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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 174 and 180

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0161; FRL-9410-03-
OCSPP]

Receipt of Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various June 2022

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notices of filing of petitions and
request for comment.

SUMMARY: This document announces the
Agency's receipt of initial filings of
pesticide petitions 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 August 19, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments,
identified by docket identification (ID)
number EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0161,
through the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*
at <https://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. Additional
instructions on commenting and visiting
the docket, along with more information
about dockets generally, is available at
<https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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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 Confidential Business
Information (CBI).* Do not submit this
information to EPA through
[regulations.gov](https://www.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
[https://www.epa.gov/dockets/
comments.html](https://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html).

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to
achieve environmental justice, the fair
treatment 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
pesticide petitions 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 174 or part 180 for residues of
pesticide chemicals in or on various
food commodities. The Agency is taking
public comment on the requests before
responding to the petitioners. EPA is not
proposing any particular action at this
time. EPA has determined that the
pesticide petitions described in this
document contain 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 petitions. 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 these pesticide
petitions.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 180.7(f),
summaries of the petitions that are the
subject of this document, prepared by
the petitioners, are included in dockets
EPA has created for these rulemakings.
The dockets for these petitions are
available at [https://
www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

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

A. Amended Tolerance Exemptions for Inerts (Except PIPS)

IN-11470. (EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-
0183). Croda, Inc., 300-A Columbus
Circle, Edison, NJ 08837 requests to
amend an exemption from the
requirement of a tolerance for residues
of styrene, copolymers with acrylic acid
and/or methacrylic acid, with none and/
or one or more of the following
monomers: Acrylamidopropyl methyl
sulfonic acid, methallyl sulfonic acid, 3-
sulfopropyl acrylate, 3-sulfopropyl
methacrylate, hydroxypropyl
methacrylate, hydroxypropyl acrylate,
hydroxyethyl methacrylate,
hydroxyethyl acrylate, and/or lauryl
methacrylate; and its sodium,
potassium, ammonium,
monoethanolamine, and
triethanolamine salts; the resulting
polymer having a minimum number
average molecular weight (in amu), 1200
by adding poly (oxy-1,2-ethanediy), α -
(2-methyl-1-oxo-2-propenyl)- ω -

methoxy- (CAS Reg. No. 26915-72-0) to the descriptor when used as a pesticide inert ingredient in pesticide formulations under 40 CFR 180.960. The petitioner believes no analytical method is needed because it is not required for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance. *Contact:* RD.

B. Amended Tolerances for Non-Inerts

1. *PP 2F8992.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0488). BASF Corporation, 26 Davis Dr., P.O. Box 13528, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709, requests to amend the tolerance(s) in 40 CFR 180.714 for residues of the insecticide, broflanilide, including its metabolites and degradates, in or on poultry, fat by increasing the tolerance from 0.02 ppm to 0.3 parts per million (ppm) and by increasing the tolerance in or on poultry, meat byproducts from 0.02 ppm to 0.04 ppm. The BASF Analytical Method Number D1604/01 and high-pressure liquid chromatography/triple stage quadrupole mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS) is used to measure and evaluate the chemical broflanilide residues. *Contact:* RD.

2. *PP 2F9002.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0479). Bayer CropScience, 800 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 63141, requests to amend the tolerance in 40 CFR 180.653 for residues of the herbicide indaziflam including its metabolites and degradates in or on the raw agricultural commodities: Grass forage, fodder, and hay group 17, forage at 50 ppm and hay at 80 ppm and for livestock fat, meat, meat byproducts, milk and milk fat at 0.1, 0.01, 0.30, 0.015, and 0.04 ppm respectively. The LC/MS/MS method is used to measure and evaluate the chemical indaziflam. *Contact:* RD.

C. New Tolerance Exemptions for Inerts (Except PIPS)

1. *PP IN-11559.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0305). Valent BioSciences LLC, 1910 Innovation Way, Suite 100, Libertyville, IL, 60048, requests to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of malic acid (CAS Reg. No. 6915-15-7) when used as a pesticide inert ingredient (buffering, stabilizing agent) in pesticide formulations under 40 CFR 180.920. The petitioner believes no analytical method is needed because it is not required for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance. *Contact:* RD.

2. *PP IN-11645.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0390). Spring Regulatory Sciences, 6620 Cypresswood Dr., Suite 250, Spring, TX 77379 on behalf of Stepan Company, 22 W. Frontage Rd., Northfield, IL 60093, requests to

establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance in 40 CFR part 180.960 for residues of oxirane, 2-(phenoxyethyl)-, polymer with oxirane, monobutyl ether, block (A CI) (CAS Reg. No. 1010819-15-4), when used as a pesticide inert ingredient (surfactant and/or adjuvant of surfactants) in pesticide formulations. The petitioner believes no analytical method is needed because it is not required for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance. *Contact:* RD.

3. *PP IN-11697.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0507). The Dow Chemical Company, 715 E Main Street, Midland MI, requests to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance in 40 CFR part 180.960 for residues of siloxanes and silicones, di-me, me hydrogen, reaction products with vinyl group-terminated di-me siloxanes (CAS Reg. No. 156065-02-0) when used as a pesticide inert ingredient (foam control additive) in pesticide formulations. The petitioner believes no analytical method is needed because it is not required for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance. *Contact:* RD.

D. New Tolerances for Non-Inerts

1. *PP 1E8939.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0789). BASF Corporation, 26 Davis Dr., Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 requests to establish a tolerance in 40 CFR part 180.589 for residues of the herbicide glufosinate-ammonium (butanoic acid, 2-amino-4-(hydroxymethylphosphinyl)-monoammonium salt) and its metabolites, 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid and 3-methylphosphinico-propionic acid, expressed as 2-amino-4-(hydroxymethylphosphinyl)butanoic acid equivalents in or on fresh tea leaves at 0.05 ppm and dried tea leaves at 0.50 ppm. Analytical methods include water extraction, filtration, addition of an isotopically labeled internal standard followed by solid phase extraction and high-performance LC/MS/MS and are used to measure and evaluate the chemical glufosinate-ammonium (butanoic acid, 2-amino-4-(hydroxymethylphosphinyl)-monoammonium salt) and its metabolites, 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid and 3-methylphosphinico-propionic acid, expressed as 2-amino-4-(hydroxymethylphosphinyl)butanoic acid equivalents. *Contact:* RD.

2. *PP 1E8952.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0789). BASF Corporation, 26 Davis Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 requests to establish a tolerance in 40 CFR part 180.589 for residues of the herbicide glufosinate-ammonium

(butanoic acid, 2-amino-4-(hydroxymethylphosphinyl)-monoammonium salt) and its metabolites, 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid and 3-methylphosphinico-propionic acid, expressed as 2-amino-4-(hydroxymethylphosphinyl) butanoic acid equivalents in or on rice, grain at 0.9 ppm. Analytical methods include water extraction, filtration, addition of an isotopically labeled internal standard followed by solid phase extraction and LC/MS/MS and are used to measure and evaluate the chemical glufosinate-ammonium(butanoic acid, 2-amino-4-(hydroxymethylphosphinyl)-monoammonium salt) and its metabolites, 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid and 3-methylphosphinico-propionic acid, expressed as 2-amino-4-(hydroxymethylphosphinyl)butanoic acid equivalents. *Contact:* RD.

3. *PP 2E8990.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0508). Tea Association of the U.S.A. Inc., 362 5th Avenue, Suite 1002, New York, NY 10001, requests to establish a tolerance in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of the insecticide cypermethrin ([cyano-(3-phenoxyphenyl)methyl]-3-(2,2-dichloroethenyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate), in or on tea, dried at 15 parts ppm. The GC-ECD method C is used to measure and evaluate the chemical cypermethrin. *Contact:* RD.

4. *PP 2E8999.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0502). Gowan Company P.O. Box 5569, Yuma, AZ 85366, requests to establish a tolerance in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of the herbicide trifluralin in or on tea at 0.05 ppm. The analytical method used is acetone water extraction with QuEChERS clean up. Quantitation was performed by gas chromatography with tandem mass spectrometric detection. This method is used to measure and evaluate the chemical residues of trifluralin. *Contact:* RD.

5. *PP 1F8974.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0258). BASF Corporation, 26 Davis Drive, P.O. Box 13528, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-3528 requests to establish a tolerance in 40 CFR part 180.666 for residues of the fungicide fluxapyroxad (3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-N-(3',4',5'-trifluoro[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide) in or on avocado at 0.6 ppm. Independently validated analytical methods that have been submitted are used to measure and evaluate the chemical fluxapyroxad and its metabolites, M700F008, M700F048, and M700F002. *Contact:* RD.

6. *PP 2F8986.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0314). Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC, P.O. Box 18300, Greensboro, NC 27419,

requests to establish a tolerance in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of the fungicide, sedaxane (*N*-[2-[1,1'-bicyclopropyl]-2-ylphenyl]-3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole-4-carboxamide), in or on vegetable, cucurbit, group 9 at 0.01 ppm and vegetable, dry bulb, crop subgroup 3–07A at 0.01 ppm. Methods GRM023.01A and modified method GRM023.01B, taken through an extraction procedure with final determination by high-performance LC/MS/MS are used to measure and evaluate the chemical Sedaxane in its *cis* and *trans* isomer forms. *Contact*: RD.

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

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Director, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Office of Program Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–ES–2021–0073; FF09E21000 FXES1111090FEDR 223]

RIN 1018–BF34

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Russian, Ship, Persian, and Stellate Sturgeon

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period and announcement of public hearing.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are extending the public comment period on our May 25, 2022, proposed rule to list the Russian sturgeon (*Acipenser gueldenstaedtii*), ship sturgeon (*A. nudiventris*), Persian sturgeon (*A. persicus*), and stellate sturgeon (*A. stellatus*), all large fish native to the Black, Azov, Aral, Caspian, and northern Aegean Sea basins and their rivers in Europe and western Asia, as endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We are extending the proposed rule's comment period for 30 days to conduct a public hearing on the petition to list these four species of sturgeon. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted and will be fully considered in preparation of the final rule.

DATES: *Comment submission:* The public comment period on the proposed rule that published on May 25, 2022, at 87 FR 31834 is extended. We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before August 25, 2022. Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES**, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date, and comments submitted by U.S. mail must be postmarked by that date to ensure consideration.

Public hearing: On August 11, 2022, we will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule to list the Russian sturgeon, ship sturgeon, Persian sturgeon, and stellate sturgeon under the Act from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time, using the Zoom platform (for more information, see Public Hearing, below).

ADDRESSES: *Written comments:* You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

(1) *Electronically:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS–HQ–ES–2021–0073, which is the docket number for this rulemaking. Then, click on the Search button. On the resulting page, in the Search panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, check the Proposed Rule box to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on “Comment.”

(2) *By hard copy:* Submit by U.S. mail to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS–HQ–ES–2021–0073, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments on <https://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see Public Comments, below, for more information).

Document availability: The proposed rule and supporting documents, including the species status assessment report, are available at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS–HQ–ES–2021–0073.

Public hearing: Interested parties may present verbal testimony (formal, oral comments) at a public hearing, which will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. See Public Hearing, below, for more information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Maclin, Chief, Branch of Delisting and Foreign Species, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: ES, 5275 Leesburg

Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; telephone, 703–358–2171. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 25, 2022, we published a proposed rule (87 FR 31834) to list the Russian sturgeon, ship sturgeon, Persian sturgeon, and stellate sturgeon as endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The proposed rule opened a 60-day public comment period, ending July 25, 2022. On June 10, 2022, we received a request for a public hearing on the proposed rule. With this document, we are announcing a public hearing and an extension of the comment period for an additional 30 days (see **DATES**, above) to allow the public further opportunity to provide comments on the proposed rule to list the Russian sturgeon, ship sturgeon, Persian sturgeon, and stellate sturgeon.

For a description of previous Federal actions concerning the Russian sturgeon, ship sturgeon, Persian sturgeon, and stellate sturgeon and information on the types of comments that would be helpful to us in promulgating this rulemaking action, please refer to the May 25, 2022, proposed rule (87 FR 31834).

Public Hearing

We are holding a public hearing to accept comments on the proposed rule to list the Russian sturgeon, ship sturgeon, Persian sturgeon, and stellate sturgeon on the date and at the time listed in **DATES**. We are holding the public hearing via the Zoom online video platform and via teleconference so that participants can attend remotely. For security purposes, registration is required. All participants must register in order to listen and view the hearing via Zoom, listen to the hearing by telephone, or provide oral public comments at the hearing by Zoom or telephone. For information on how to register, or if technical problems occur joining Zoom on the day of the hearing, visit <https://www.fws.gov/event/public-hearing-proposed-listing-ponto-caspian-sturgeon>.

Registrants will receive the Zoom link and the telephone number for the public