

carbofuran product that contains 3% active ingredient to 100,000 acres of rice in Louisiana. The proposed application rate called for 15 to 20 pounds of product per acre (or 0.45 to 0.60 pound active ingredient per acre). Treatments may occur following permanent flood of the rice fields, but, at minimum, 60 days prior to harvest.

Because EPA received additional information from the Applicant in the days following the receipt of this request which heightened the urgency of this emergency exemption application from the standpoint of the growers, the Agency has already authorized a limited number of rice producers who are currently experiencing a high level of pest infestation as a result of efficacy failure following treatments of Icon (fipronil) to make treatments under this exemption. Specifically, on June 19, 2002, EPA issued a section 18 authorization which permits 6,000 pounds of carbofuran active ingredient to be applied to 10,000 acres of rice. The authorization limits treatments to those fields which were first treated with fipronil, but where, nonetheless, high levels of pest problems now exist. Information on this exemption request, including the June 19 authorization, is available at the Docket. Since granular carbofuran is generally cancelled at this time, another important factor that impacts the scope of this exemption is the level of available product. At this time, existing stocks of granular carbofuran could permit treatment to 2,500 acres of rice. New product would have to be manufactured for treatment of the additional 7,500 acres. Carbofuran is believed to be the only alternative chemical means of control at this point in the growing season.

EPA's decision to permit treatments of carbofuran for this use relates only to growers able to certify that they experienced performance failure connected to the use of fipronil. In addition, EPA anticipates that soil management practices will be adopted that diminish the likelihood of hydrogen sulfide build up in future growing seasons. Therefore, EPA does not anticipate that this emergency will be repeated.

EPA has decided to open a shortened comment period and solicit input and comments from the public for a 5 day period. In general, the length of a comment period on an emergency exemption application is 15 days. However, EPA is shortening this comment period to five days due to the limited time available to consider this request in light of the typical harvest period for rice in Louisiana and also a

label provision for this use that requires a 60 day pre-harvest interval. Because of these factors, EPA determined that a 15 day comment period was not possible for this request.

The Agency is specifically seeking input from the public and stakeholders on the scope and use terms of this exemption connected to the acres that might be treated but for which there is currently no available product. In particular, due to the product availability issues mentioned above, a further determination related to the remaining 7,500 acres is needed. The public comments will help EPA determine whether the exemption should be revised to limit it to the 2,500 acres or maintained up to the 10,000 acre limit.

In order to obtain the greatest amount of input from this shortened comment period, EPA is directly contacting several key affected stakeholders in advance of this **Federal Register** publication. In addition, EPA is preparing a general notification plan to ensure that stakeholders are informed about this solicitation for comments.

The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to maintain the exemption as granted on June 19, 2002 or modify the specific exemption such that use is limited to the 2,500 acres currently being treated with available product.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 940. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 011528-021.

Title: Japan/United States Eastbound Freight Conference.

Parties:

American President Lines, Ltd.,
Hapag-Lloyd Container Linie,
GmbH,
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.,
Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.,
A.P. Moller-Maersk Sealand,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha,
Orient Overseas Container Line
Limited,
P&O Nedlloyd B.V.,
P&O Nedlloyd Limited,
Wallenius Wilhelmsen Lines AS.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement amendment extends the suspension of the conference for another six months, through January 31, 2003.

Dated: June 21, 2002.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Transportation Intermediary License Revocations

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice that the following Ocean Transportation Intermediary licenses have been revoked pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718) and the regulations of the Commission pertaining to the licensing of Ocean Transportation Intermediaries, effective on the corresponding date shown below:

License Number: 15837N.

Name: Air Sea Containers, Inc.

Address: 2749 NW 82nd Avenue,

Miami, FL 33122.

Date Revoked: May 12, 2002.

Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 17180F.

Name: American Logistic Co. Inc.

Address: 10840 Warner Avenue, Suite 205, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

Date Revoked: May 23, 2002.

Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 10743NF.

Name: Edward M. Jones & Company, Inc.

Address: 2580 South 156th, Transplex Bldg. A, Room 105, Seatac, WA 98158.

Date Revoked: May 17, 2002.

Reason: Failed to maintain valid bonds.

License Number: 16426N.

Name: First Express International Corp.