inappropriate at this time because of the unique role of cloquintocet-mexyl as a product-specific safener.

E. Safety Determination

1. *U.S. population.* Acute and chronic dietary exposure is minimal for cloquintocet-mexyl and corresponding hydrolysis product, CGA-153433. Both chronic and acute exposure estimates at the 95th percentile showed that less than 1.0% of the reference dose is utilized in all populations. These exposure estimates are extremely conservative and are based on tolerance-level residues and assume all planted acres are treated.

Exposure through the consumption of drinking water is minimal from both surface water and ground water model estimates and in all cases less than 1% of the risk cup is utilized. The estimated water concentrations are very conservative since conservative model parameters were assumed.

There are no residential uses of cloquintocet-mexyl that would result in non-dietary exposure. However, there is a remote possibility that spray drift resulting from aerial application could lead to residential exposure. Since exposure from spray drift would be an unlikely event, it is not appropriate to include non-dietary exposure into the aggregate assessment. Therefore, it is concluded that there is a more than a reasonable certainty that no harm will result from aggregate exposure to residues of cloquintocet-mexyl.

2. *Infants and children.* In assessing the potential for additional sensitivity of infants and children to residues of cloquintocet-mexyl, data from developmental toxicity studies in the rat and rabbit and a 2-generation reproduction study in the rat have been considered. The developmental toxicity studies are designed to evaluate adverse effects on the developing organism resulting from chemical exposure during prenatal development to one or both parents. Reproduction studies provide information relating to effects from exposure to a chemical on the reproductive capability of mating animals and data on systemic toxicity.

The highest dose level of 400 mg/kg/day in a developmental toxicity study in rats resulted in reduced body weight gain of the dams and signs of retarded fetal development. No teratogenic activity due to the test article was detected. The NOAEL for dams and fetuses was 100 mg/kg/day. Although mortality was observed in rabbit dams at the dose level of 300 mg/kg/day, no teratogenic effects were noted. The maternal NOAEL was 60 mg/kg/day, but the developmental NOAEL was > 300 mg/kg/day.

Dietary administration of cloquintocet-mexyl over 2-generations at levels as high as 10,000 ppm did not affect mating performance, fertility, or litter sizes in rats, but a slightly reduced body weight development of adults and pups was noted at this level. The target organ was kidney in adults and pups. The treatment had no effect on reproductive organs. The parental and developmental NOAEL was 5,000 ppm, corresponding to a mean daily intake of 370 to 422 mg/kg/day of cloquintocet-mexyl. The reproductive NOAEL was > 10,000 ppm (722 mg/kg/day). FFDCA section 408 provides that EPA may apply an additional safety factor for infants and children in the case of threshold effects to account for prenatal and postnatal toxicity and the completeness of the data base. Based on the current toxicological data requirements, the data base relative to prenatal and postnatal effects for children is complete. EPA's HIARC concluded that there was no concern for an increased susceptibility for cloquintocet-mexyl based on the reproduction study in rats and the developmental studies in rat and rabbit. Further, for cloquintocet-mexyl, the NOAEL of 4.3 mg/kg/day from the combined chronic/oncogenicity study in rats, which was used to calculate the RfD, is already lower than the developmental NOAEL of 100 mg/kg/day for the rat developmental toxicity study. Further, the developmental and parental NOAEL of 370 mg/kg/day from the cloquintocet-mexyl reproduction study is nearly 100 times greater than the NOAEL for the combined chronic/oncogenicity rat study. These data would indicate that there is no additional sensitivity of infants and children to cloquintocet-mexyl. Therefore, it is concluded that an additional UF is not warranted to protect the health of infants and children from the use of cloquintocet-mexyl.

Using conservative exposure assumptions, dietary exposure to the most sensitive subpopulation, children (1–6 years old), is 0.9% of the chronic reference dose (RfD). Chronic dietary exposure to infants (non-nursing, 1–6 years old) is 0.2% of the chronic RfD. EPA's HIARC concluded that no acute dietary assessment was necessary for the general population (infants and children) because a suitable toxicological endpoint (resulting from a single dose exposure) was not identified in either the rat or rabbit developmental studies.

Although not required, acute dietary exposure to infants and children was assessed. Acute exposures for all infants and children at the 95th percentile are less than 1.0% of the acute RfD (0.08% of the RfD for the most sensitive subpopulation, children 1–6 years). Exposures to drinking water for children (1–6 years old) and infants utilize less than 1% of the chronic and acute RfD values (worst-case surface water estimates). These results show that aggregate exposure to residues of cloquintocet-mexyl in the diet and drinking water is negligible. Based on the completeness and reliability of the toxicity data and the conservative nature of the exposure assumptions, it is concluded that there is a more than reasonable certainty that no harm will result to infants and children from exposure to residues of cloquintocet-mexyl.

F. International Tolerances

Cloquintocet-mexyl is used as a safener for the herbicide, clodinafop-propargyl. There are no Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX) maximum residue levels (MRLs) established for residues of cloquintocet-mexyl in or on RACs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–50868; FRL–6553–3]

Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application 67986–EUP–E from AgriPhi, Inc. requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the microbial bacteriophages. The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting comments on this application.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP–50868, must be received on or before May 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and data may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number

OPP–50868 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Linda Hollis, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308–8733; and e-mail address: hollis.linda@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to tomato greenhouse operators and tomato farmers for beneficial use in the control of bacterial diseases of tomato such as: bacterial spot of tomato and pepper, in addition to bacterial canker, speck or wilt of tomato, bacterial brown spot, common or halo blight of beans, blackleg and soft rot of potato, black rot of crucifers, fireblight of apple and pear. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically*. You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at http://www.epa.gov/. To access this document, on the Home Page select ''Laws and Regulations'' and then look up the entry for this document under the ''**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents.'' You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/.

2. *In person*. The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP–50868. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP–50868 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail*. Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier*. Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

3. *Electronically*. You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: ''opp-docket@epa.gov,'' or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in Wordperfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP–50868. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI That I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI 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. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.

2. Describe any assumptions that you used.

3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.

4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.

5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.

6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice.

7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.

8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. Proposed Experimental Program

AgriPhi, Inc. seeks to continue their ongoing EUP program by requesting a 2 year experimental use permit to further evaluate the effectiveness of AGRIPHAGE (a bacteriophage) under normal production conditions for its control of bacterial speck of tomato (*Pseudomonas syringae pv. tomato*) and bacterial black spot of tomato/pepper (*Xanthomonas campestris pv. vesicatoria*). Testing will be conducted in the states of Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, New Mexico, and South Carolina on a total of 2,810 acres. Approximately 200 pounds of the active ingredient or 10,000 pounds of the formulated product will be used for testing.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Following the review of the AgriPhi, Inc. application and any comments and data received in response to this notice, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request for this EUP program, and if issued, the conditions under which it is to be conducted. Any issuance of an EUP will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Experimental use permits.

Dated: April 5, 2000.

Janet L. Andersen,

Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–00652; FRL–6552–2]

Pesticides; Guidance for Pesticide Registrants on First Aid Instructions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of guidance which provides revised first aid instructions for all pesticide products. Pesticide Registration (PR) Notice 2000–3 is effective now, but comments will be accepted for 30 days, after which the Agency may revise the notice. The first aid instructions have been revised to reflect more medically correct information and to make them easier to find and be understood.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP–00652, must be received on or before May 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP–00652 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Breedlove, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308–9069; fax number: (703) 305–5884; e-mail address: breedlove.amy@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who register or regulate pesticides, as well as poison control centers, and the medical community, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and the PR Notice from the Office of Pesticide Programs' Home Page at http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/. You can also go directly to the listings from the EPA Internet Home Page at http://www.epa.gov/. To access this document, on the Home Page select ''Laws and Regulations'' and then look up the entry for this document under the ''**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents.'' You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/.

2. *Fax on Demand.* You may request a faxed copy of the PR Notice titled ''First Aid Statements on Pesticide Product Labels,'' by using a faxphone to call (202) 401–0527 and selecting item 6126. You may also follow the automated menu.

3. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP–00652. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as confidential business information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

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