

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup is composed of a participants from the following sectors: environmental/public interest and consumer groups; industry and pesticide users; Federal, State and local governments; the general public; academia and public health organizations.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup, will advise the EPA through the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC), on potential measures to increase the availability to the public of information about inert ingredients (also called "other ingredients") under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Among the factors the workgroup has been asked to consider in preparing its recommendations are: existing law regarding inert ingredients and Confidential Business Information (CBI); current Agency processes and policies for disseminating inert ingredient information to the public, including procedures for the protection of CBI; informational needs for a variety of stakeholders; and business reasons for limiting the disclosure of inert ingredient information.

The Inert Disclosure Stakeholder Workgroup meeting is open to the public. Written public statements are welcome and should be submitted to the OPP administrative docket OPP-00439A. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after the conference call. These statements will become part of the permanent file and will be provided to the Workgroup members for their information.

How and to Whom Do I Submit the 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-00439A 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, 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, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., 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 and/or data electronically by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov," or you can submit a computer disk as described above in paragraphs 1. and 2. of this section. 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-00439A. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides, Inerts, PPDC.

Dated: October 25, 2000.

Susan B. Hazen,

Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00299; FRL-6746-1]

Proposed National Action Plan For Level 1 Pesticide; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has developed a draft National Action Plan to address the remaining risks to the Level 1 priority Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) pesticide pollutants. This proposed National Action Plan covers the chemical compounds: Aldrin, Dieldrin, Chlordane, DDT, Mirex and Toxaphene. These six pesticides are highly chlorinated, persistent organic pesticides that were once widely used in large quantities in the United States. Because of evidence supporting the adverse environmental and human health effects of these substances, including their probable

carcinogenicity, the pesticide use of all of the Level 1 pesticides were canceled in the U.S. in the 1970's and 80's. Current data substantiate that these Level 1 pesticides are still ubiquitous in the environment, and at concentrations that may be of concern for both humans and wildlife. This plan, developed

pursuant to the Agency's Multimedia Strategy for Priority PBT Pollutants, addresses the remaining risks. This Notice announces the availability of the proposed Pesticide national Action for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPPTS-00299, must be received on or before December 1, 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. of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPPTS-00299 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Barbara Cunningham, Director, Office of Program Management and Evaluation, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7401), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov. For technical information contact: Paul Matthai, Pollution Prevention Division Mail Code 7409, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202 260-3385; e-mail address: matthai.paul@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 persons who have unused stocks of these canceled pesticide, such as farmers, or who live or work near contaminated reservoirs such as sediments, soil and localized contaminated industrial and pesticide dealership sites. 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 technical person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of This Document or 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/pbt>. To access this

document, on the PBT Home Page select "What's new." 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 OPPTS-00299. 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 TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, North East Mall Rm. B-607, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Center is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Center is (202) 260-7099.

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 OPPTS-00299 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. By mail. Submit your comments to: Document Control Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. In person or by courier. Deliver your comments to: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO) in East Tower Rm. G-099, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 260-7099.

3. Electronically. You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: oppt.ncic@epa.gov, or mail your computer disk to the addressess identified in this unit. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. 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

standard disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPPTS-00299. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI Information 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 technical person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

We invite you to provide your views on the various options we propose, new approaches we have not considered, the potential impacts of the various options (including possible unintended consequences), and any data or information that you would like the Agency to consider during the development of the final action. 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 rule or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
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. What Action Is the Agency Taking?

On November 16, 1998, EPA released its draft Agency-wide Multimedia Strategy for Priority Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) Pollutants (PBT Strategy). The goal of the PBT Strategy is to identify and reduce risks to human health and the environment from current and future exposures to priority PBT pollutants. This document serves as the Draft National Action Plan for the Level 1 pesticides; six of the 12 Level 1 priority PBT pollutants identified for the initial focus of action in the PBT Strategy.

Aldrin, dieldrin, chlordane, DDT, mirex, and toxaphene were once widely used in large quantities in the United States for applications, including: insect control on agricultural crops and cotton, treatment of livestock, control of ants, termite control in houses, and control of insect carriers of human diseases such as malaria. Because of evidence supporting the adverse environmental and human health effects of these substances, including their probable carcinogenicity, the pesticide uses of all of the Level 1 pesticides were canceled in the U.S. in the 1970's and 80's. In general, the remaining sources of Level 1 pesticides in the United States include: unused stocks of these canceled pesticides; contaminated reservoirs such as sediments, soil, and localized contaminated industrial and dealership sites; atmospheric transport and deposition (from both regional and international sources); and DDT present as an impurity (<0.1%) in Dicofol, a pesticide currently used in the U.S. and Canada.

Human exposure occurs mainly through the food chain and for the most exposed populations, is probably due to the consumption of contaminated fish. Potential risk and health consequences due to the Level 1 pesticides are of particular concern for certain human populations who have increased exposure (e.g., subsistence fishers) and/or increased susceptibility (e.g., the developing embryo/fetus, nursing infants, and children).

Data gathered in current multimedia monitoring efforts provided substantial evidence that the Level 1 pesticides are still ubiquitous in the environment, and at concentrations that may be of concern for both humans and wildlife. There are also significant quantities of unused, obsolete pesticide stocks stored throughout the U.S. and overseas which have the potential to cause serious

environmental contamination and human health risks if accidentally released or not disposed of properly. This plan attempts to address these remaining risks by: (1) Supporting programs to collect and properly dispose of unwanted pesticides; (2) remediating nonpoint and reservoir sources like sediments, contaminated industrial sites, agricultural chemical dealer/storage sites, and past use sites on a priority basis; (3) reducing human exposure through public education, fish consumption advisories, and other outreach activities; (4) working with foreign governments to reduce or phase-out production and use of these substances, thereby reducing the risks from long-range transport; and (5) continued monitoring for environmental levels in fish, wildlife, and humans.

EPA considers stakeholder involvement essential to reaching the goals of the PBT Strategy. EPA is seeking stakeholder input and invites comment on this draft National Action Plan on the following topics and issues related to the PBT Level 1 pesticides:

1. Quantities of domestic unused stocks of pesticide products.
2. Historical trends or current soil residues (urban and agricultural).
3. Information on sites with significant Level 1 pesticide contamination.
4. Current indoor levels of pesticides used in residents.
5. Alternative disposal and soil/sediment remediation methods, and performance information.
6. Other sensitive or highly exposed human subpopulations.
7. Meaningful and feasible ways to address the problem of canceled pesticides in the environment.
8. Meaningful PBT goals, performance measures, and time frames for such accomplishments.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: October 20, 2000.

Susan H. Wayland,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at 10 a.m.

Place: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Status: This meeting will be closed to the public.

Items to be Discussed: Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g. Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C. Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration. Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

Date & Time: Thursday, November 9, 2000 at 10 a.m.

Place: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC. (Ninth Floor).

Status: This meeting will be open to the public.

Items to be Discussed: Correction and Approval of Minutes.

General Public Political Communications Coordinated with Candidates and Independent Expenditures: Draft Final Rules with Explanation and Justification.

Administrative Matters.

Person to Contact for Information: Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Mary W. Dove,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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from parties not withdrawing vessels in the trade.

Dated: October 27, 2000.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Termination of Certificates Issued to Premier Operations Ltd. (D/B/A Premier Cruises and Premier Cruise Lines)

Notice is given of the termination of all certificates issued by the Federal Maritime Commission to Premier Operations Ltd. (d/b/a Premier Cruises and Premier Cruise Lines) ("Premier") pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of Public Law 89-777, 46 U.S.C. app. Sections 817d and e. Premier has ceased operations, and bankruptcy proceedings have been initiated in the Supreme Court of Bermuda to liquidate Premier. In addition, the Commission has been notified of the termination of coverage provided to Premier under various financial instruments. That coverage, in the form of a surety bond for performance and guarantees for casualty, provided the necessary evidence of financial responsibility for issuing Commission certificates to Premier. Accordingly, all casualty and performance certificates as specified below have, or soon will, become null and void.

Premier currently holds Certificates (Casualty) and Certificates (Performance) for vessels as identified below.

Vessel	Casualty certificate No.	Performance certificate No.
THE BIG RED BOAT II (ex EDINBURGH CASTLE)	C-1603	P-670
THE BIG RED BOAT III (ex ISLANDBREEZE)	C-1597	P-691
OCEANBREEZE	C-1533	N/A
OCEANIC (THE BIG RED BOAT)	C-1550	P-673
REMBRANDT	C-1551	P-674
SEABREEZE I	C-1552	P-675

Guarantors who provided evidence of financial responsibility supporting the above listed casualty certificates notified the Commission on September 14, 2000, and September 18, 2000, that the guaranties would be terminated on October 14, 2000, and October 18, 2000,