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**Notice of Voluntarily Cancellation of
Ciba Crop Protection Registrations of
Metalaxyl Technical and End-Use
Products that Contain Metalaxyl**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the voluntary cancellation of the registrations of the active ingredient metalaxyl (*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-*N*-(methoxyacetyl) alanine methyl ester) and the end-use product registrations held by Ciba Crop Protection that contain metalaxyl. The cancellation of these metalaxyl registrations was requested by Ciba Crop Protection, who holds the only EPA registration of Metalaxyl Technical. The cancellation of metalaxyl registrations will allow for the full environmental benefit provided by the recent registration of mefenoxam and end-use products containing mefenoxam. Mefenoxam is the R-enantiomer of metalaxyl and at half the application rate, and provides the same level of efficacy as metalaxyl. Under an agreement reached with the registrant, metalaxyl products can be sold until

December 31, 1998. The registrant has requested that the Agency allow resale and use of the metalaxyl-based end-use products which are in the hands of distributors, dealers and growers by December 31, 1998 until supplies are exhausted.

DATES: Comments associated with this action must be received prior to May 31, 1996. The effective date of the cancellation of the registrations of Metalaxyl Technical and Ciba Crop Protection end-use products containing metalaxyl will be May 31, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Connie B. Welch, Product Manager 21, Office of Pesticide Programs, Registration Division (7505C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Office location for commercial courier delivery and telephone number: Room 227, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-6226; e-mail:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

Metalaxyl consists of R and S enantiomeric forms at a ration of 1:1; efficacy studies have shown that the R enantiomer provides the majority of the efficacy provided by metalaxyl. Mefenoxam is the R-enantiomer of metalaxyl and provides the same range and level of efficacy as metalaxyl; however, data provided to EPA demonstrates that this efficacy is achieved with half the amount of active

ingredient applied per acre required with the use of metalaxyl. On March 6, 1996, EPA granted the conditional time limited registration of the active ingredient mefenoxam and 13 end-use products that contain mefenoxam.

Since metalaxyl is one of the most widely registered and used fungicides in the United States with established tolerances in over 120 crop and livestock commodities and has uses as a seed treatment, as a banded or broadcast soil application, and a foliar spray in combination with protectant type fungicides, EPA feels that a significant reduction in the exposure of the environment to pesticides will be gained with the cancellation of metalaxyl and replacement of these uses with products containing mefenoxam. The cancellation and phase out of products containing metalaxyl will assure that the maximum environmental benefit of mefenoxam registration will be achieved.

Ciba Crop Protection has agreed to end sales of metalaxyl based products by December 31, 1998. Since all registered uses of metalaxyl based products are replaced by the registration of parallel and equivalent mefenoxam based products, there will be no loss of uses and no negative impact of minor crops or US agriculture.

II. Intent to Cancel

The following table list the metalaxyl registrations, listed in sequence by registration number, that will be canceled May 31, 1996.

TABLE 1. — REGISTRATIONS WITH PENDING REQUESTS FOR CANCELLATION

Registration No.	Product Name	Chemical Name
000100-00601	Metalaxyl Technical	Metalaxyl
000100-00607	Ridomil 2E Fungicide	<i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00619	Subdue 2E Fungicide	<i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00626	Apron 2E Fungicide	<i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00628	Ridomil 5G-Fungicide	<i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00629	Ridomil MZ58 Fungicide	Zinc ion and manganese ethylenebisdithiocarbamate, coordination product <i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00639	Apron 25W Fungicide	<i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00658	Ridomil/Bravo 81W Fungicide	Tetrachloroisophthalonitrile <i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00664	Ridomil PC 11-G Granular Fungicide	Pentachloronitrobenzene <i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00670	Apron + Captan Fungicide Seed Treatment	cis- <i>N</i> -Trichloromethylthio-4-cyclohexene-1,2-dicarboximide <i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00676	Subdue Granular Fungicide	<i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00683	Apron + Captan FS Fungicide Seed Treatment	cis- <i>N</i> -Trichloromethylthio-4-cyclohexene-1,2-dicarboximide
000100-00713	Ridomil PC Granular Fungicide	<i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester Pentachloronitrobenzene <i>N</i> -(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)- <i>N</i> -(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester

TABLE 1. — REGISTRATIONS WITH PENDING REQUESTS FOR CANCELLATION—Continued

Registration No.	Product Name	Chemical Name
000100-00717	Subdue II Fungicide	N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-N-(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00718	Subdue & WSP Turf Fungicide	N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-N-(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00720	Ridomil/Copper 70W	Copper hydroxide N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-N-(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00735	Ridomol 50W	N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-N-(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00738	Apron 50W Fungicide	N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-N-(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00742	Pace Fungicide	Zinc ion and manganese ethylenebisdithiocarbamate, coordination product N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-N-(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00749	Ridomil MZ Fungicide	Zinc ion and manganese ethylenebisdithiocarbamate, coordination product N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-N-(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester
000100-00767	Ridomil MZ 72	Zinc ion and manganese ethylenebisdithiocarbamate, coordination product N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-N-(methoxyacetyl)alanine, methyl ester

Any person adversely affected by this regulation may, within 30 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register, file written objections to the regulation and may also request a hearing on those objections. Objections and hearing requests must be filed with the Hearing Clerk, at the address given above (40 CFR 178.20). A copy of the objections and/or hearing requests filed with the Hearing Clerk should be submitted to the OPP docket for this rulemaking. The objections submitted to this regulation must specify the provisions of the regulation deemed objectionable and the grounds for the objections (40 CFR 178.25). Each objection must be accompanied by the fee prescribed by [(40 CFR 180.33(I))]. If a hearing is requested, the objections must include a statement of the factual issue(s) on which a hearing is requested, the requester's contentions on such issues, and a summary of any evidence relied upon by the objector (40 CFR 178.27).

A request for a hearing will be granted if the Administrator determines that the material submitted shows the following: There is genuine and substantial issue of facts; there is a reasonable possibility that available evidence identified by the requester would, if established, resolve one or more of such issues in favor of the requester, taking into account uncontested claims or facts to the contrary; and resolution of the factual issue(s) in the manner sought by the requester would be adequate to justify the action requested (40 CFR 178.32).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Product registrations.

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Certain Companies; Applications to Register Pesticide Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of applications to register pesticide products containing active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by May 31, 1996.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30408] and the file symbol to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Divisions (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an

ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will be accepted on disks in Wordperfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-30408]. No "Confidential Business Information" (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submission can be found below in this document.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Registration Division (7505C), Attn: (Product Manager (PM) named in each registration), Office of Pesticide Programs, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

In person: Contact the PM named in each registration at the following office location/telephone number: