ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 180

Receipt of a Pesticide Petition Filed for Residues of Pyroxasulfone in or on Various Commodities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of filing of petition and request for comment.

SUMMARY: This document announces the Agency’s receipt of an initial filing of a pesticide petition requesting the establishment or modification of regulations for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various commodities.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 16, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2015–0787, by one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

• Mail: OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001.

• Hand Delivery: To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contact.html.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Goodis, Registration Division (RD) (7505P), main telephone number: (703) 305–7090; email address: RDRFNotification@epa.gov.

The mailing address for each contact person is: Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001. As part of the mailing address, include the contact person’s name, division, and mail code. The division to contact is listed at the end of each application summary.

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. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

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

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. Submitting CBI. Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or email. 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 preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html.

3. Environmental justice. EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low-income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticides discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

EPA is announcing receipt of a pesticide petition filed under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a, requesting the establishment or modification of regulations in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities. The Agency is taking public comment on the request before responding to the petitioner. EPA is not proposing any particular action at this time. EPA has determined that the pesticide petition described in this document contains data or information prescribed in FFDCA section 408(d)(2), 21 U.S.C. 346a(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the pesticide petition. After considering the public comments, EPA intends to evaluate whether and what action may be warranted. Additional data may be needed before EPA can make a final determination on this pesticide petition.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 180.70(f), a summary of the petition that is the subject of this document, prepared by the petitioner, is included in a docket.
EPA has created this rulemaking. The docket for this petition is available at [http://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

As specified in FFDCA section 408(d)(3), 21 U.S.C. 346a(d)(3), EPA is publishing notice of the petition so that the public has an opportunity to comment on this request for the establishment or modification of regulations for residues of pesticides in or on food commodities. Further information on the petition may be obtained through the petition summary referenced in this unit.

**PP 6F8521. (EPA–HQ–OPP–2015–0787). K–I Chemical USA, Inc., 11 Martine Ave., Suite 970, White Plains, NY 10606, requests to establish tolerances in 40 CFR 180.659 for residues of the herbicide, pyroxasulfone ([3-[(3-fluoromethyl)-6-(3-fluoromethyl)-1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl) pyrazole-4ylmethyllsulfonyl]-4,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-1,2-oxazole], and its metabolites in or on Crop Subgroup 1C, tuberous and corm vegetables (except granular/likes and chips) at 0.05 part per million (ppm); Crop Subgroup 3–07, bulb vegetables at 0.15 ppm; potatoes, granular/likes at 0.3 ppm and potato chips at 0.06 ppm. The high performance liquid chromatography/triple quadrupole mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS) methods has been proposed to enforce the tolerance expression for pyroxasulfone. Contact: RD.

**Authority:** 21 U.S.C. 346a.

**Dated:** February 28, 2018.

Michael L. Goodis, Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs. [FR Doc. 2016–05291 Filed 3–14–18; 8:45 am]  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**45 CFR Part 1355**

**RIN 0970–ACT2**

**Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System**

**AGENCY:** Children’s Bureau (CB), Administration on Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** ACF is seeking public suggestions, in particular from state and tribal title IV–E agencies and Indian tribes and tribal consortiums and other stakeholders, for streamlining the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data elements and removing any undue burden related to reporting AFCARS.

**DATES:** Comments on this advance notice of proposed rulemaking must be received by June 13, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by [docket number and/or RIN number], by one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: [https://www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Email: CBComments@acf.hhs.gov. Include [docket number and/or RIN number] in subject line of the message.

• Mail: Written comments may be submitted to Kathleen McHugh, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Director, Policy Division, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20024. Please be aware that mail sent in response to this ANPRM may take an additional 3 to 4 days to process due to security screening of mail.

**Instructions:** When commenting, please identify the topic, data element, or issue to which your comment pertains. All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to [https://www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen McHugh, Division of Policy, Children’s Bureau at (202) 401–5789.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) has two sections: Background that describes the authority on which the ANPRM is based and establishes the rationale for its issuance, and Questions for Comment wherein we solicit comment on the AFCARS regulations.

**I. Background**

Section 479 of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires HHS to regulate a data collection system for national adoption and foster care data that provides comprehensive national information on the following:

• Demographic characteristics of adopted and foster children and their biological and adoptive or foster parents;

• Status and characteristics of the foster care population;

• Number and characteristics of children entering and exiting foster care, children adopted or for whom adoptions have been terminated, and children placed in foster care outside of the state which has placement and care responsibility for them;

• Extent and nature of assistance provided by government programs for foster care and adoption and the characteristics of the children that receive the assistance; and

• Number of foster children identified as sex trafficking victims before entering and while in foster care.

Section 474(f) of the Act requires HHS to impose penalties for non-compliant AFCARS data. Section 1102 of the Act instructs the Secretary to promulgate regulations necessary for the effective administration of the functions for which HHS is responsible under the Act.

We published a final rule to revise the AFCARS regulations on December 14, 2016 (81 FR 90524) and required title IV–E agencies to continue to report AFCARS data in accordance with § 1355.40 and the appendix to part 1355 until September 30, 2019 and provided two fiscal years for title IV–E agencies to comply with §§ 1355.41 through 1355.47 of the final rule. In a notice of proposed rulemaking published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register, we propose to delay the compliance dates in regulations and the effective date of revisions to the AFCARS regulations made in the final rule from October 1, 2019, to October 1, 2021.

The final rule was a culmination of two notices of proposed rulemaking (issued January 11, 2008 (73 FR 2082) and February 9, 2015 (80 FR 7132)) and a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (issued April 7, 2016 (81 FR 20283)). The final rule updated the AFCARS regulations to include child welfare legislative changes that occurred since 1993, included data elements related to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), and implemented fiscal penalties for noncompliant AFCARS data.

On February 24, 2017, the President issued Executive Order 13777 on Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda to lower regulatory burdens on the American people. In response to the President’s direction that federal agencies establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force to review existing regulations and make recommendations regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification, we have identified the AFCARS regulation as one in which the reporting burden may impose costs that exceed benefits. We are specifically