environmental protection agency

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methyl parathion; notice of receipt of request to voluntarily cancel pesticide registrations

agency: environmental protection agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of requests by the registrants to voluntarily cancel their registrations of products containing the pesticide methyl parathion. The requests would delete methyl parathion use in or on alfalfa, almonds, barley, canola/rapeseed, corn (field, pop, and sweet), cotton, grass (forage), oats, onions, potatoes (sweet and white), rice, rye, soybeans, sunflowers, walnuts, and wheat. The requests would terminate the last methyl parathion products registered for use in the United States. EPA intends to grant these requests at the close of the comment period for this announcement unless the Agency receives substantive comments within the comment period that would merit its further review of the requests, or unless the registrants withdraw their requests. If these requests are granted, any sale, distribution, or use of products listed in this notice will be permitted after the registration has been cancelled only if such sale, distribution, or use is consistent with the terms as described in the final order.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 28, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2009–0332, by one of the following methods:


• 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 Facility’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

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General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a timber producer, pesticide applicator, or believe you may be affected by pesticide drift.

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. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

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

1. Submitting CBI (Confidential Business Information). Do not submit this information to EPA through 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:

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. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is announcing availability of a petition from Pesticide Poisoning Victims United, a Division of the Pitchfork Rebellion under docket ID number EPA–HQ–2010–0265.

List of Subjects

Environmental Protection, Pesticides, and Pests.


Peter Caulkins,
Acting Director, Pesticide Re-evaluation Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Kelly Ballard, Pesticide Re-evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–8126; fax number: (703) 305–5290; e-mail address: ballard.kelly@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. General Information
A. Does this Action Apply to Me?
This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may 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 person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

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II. Background on the Receipt of Requests to Cancel and/or Amend Registrations to Delete Uses
This notice announces receipt by EPA of a request from registrants Cheminova A/S, Cheminova, Inc., and United Phosphorus, Inc. to cancel methyl parathion product registrations. Methyl parathion is a restricted use organophosphate insecticide and acaricide registered for use on alfalfa, almonds, barley, canola/rapeseed, corn (field, pop, and sweet), cotton, grass (forage), oats, onions, potatoes (sweet and white), rice, rye, soybeans, sunflowers, walnuts, and wheat, with the majority of use occurring on cotton, corn, and rice. There are no residential uses. On March 29, 2010, Cheminova A/S, Cheminova, Inc., and United Phosphorus, Inc. and EPA signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to voluntarily cancel all uses of pesticide product registrations identified in Table 1 in Unit III. of this document. Specifically, the MOA will terminate the last methyl parathion products registered in the United States.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?
This notice announces receipt by EPA of a request from registrants to cancel uses of methyl parathion product registrations. The affected products and the registrants making the requests are identified in Tables 1 and 2 of this unit.

Unless a request is withdrawn by the registrant or if the Agency determines that there are substantive comments that warrant further review of this request, EPA intends to issue an order canceling the affected registrations.
Table 2 of this unit includes the names and addresses of record for the registrants of the products listed in Table 1 of this unit, in sequence by EPA company number. This number corresponds to the first part of the EPA registration numbers of the products listed in Table 1.

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<td>70506–193</td>
<td>United Phosphorus 630 Freedom Business Center, Suite 402 King of Prussia, PA 19406</td>
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**IV. What is the Agency’s Authority for Taking this Action?**

Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be canceled or amended to terminate one or more uses. FIFRA further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the *Federal Register*.

Section 6(f)(1)(B) of FIFRA requires that before acting on a request for voluntary cancellation, EPA must provide a 30-day public comment period on the request for voluntary cancellation or use termination. In addition, section 6(f)(1)(C) of FIFRA requires that EPA provide a 180-day comment period on a request for voluntary cancellation or termination of any minor agricultural use before granting the request, unless:

1. The registrants request a waiver of the comment period, or
2. The Administrator determines that continued use of the pesticide would pose an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment.

The methyl parathion registrants have requested that EPA waive the 180-day comment period. Accordingly, EPA will provide a 30-day comment period on the proposed requests.

**V. Procedures for Withdrawal of Requests**

Registrants who choose to withdraw a request for product cancellation or use deletion should submit the withdrawal in writing to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. If the products have been subject to a previous cancellation action, the effective date of cancellation and all other provisions of any earlier cancellation action are controlling.

**VI. Provisions for Disposition of Existing Stocks**

Existing stocks are those stocks of registered pesticide products that are currently in the United States and that were packaged, labeled, and released for shipment prior to the effective date of the action. If the requests for voluntary cancellation are granted, the Agency intends to publish the cancellation order in the *Federal Register*.

In any order issued in response to this request for cancellation of product registrations, EPA proposes to include the following provisions for the treatment of any existing stocks of the products listed in Table 1.

As specified in the Memorandum of Agreement, all use, sales and distributions of existing stocks of manufacturing-use products will be prohibited as of December 31, 2012. All sales and distributions of end-use products shall be prohibited as of August 31, 2013. Thereafter, registrants will be prohibited from selling or distributing the products identified in Table 1, except for export consistent with section 17 of FIFRA or for proper disposal. Additionally, all use of existing stocks of the end-use products shall be prohibited as of December 31, 2013.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.


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Director, Pesticide Re-evaluation Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**


Clofencet; Notice of Receipt of Request to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of a request by the registrant to voluntarily cancel their registrations of certain products containing the pesticide clofencet. The request would delete clofencet use as a plant growth regulator registered for use in the production of hybrid wheat seed. The request would terminate the last clofencet products registered for use in the United States. EPA intends to grant this request at the close of the comment period for this announcement unless the Agency receives substantive comments within the comment period that would merit its further review of the request, or unless the registrant withdraws its request. If this request is granted, any sale, distribution, or use of products listed in this notice will be permitted after the registrations have been cancelled only if such sale, distribution, or use is consistent with the terms as described in the final order.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 28, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2009–0760, by one of the following methods: