

K. International Tolerances

A maximum residue level has not been established for pyridaben by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

II. Public Record

EPA invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice of filing. Comments must bear a notification indicating the docket control number [PF-721]. All written comments filed in response to this petition will be available, in the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, at the address given above from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. A record has been established for this notice under docket control number [PF-721] (including 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 8:30 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 Highway, Arlington, VA.

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

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: March 6, 1997.

Peter Caulkins,
Acting Director, Registration Division, Office
of Pesticide Programs.

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[OPP-50827; FRL-5595-2]

**Receipt of a Notification to Conduct
Small-Scale Field Testing of a
Genetically Engineered Microbial
Pesticide**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of a notification (352-NMP-L) of intent to conduct small-scale field testing involving a baculovirus, *Autographa californica* Multiple Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus (AcMNPV), which has been genetically engineered to express a synthetic gene which encodes for an insect-specific toxin from the scorpion *Leiurus quinquestriatus hebraeus*. Dupont intends to test this microbial pesticide on leafy vegetables in six states. Target pests for these field trials include: the cabbage looper, *Trichoplusia ni*, and the diamondback moth, *Plutella xylostella*. The Agency has determined that the notification may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting public comments on this notification.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to EPA by April 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the docket control number [OPP-50827] 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 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number [OPP-50827]. 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 submissions can be found below in this document.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as 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 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William R. Schneider, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 5th Floor, CS #1, 2805 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8683, e-mail: schneider.william@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA received a notification from DuPont Agricultural Products of Delaware (352-NMP-L). The proposed small-scale field trial involves the introduction of a genetically engineered isolate of the baculovirus, *Autographa californica* Multiple Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus (AcMNPV), which has been genetically engineered to express a synthetic gene which encodes for an insect-specific toxin from the venom of the scorpion *Leiurus quinquestriatus hebraeus*.

The purpose of the proposed testing will be to assess and compare the efficacy of formulated and unformulated genetically engineered construct, formulated and unformulated wild type AcMNPV, and various controls against the cabbage looper, *Trichoplusia ni*, and the diamondback moth, *Plutella xylostella*. The proposed program will be conducted in spring 1997, and will consist of one trial per site. There will be one site per state in Georgia (0.12 acres), Florida (0.25 acres), Mississippi (0.12 acres), California (0.12 acres), Texas (0.37 acres), and Illinois (0.37 acres). The total amount of AcMNPV for all of the testing will not exceed 2.2E13 occlusion bodies for each of the viruses tested. The test sites will either be 2 rows or 4 rows wide and 50 feet long.

On completion of the test, the genetically engineered AcMNPV treated plants will remain standing for at least 2 weeks prior to shredding, mowing, and plowing under. Following review of DuPont's notification and any comments received in response to this notice, EPA may approve the test, ask for additional data, require additional modifications to the test protocols, or require an Experimental Use Permit application to be submitted. In accordance with 40 CFR 172.50, under no circumstances shall the proposed test proceed until the submitter has received notice from EPA of its approval of such test.

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List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 172

Environmental protection, Genetically engineered microbial pesticides.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

Janet L. Andersen,
Director, Biopesticides and Pollution
Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide
Programs.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 4, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Lois Berthaume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *Cumberland Bancorp, Inc.*, Carthage, Tennessee; to acquire 9.2 percent of the voting shares of The Bank of Mason, Mason, Tennessee.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 5, 1997.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank

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A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (R. Chris Moore, Senior Vice President) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *Commercial Bancshares Savings and Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, West Liberty, Kentucky; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 32 percent of the voting shares of Commercial Bancshares, Inc., West Liberty, Kentucky, and thereby indirectly acquire Commercial Bank, West Liberty, Kentucky.

2. *Southeast Bancorp, Inc.*, Corbin, Kentucky; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First Bank of East Tennessee, National Association, La Follette, Tennessee.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *Mercantile Bancorporation Inc.*, St. Louis, Missouri, and Ameribanc, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Roosevelt Financial Group, Inc., Chesterfield, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Missouri State Bank & Trust Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

In connection with this application, Applicants have also applied to acquire Roosevelt Bank, Chesterfield, Missouri, a federal savings bank, and thereby engage in the operation of a federal savings bank, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(9) of the Board's Regulation Y.