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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0046; FRL-8351-5]

Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment or modification of regulations for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various commodities.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number and the pesticide petition number (PP) of interest, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Delivery:* OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

Instructions: Direct your comments to the docket identification (ID) number and the pesticide petition number of interest. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be

made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The www.regulations.gov website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available in www.regulations.gov. To access the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Advanced Search," then "Docket Search." Insert the docket ID number where indicated and select the "Submit" button. Follow the instructions on the www.regulations.gov website to view the docket index or access available documents. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPP Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The person listed at the end of the pesticide petition summary of interest.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed at the end of the pesticide petition summary of interest.

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

1. **Submitting CBI.** Do not submit this information to EPA through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes 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 docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. **Tips for preparing your comments.** When submitting comments, remember to:

- i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.

vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

II. Docket ID Numbers

When submitting comments, please use the docket ID number and the pesticide petition number of interest, as shown in the table.

PP Number	Docket ID Number
PP 6F7094	EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0855
PP 6F7095	EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0855
PP 7F7246	EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1065
PP 5F6986	EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0145

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is printing notice of the filing of pesticide petitions received under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a, proposing the establishment or modification of regulations in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities. EPA has determined that the pesticide petitions described in this notice contain data or information regarding the elements set forth in FFDCA section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data support granting of the pesticide petitions. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on these pesticide petitions.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 180.7(f), a summary of each of the petitions included in this notice, prepared by the petitioner, is included in a docket EPA has created for each rulemaking. The docket for each of the petitions is available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

New Tolerances

1. *PP 6F7094*. (EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0855). BASF Corporation, 26 Davis Drive, P.O. Box 13528, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-3528, proposes to establish a tolerance for residues of the fungicide metconazole, 5-[(4-

chlorophenyl)-methyl]-2,2-dimethyl-1-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyl)cyclopentanol, measured as the sum of cis- and trans- isomers in or on food commodities barley, grain at 2.0 parts per million (ppm); barley, hay at 7.0 ppm, barley straw at 7.0 ppm; beet, sugar, root at 0.1 ppm; beet, sugar, tops at 2.0 ppm; beet, sugar, pulp, dry at 1.9 ppm; beet, sugar, molasses at 0.2 ppm; beet, sugar, raw at 0.25 ppm; oat, grain at 1.0 ppm; oat, straw at 6.0 ppm; oat, hay at 17 ppm; rye, grain at 0.25 ppm; rye, straw at 14.0 ppm; soybean, forage at 3.0 ppm; soybean, hay at 6.0 ppm; soybean, seed at 0.10 ppm; soybean, aspirated grain fractions at 1.0 ppm; soybean, hulls at 0.2 ppm; triticale at 0.25 ppm, wheat, grain at 0.15 ppm; wheat, hay at 16.0 ppm; wheat, straw at 18.0 ppm; wheat, aspirated grain fractions at 10.0 ppm; wheat, milled byproducts at 1.0 ppm. Independently validated analytical method have been submitted for analyzing parent metconazole residues with appropriate sensitivity in all the crop and processed commodities for soybean, sugar beet, barley, wheat, oats, and rye for which tolerances are being requested. Contact: Tracy Keigwin, telephone number: (703) 305-6605; e-mail address: keigwin.tracy@epa.gov.

2. *PP 6F7095*. (EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0855). Valent U.S.A. Company, 1600 Riviera Ave., Suite 200, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-8025, proposes to establish a tolerance for residues of the fungicide metconazole, 5-[(4-chlorophenyl)-methyl]-2,2-dimethyl-1-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyl)cyclopentanol, measured as the sum of cis- and trans- isomers in or on food commodities fruits, stone (crop group 12) at 0.2 ppm; nuts, tree (crop group 14) including pistachio at 0.02 ppm; almond hulls at 5.0 ppm; and peanut at 0.02 ppm. Independently validated analytical method have been submitted for analyzing parent metconazole residues with appropriate sensitivity in all the crop and processed commodities for stone fruit (crop group 12), tree nuts (crop group 14), and peanuts for which tolerances are being requested. Contact: Tracy Keigwin, telephone number: (703) 305-6605; e-mail address: keigwin.tracy@epa.gov.

3. *PP 7F7246*. (EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1065). KIM-C1, LLC, c/o Siemer and Associates, Inc., 135 W. Shaw, Suite 102, Fresno, CA 93704, proposes to establish a time-limited tolerance for residues of the fungicide forchlorfenuron (KT-30), in or on food commodities almond, cherry, fig, pear, pistachio, plum/prune at 0.01 ppm. Two analytical methods, both based on high performance liquid chromatography

(HPLC) procedures have been developed. The first method used a visible ultraviolet (UV) detector, while the second method used a mass spectrophotometer (MS) detector. Since the MS detector is capable of both qualitative as well as quantitative measurement, it is the preferred method. The lowest level of quantification (LOQ) in all of the crops (i.e. almond, cherry, fig, pear, pistachio and prune) was 0.01 ppm. Contact: Tawanda Maignan, telephone number: (703) 308-8050; e-mail address: maignan.tawanda@epa.gov.

Revised Notice of Filing of a Pesticide Petition

PP 5F6986. (EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-00145). BASF Corporation, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, submitted a revised notice of filing for their pesticide petition which supersedes/ replaces the previous notice published in the **Federal Register** of February 15, 2006 (71 FR 7951) (FRL-7759-3). This revised notice proposes to establish a tolerance for residues of the fungicide boscalid (BAS 510F), 3-pyridinecarboxamide, 2-chloro-N-(4'-chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl) in or on food commodities caneberry, crop group 13A at 6.0 ppm; bushberry, crop group 13B at 10.0 ppm; cucumber at 0.5 ppm; and vegetable, root, subgroup 1A, except sugar beet, garden beet, radish and turnip at 1.0 ppm. In plants, the parent residue is extracted using an aqueous organic solvent mixture followed by liquid/liquid partitioning and a column clean up. Quantitation is by gas chromatography using mass spectrometry (GC/MS). In livestock, the residues are extracted with methanol. The extract is treated with enzymes in order to release the conjugated glucuronic acid metabolite. The residues are then isolated by liquid/liquid partition followed by column chromatography. The hydroxylated metabolite is acetylated followed by a column clean up. The parent and acetylated metabolite are quantitated by gas chromatography with electron capture detection. Contact: Bryant Crowe, telephone number: (703) 305-0025; e-mail address: crowe.bryant@epa.gov.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Feed additives, Food additives, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 4, 2008.

Lois Rossi,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2008-1080; FRL-8352-6]

Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program; Second Workshop to Discuss Draft Policies and Procedures; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is convening a half-day public workshop to discuss the Agency's draft administrative policies and procedures for completing the initial screening and testing under EPA's Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP). In the *Federal Register* issue of December 13, 2007 (72 FR 70842) (FRL-8340-3), EPA announced the availability for public review and comment of the draft policies and procedures EPA is considering adopting for conducting the initial screening and testing under EDSP. A 1-day public workshop was held on December 17, 2007, in Arlington, VA to help the public understand the draft policies and procedures. Subsequently, EPA extended the public comment period for the draft policies and procedures by 30 days in the *Federal Register* issue of February 6, 2008 (73 FR 6963) (FRL-8351-2). The public comment period now ends March 12, 2008. The purpose of the second public workshop, announced in this notice, is to provide another opportunity for the public to ask questions about the draft EDSP policies and procedures.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Special accommodations: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, and to request accommodation of a disability, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Conference Center-Lobby Level, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Wooge, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (OSCP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 546-8476; e-mail address: wooge.william@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Who Should Attend?

You may be interested in attending this workshop if you produce, manufacture, use, or import pesticide/agricultural chemicals and other chemical substances; or if you are or may otherwise be involved in the testing of chemical substances for potential endocrine effects. To determine whether you or your business may have an interest in this workshop, you should carefully examine section 408(p) of the Federal, Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) (21 U.S.C. 346a(p)).

II. Why Hold a Second Workshop?

EPA is holding a half-day workshop to facilitate the public's comments on the draft policies and procedures that EPA is considering for conducting the initial screening and testing of chemicals under the EDSP. The workshop is a second opportunity for the public, stakeholders, and the regulated community to discuss the draft EDSP policies and procedures currently available for public comment. Although the workshop is not intended to collect oral comments, the Agency intends to consider the discussion and will be documenting the discussion for the public docket.

In addition to attending this workshop, EPA invites you to provide comments on the draft policies and procedures for initial EDSP screening and testing. The December 13, 2007 *Federal Register* document that announced the availability of draft policies and procedures for public comment included a specific list of questions on which the Agency is specifically seeking comment. This list, along with an agenda for the workshop, will be posted on the Agency's website at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/oscpendo/index.htm> and provided at the workshop. EPA will consider all comments received, and EPA will announce the availability of the final versions of the policies and procedures for the initial EDSP screening and testing in the *Federal Register*.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Endocrine disruptors, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping.

Dated: February 7, 2008.

James B. Gulliford,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8528-3]

Notice of Availability of the Nanomaterial Research Strategy External Review Draft and Expert Peer Review Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of document availability and external peer review meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection is announcing the availability of a draft report titled, Draft Nanomaterial Research Strategy (EPA/600/S-08/002), which was prepared by EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD). EPA is also announcing that Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor for external peer review, will convene a panel of experts and will organize and conduct an independent expert external peer meeting April 11, 2008, to review the draft document. Versar, Inc. invites the public to register to attend this meeting as observers. In addition, Versar, Inc. invites the public to give oral comments or provide written comments at the external peer review meeting regarding the draft document under review. The expert panel will review the draft document and consider public comments received prior to the meeting in the official public docket for this activity under docket ID number EPA-HQ-ORD-2008-0114 as well as comments made by the public at the meeting. The draft document is available through <http://www.regulations.gov> and at <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/nano/publications/index.html>. In preparing a final document, EPA will consider Versar, Inc.'s report of the comments and recommendations from the external peer-review meeting, as well as public comments. EPA plans to issue a final research strategy for nanomaterials in 2008.

The public release of this draft document is solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and external peer review. This draft research strategy does not represent and should not be construed to represent any EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.