

As part of this request, the applicant asserts that Furadan has been an important and necessary tool for control of late season aphid problems the past several seasons. Cotton growers in California are specifically concerned with the prevention of sticky cotton, which can result from sugar secretions from specific insect pests and diminishes the quality of the cotton. The applicant claims that recently registered chloronicotinyl insecticides, which rely on foliar uptake and translaminar movement, are less effective in the late season after foliage has hardened off. The applicant further claims that resistance to these chloronicotinyl insecticides could develop and that without a specific exemption from registration under FIFRA for the use of flowable carbofuran on cotton to control cotton aphids, cotton growers in these states will suffer significant economic losses.

The applicant proposes to make no more than two applications of flowable carbofuran on cotton at the rate of 0.25 lb. active ingredient (8 fluid ounces) in a minimum of 2 gallons of finished spray per acre by air, or 10 gallons of finished spray per acre by ground application. The total maximum proposed use during the 2003 growing season, from August 20, 2003 to October 30, 2003, would be 0.5 lb. active ingredient (16 fluid ounces) per acre. The applicant proposes that a maximum of 300,000 acres could be treated under the requested exemptions. If all of these acres were treated at the maximum proposed rate and for the maximum allowed number of times, 150,000 lbs. active ingredient would be used in California. Under the crisis exemption, a single aerial application of flowable carbofuran at a rate of 0.25 lb. active ingredient (8 fluid ounces) per acre may be made to cotton. A maximum of 200,000 acres of cotton in California may be treated.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 of FIFRA require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing use of a chemical (*i.e.*, an active ingredient) which has been the subject of a Special Review within EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs and is intended for a use that could pose a risk similar to the risk posed by uses evaluated under the Special Review. The granular formulation of carbofuran was the subject of a Special Review between the years of 1986-1991, which resulted in a negotiated settlement whereby most of the registered uses of granular carbofuran were phased out. While the

flowable formulation of carbofuran is not the subject of a Special Review, EPA believes that the proposed use of flowable carbofuran on cotton could pose a risk similar to the risk assessed by EPA under the Special Review of granular carbofuran. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application.

The Agency, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the specific exemption requested by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 4, 2003.

**Debra Edwards,**

*Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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#### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

##### Sunshine Act Meeting

**ACTION:** Notice of a partially open meeting of the board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

**TIME AND PLACE:** Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

**OPEN AGENDA ITEM:** PEFCO Secured Note Issues (Resolution).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to public participation for Item No. 1 only. Attendees that are not employees of the Executive Branch will be required to sign in prior in the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact: Office of the Secretary, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571 (Telephone No. 202-565-3957).

**James K. Hess,**

*Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.*

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2630]

##### Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

September 15, 2003.

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification have been filed in the Commission's Rulemaking proceeding listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International (202) 863-2893. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by October 6, 2003. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions have expired.

*Subject:* In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review—Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (MB Docket No. 02-277).

Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers (MM Docket No. 01-235).

Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets (MM Docket No. 01-317).

Definition of Radio Markets (MM Docket No. 00-244).

Definition of Radio Markets for Areas Not Located in an Arbitron Survey Area (MB Docket No. 03-130).

*Number of Petitions Filed:* 27.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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#### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

##### Sunshine Act Notices

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission:

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, September 25, 2003 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.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2003-21: Lehman Brothers Inc. by counsel, Kenneth A. Gross and Ki P. Hong.

Routine Administrative Matters.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

**Mary W. Dove,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### 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. The application also will 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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

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 October 14, 2003.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Home Bancshares, Inc.*, Conway, Arkansas, and its subsidiary TCBancorp, Inc., North Little Rock, Arkansas; to acquire at least 80 percent and 20 percent of the voting shares, respectively, of CB Bancorp, Inc., Conway, Arkansas, and thereby

indirectly acquire Community Financial Group, Inc., Cabot, Arkansas and its subsidiary, Community Bank, Cabot, Arkansas.

In connection with this application, CB Bancorp, Inc., Conway, Arkansas also has applied to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Community Financial Group, Inc., Cabot, Arkansas, and its subsidiary, Community Bank, Cabot, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 15, 2003.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Meeting of the President's Council on Bioethics on October 16-17, 2003

**AGENCY:** The President's Council on Bioethics, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Council on Bioethics (Leon R. Kass, M.D., chairman) will hold its fourteenth meeting, at which, among other things, it will continue discussion of its stem cell research, "beyond therapy" (enhancement), and "biotechnology and public policy" (regulation) projects. Subjects discussed at past Council meetings (and potentially touched on at this meeting) include: human cloning; embryo research; aging retardation and lifespan-extension; organ procurement for transplantation; and assisted reproduction and reproductive genetics (including IVF, ICSI, PGD; sex selection, inheritable genetic modification; and the patentability of human genes, tissues, and organisms).

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Thursday, October 16, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. ET; and Friday, October 17, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

*Public Comments:* The meeting agenda will be posted at <http://www.bioethics.gov>. Interested members of the public are encouraged to offer comments, either in person or in writing. A period of time will be set aside during the meeting to receive comments from the public, beginning at 11:30 a.m., on Friday, October 17. Comments will be limited to no more

than five minutes per speaker or organization. As a courtesy, please inform Ms. Diane Gianelli, Director of Communications, in advance of your intention to make a public statement, and please give her your name, affiliation, and a brief description of the topic or nature of your comments. To submit a written statement, mail or e-mail it to Ms. Gianelli at one of the addresses given below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Diane Gianelli, Director of Communications, The President's Council on Bioethics, Suite 700, 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: 202/296-4669. E-mail: [info@bioethics.gov](mailto:info@bioethics.gov). Web site: <http://www.bioethics.gov>.

Dated: September 10, 2003.

**Dean Clancy,**

*Executive Director, The President's Council on Bioethics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-10028A,B,C]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently