

Enhanced Surface Water Treatment (ESWTR) rules. These proposals were the product of a negotiated rulemaking. The negotiators included State and local health and regulatory agency staff and elected officials, consumer groups, environmental groups, and representatives of public water systems.

The group agreed to propose a disinfectant/disinfection byproduct rule to extend coverage to all community and non-transient, non-community water systems that use disinfectants, reduce the current total trihalomethane (TTHM) maximum contaminant level (MCL), regulate additional disinfection byproducts, set limits for the use of disinfectants, and reduce the level of compounds that may react with disinfectants to form byproducts. The group further agreed that revisions to the current Surface Water Treatment Rule might be required at the same time to ensure that microbial risk is not increased as byproduct rules go into effect, and to provide explicit control of *Cryptosporidium*. As a result, the Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule was proposed with a number of options for microbial control, including the option to simply retain the requirements of the current Surface Water Treatment Rule. Data being collected through a separate Information Collection Rule (May 14, 1996, 61 FR 24354) and a research program will be used to identify the appropriate option.

The comment period for submission of formal written comments in response to the D/DBPR rule closed on December 29, 1994. The comment period for formal written comments in response to the ESWTR rule was listed in the proposed rule as closing on May 30, 1996. The reason a longer time was allowed for comments on the ESWTR was to allow time for the public to consider data being collected under the Information Collection Rule and the research program prior to that date. Due to delays in the initiation of data collection, the May 30, 1996 date no longer allows commenters time to consider the results of any of those data.

The Agency believes it would be useful to allow the public additional time in which to review the final Information Collection Rule and provide comments on its implications for the ESWTR. The Agency would also like to obtain comments on the ESWTR which are independent of the collection of subsequent data so that analysis of those comments may begin on a timely basis. An extension until August 30, 1996 in essence gives commenters 90 days to file those comments. Once at least eight months of data collected under the Information Collection Rule have been

collected and analyzed, the Agency will issue a Notice of Availability providing its analysis of the data and its recommendation for the appropriate regulatory option for the ESWTR. At that time, the Agency will reopen the public comment period for the ESWTR so that commenters can consider the data and EPA's analysis.

Please submit any references cited in your comments. EPA would appreciate an original and three copies of your comments and enclosures (including references). Commenters who want EPA to acknowledge receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted because EPA cannot ensure that they will be submitted to the Water Docket. To ensure that EPA can read, understand and therefore properly respond to comments, the Agency would prefer that commenters type or print comments in ink, and cite, where possible, the paragraph(s) in the proposed regulation (e.g., 141.76(b)) to which each comment refers. Commenters should use a separate paragraph for each method or issue discussed.

Dated: May 21, 1996.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator.

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[OPP-300415A; FRL-5370-1]

RIN 2070-AC18

Proposed Revocation of Tolerances; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is extending until July 30, 1996, the comment period for a proposed rule that was published in the Federal Register of March 1, 1996 that proposed the revocation of 41 section 408 tolerances established under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) for 22 chemicals. The original comment period on the proposal ends on May 30, 1996, but because of the unavailability of certain documents in the docket and the Dicofoil Task Force's intentions to submit additional data, the comment period is being extended.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the docket number [OPP-300415A], must be received on or before July 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response Section, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202. Information submitted as a comment concerning this document 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 Virginia address given above, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

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 also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number, [OPP-300415A]. No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found below in this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Niloufar Nazmi, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. WF32C5, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703)-308-8028; e-mail: nazmi.niloufar@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of March 1, 1996, (61 FR 8173), EPA issued a proposed rule proposing the revocation of 9 tolerances, and announcing its decision whether 41 section 408 tolerances for 22 pesticides should be revoked under EPA's policy concerning the coordination of its authorities under sections 408 and 409 of the FFDCA.

A record has been established for this rulemaking under docket number [OPP-300360A] (including any comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
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.

The official record for this rulemaking, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official rulemaking record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official rulemaking record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Food additives, Pesticides and pests, Processed foods, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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Daniel M. Barolo,
Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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[PP 6E04666/P660; FRL-5371-6]

RIN 2070-AC18

Methyl Esters of Tall-Oil Fatty Acids; Tolerance Exemption

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes that methyl esters of tall-oil fatty acids be exempted from the requirement of a tolerance when used as an inert ingredient (adjuvant) in pesticide formulations. This proposed regulation was requested by Union Camp Corporation pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA).

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket number [PP 6E04666/P660], must be received on or before June 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person deliver comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document 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 will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is 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 legal holidays.

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 also 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, [PP 6E04666/P660]. No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found below in this document. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Bipin Gandhi, Registration Support Branch, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and

e-mail address: 2800 Crystal Drive, North Tower, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8380, e-mail: gandhi.bipin@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Union Camp Corporation, P.O.Box 2668, Savannah, GA. 31402, has submitted pesticide petition (PP) 6E04666 to EPA requesting that the Administrator, pursuant to section 408(e) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(e), propose to amend 40 CFR 180.1001(c) by establishing an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for methyl esters of tall-oil fatty acids when used as an inert ingredient (adjuvant) in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops or to raw agricultural commodities after harvest.

Inert ingredients are all ingredients that are not active ingredients as defined in 40 CFR 153.125 and include, but are not limited to, the following types of ingredients (except when they have a pesticidal efficacy of their own): solvents such as alcohols and hydrocarbons; surfactants such as polyoxyethylene polymers and fatty acids; carriers such as clay and diatomaceous earth; thickeners such as carrageenan and modified cellulose; wetting, spreading, and dispersing agents; propellants in aerosol dispensers; microencapsulating agents; and emulsifiers. The term "inert" is not intended to imply nontoxicity; the ingredient may or may not be chemically active.

The data submitted in the petition and other relevant material have been evaluated. As part of the EPA policy statement on inert ingredients published in the Federal Register of April 22, 1987 (52 FR 13305), the Agency set forth a list of studies which would generally be used to evaluate the risks posed by the presence of an inert ingredient in a pesticide formulation. However, where it can be determined without that data that the inert ingredient will present minimal or no risk, the Agency generally does not require some or all of the listed studies to rule on the proposed tolerance or exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for an inert ingredient. The Agency has decided that no data, in addition to that described below, for methyl esters of tall-oil fatty acids will need to be submitted. The rationale for this decision is described below:

(1) Tall-oil fatty acids are exempted from the requirement of a tolerance under 40 CFR 180.1001(c) as "Tall-oil; fatty acids not less than 58 percent, rosin acids not more than 44 percent, unsaponifiables not more than 8 percent."