data or information desired.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Product registration.

Dated: February 22, 1999.

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-64040; FRL-6061-9]

Voluntary Cancellation of Certain Pesticide Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notice of receipt of requests to terminate uses.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of requests from several registrants to amend their registrations to terminate some or all uses for certain products. These requests for voluntary cancellation have been received by the EPA in response to the reregistration eligibility evaluation of these individual pesticide registrations.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person deliver comments to Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA.

Comments 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 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data must be identified by docket number [OPP-64040]. 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. Additional information on submissions can be found below in this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail:

Product Manager	Pesticide	Office location for mail and Special Courier	Telephone number	e-mail address
Jill Bloom	Chlorothalonil	Special Review and Reregistration Division, (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Special Review and Reregistration Division, 6th floor, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA,.	(703) 308-8019	bloom.jill@epamail.epa.gov
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Kathleen Meier	Vernolate	Do.	(703) 308-8017	meier.kathleen@epamail.epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background Information

The EPA is publishing a single notice in response to registrants requests to cancel some or all product registrations for: chlorothalonil, dicofol, iprodione, propachlor, and vernolate. See table below for specific information regarding the cancellation requests.

The EPA has completed the Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for dicofol, iprodione, propachlor, and chlorothalonil. The EPA examined potential risk concerns and identified additional data

requirements and/or mitigation measures where applicable. The registrants of these chemicals preferred to cancel certain products or uses rather than generating additional data or implementing certain mitigation measures. The Agency is announcing its intent to cancel certain products or uses as requested by the technical registrants. The EPA will consider any comments received as a result of this notice along with comments received during the public comment period on the individual REDs. In the case of vernolate, a Reregistration Eligibility Decision was not issued, however, the

registrants have requested voluntary cancellation of the technical and all end use registrations.

II. Requests Made to Amend Registrations

As discussed above, this notice seeks public comment of requests to voluntarily cancel certain or all uses for five pesticides. The table below provides specific information regarding the dates requested for registration amendments, details, terms and conditions under which existing stocks may continue to be used.

6F NOTICE FOR VOLUNTARY CANCELLATION OF THE FOLLOWING CHEMICALS

Chemical	PC Code	Company Name & Address	Nature of action	Products affected	Products cancelled (if any)	Existing stocks provisions for registrants	Comments
Chlorothalonil	081901	GB Biosciences Corp., 1800 Concord Place, P.O. Box 15458, Wilmington, DE 19858	Home Lawn Use deletion	50524-24 50524-07 50524-09 50524-04 50524-195 50524-202 50524-207 50524-209 50524-211 50524-216 50524-221 50524-222	None	February 1, 2000	The registrants are voluntarily cancelling the home lawn use of this fungicide to address the Agency's concern about potential post-application exposure to toddlers around the home.
.....	Do.	Sostram Corporation, 70 Mansell Court, Suite 230, Roswell, GA	Do.	60063-01 60063-03 60063-05 60063-07 60063-09 60063-10	Do.	Do.	

6F NOTICE FOR VOLUNTARY CANCELLATION OF THE FOLLOWING CHEMICALS—Continued

Chemical	PC Code	Company Name & Address	Nature of action	Products affected	Products cancelled (if any)	Existing stocks provisions for registrants	Comments
Dicofol	010501	Rohm and Haas Company, 100 Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106	Residential Turf and Ornamentals use deletion	707-201 707-202 707-203 707-204 707-205 707-229	None	February 1, 2000	Residential turf was deleted from the label in August, 1997. On August 13, 1998, the registrant requested a label amendment which would prohibit the use of the dicofol technical (EPA Reg. No. 707-203 for formulation into a product intended for use on residential lawns or ornamentals thus cancelling all residential uses. This label amendment was submitted in November, 1998.
Iprodione	109801	Rhone-Poulenc Ag, Co., Box 12014, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.	All Residential Uses; deletion Herbaceous Ornamental Seed Treatment use deletion.	264-453 264-480 264-481 264-482 264-483 264-524 264-527 264-532 264-562 264-563 264-571 538-159 538-182 538-183 538-194 538-217 9779-350 9779-351	None	February 1, 2000.	Cancel all residential uses. These include: residential ornamental uses residential turf uses, and residential uses on vegetable/small fruit gardens. FR Notice of Availability for Iprodione RED was published December 4, 1998 (63 FR 67066).
Propachlor	019101	Monsanto Company, 700 14th Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20005.	Dry Flowable product deletion.	524-423	Ramrod/Atrazine formulation.	June 30, 2000	Cancel the dry flowable formulation. Propachlor is a pre-emergent herbicide applied once per year. Registrant discontinued production in August, 1998.
Vernolate	041404	Zeneca Ag Products, P.O. Box 15458, Wilmington, DE 19850 Drexel Chemical Co., 1700 Channel Avenue, P.O. Box 13327 Memphis, TN 38113.	Technical and all End Use Products deleted.	10182-257 (tech) 10182-169 10182-221	Vernam 7-E Selective Herbicide Vernam®.	February 1, 2000.	Cancel technical and all end use products containing the active ingredient vernolate.
.....	Do.	Drexel Chemical	Do.	19713-255 19713-259	10-G Selective Herbicide Vernam Technical Herbicide.	Do.	Do.

III. Terminations Pursuant to Voluntary Requests

Under section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA, registrants may request at any time that "a pesticide registration of the registrant be canceled or amended to terminate one or more pesticide uses." (7 U.S.C. 136d(f)(1)). Consistent with 6(f)(1) of FIFRA, EPA is publishing this notice of receipt of these requests for voluntary

cancellation and allowing 30 days for public comment on the proposed cancellations including the existing stocks provisions. For chemicals with product cancellations affecting minor uses, (i.e., iprodione), the registrant has requested that the Agency complete the voluntary cancellation on a schedule consistent with the RED. Absent adverse public comment, the Agency intends to proceed with the voluntary cancellation

in parallel with the final issuance of the RED.

IV. Notification of Intent to Revoke Tolerances (applies to Vernolate only)

This Notice also serves as an advance notification that the Agency will revoke the related tolerances following the cancellation of the uses listed in this Notice, unless there is a request from the public to support the tolerance for

import purposes. It is EPA's general practice to propose revocation of tolerances for residues of pesticide active ingredients for which FIFRA registrations no longer exist, to protect the food supply of the U.S. and to discourage the misuse of pesticides within the United States. In many cases the cancellation of a food use in the U.S. indicates that there are insufficient domestic residue data or other information to support the continuation of the tolerance and an uncertain amount of relevant data concerning residues on imported food. In the absence of relevant data, EPA is unable to make a safety finding regarding the treated food entering the U.S. Interested parties should notify the Agency as soon as possible of the implications on imported food resulting from revocation of the vernolate tolerance, and of their intent to support the tolerance for the canceled use by responding to this Notice. Upon receipt of such notification, EPA will provide interested parties with its import tolerance policy and data requirements, explaining how an interested party should go about retaining a tolerance for import purposes.

V. Procedures for Withdrawal of Request

To withdraw a request for use cancellation, registrants must submit such withdrawal in writing to the appropriate Chemical Review Manager, at the address given above. Any request to withdraw a use cancellation must be postmarked no later than April 2, 1999.

VI. Proposed Acceptance of Use Termination and Existing Stocks Provision

EPA proposes to accept the registrants' request for amendment to terminate some or all registered uses listed in the Table. It is EPA's general practice to accept registrant's requests for cancellation of registrations or specific registered uses.

Notice of the request for cancellation is published primarily for the purpose of alerting affected parties so that they may either attempt to convince the registrant to maintain the registration or apply to register the product themselves. EPA proposes to approve these cancellations expeditiously after the close of the comment period unless the registrant withdraws its request or a compelling reason opposing termination is presented in public comments. If the requests are granted, any use of the above mentioned chemicals would be permitted only if the products are used in accordance with the terms and conditions specified on the label.

EPA also proposes to accept the registrants' requests for existing stocks provisions. Under FIFRA section 6(a)(1), EPA may permit the continued sale and use of a canceled pesticide if such sale or use "is not inconsistent with the purposes of this Act." For each of the chemicals listed in this notice: chlorothalonil, dicofol, iprodione, propachlor, and vernolate, the Agency has concluded that the limited short-term continued use of these pesticides, when used in accordance with the label, will not result in unreasonable risk or adverse effects to human health or the environment.

If the EPA grants any or all of the requested cancellations, it is likely that the Agency will establish an existing stocks provision consistent with the following schedule. The distributors of products containing the active ingredients, as listed in the Table, will be permitted to sell or distribute all remaining inventory for a period of 1 year past the existing stocks provision dates as requested by the registrants (refer to the Table in Unit II of this document). The end-users will then be allowed an additional year (for a total of 2 years beyond the registrant requested date) for the use of existing stocks for each of these chemicals.

VII. Public Comment Procedures

EPA invites interested parties to submit written comments on all facets of this notice. Comments must be submitted by April 2, 1999. Comments must bear a document control number. Three copies of the comments should be submitted to either location listed under "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this notice.

Information submitted as a comment may be claimed confidential by marking any or all information as CBI. EPA will not disclose information so marked, except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A second copy of such comments, with the CBI deleted, also must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. EPA may publicly disclose comments not marked confidential without prior notification.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-64040]. 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 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is available for inspection in Rm. 119 of the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), 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 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 electronically and will place 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 the "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this notice.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: February 16, 1999.

Jack E. Housenger,

Acting Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-50853; FRL-6064-8]

Issuance of an Experimental Use Permit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has granted an experimental use permit to the following applicant. The permit is in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of 40 CFR part 172, which defines EPA procedures with respect to the use of pesticides for experimental use purposes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Ann Sibold, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Rm. 212, CM #2, Arlington, VA, 703-305-6502, e-mail: sibold.ann@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has issued the following experimental use permit: