

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 ID 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. Background

### A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the Administrator, any Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response has requested the Administrator to issue a public health exemption for the use of the pesticide product Sabrechlor 25 (which contains the active ingredient sodium chlorite) on various items present in the "Boca Building," which is located at 5401 Broken Sound Boulevard, Boca Raton, FL 33487-3512 to inactivate potential contamination with *Bacillus anthracis* (anthrax) spores. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request. The West Palm Beach County Department of Health closed (quarantined) the Boca Building on October 7, 2001, after two employees were admitted to the hospital with symptoms of anthrax exposure.

As part of this request, the Applicant asserted that approximately 2,500 boxes containing items (e.g., papers, pictures, negatives, and other items) potentially contaminated with anthrax spores needed to be fumigated so that they no longer pose a human health risk and so that the quarantine imposed on the Boca Building by the West Palm Beach County Department of Health could be lifted and the building can be cleared for normal use. No pesticide product is currently registered for this use. The Remedial Action Plan (RAP) proposed that the 2,500 boxes be treated in a tarp-covered, sealed chamber measuring 16' x 7.5' x 100' that is set up in the garage basement of the Boca Building. Because the chamber will hold only about 180 to 270 boxes per fumigation, a total of 9 to 15 fumigations will be required to

decontaminate the entire lot. The requested decontamination method is the best alternative for these circumstances and will be effective in killing anthrax spores and will not pose unreasonable adverse effects to workers, the surrounding community, and the environment.

The regulations governing section 18 of FIFRA require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a public health exemption proposing the use of sodium chlorite specifically for inactivation of *Bacillus anthracis* (anthrax) spores because this is similar to previous requests and a complete application for registration under section 3 has not been received (40 CFR 166.24(a)(6)). No pesticide products are currently registered by EPA for this use. The requested public health exemption was granted in advance of the public notification because EPA concluded that the need for the decontamination procedures was urgent, owing to the ongoing threat posed by the stored material that may have contained spores of the bacteria that causes anthrax. The decontamination work described in this notice commenced on or about the issue date for this public health exemption request (April 4, 2005) and will conclude by or before July 4, 2005, the expiration date for this exemption. This notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the granting of the exemption. The Agency, will review and consider all comments received during the 15-day public comment period regarding the public health exemption requested by EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

### Economic Impact Policy

This notice is to inform the public that the Export-Import Bank of the United States has received an application to finance the export of approximately \$81.6 million in U.S. equipment and services to Saudi Arabia to construct a Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) production facility. The DRI produced by this plant will be an input used in the production of about 1.2 million

metric tons per year of hot rolled coil steel in the same production complex. Available information indicates that the hot rolled coil will be sold in Saudi Arabia, the Middle East and North Africa starting in early 2008. Interested parties may submit comments on this transaction by e-mail to [economic.impact@exim.gov](mailto:economic.impact@exim.gov) or by mail to 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1238, Washington, DC 20571, within 14 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

**Helene S. Walsh,**

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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 Web site at <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 June 27, 2005.

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