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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Bensulide and Profenofos, Revised Organophosphate Pesticide Risk Assessments; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA will hold a public meeting to present the revised risk assessments for two organophosphate pesticides, bensulide and profenofos, to interested stakeholders. This public meeting, called a "Technical Briefing," will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about the data, information, and methodologies that the Agency used in revising its risk assessments for bensulide and profenofos. In addition, representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide ideas on possible risk management for bensulide and profenofos.

DATES: The technical briefings will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 1999. The bensulide technical briefing is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, and the profenofos technical briefing is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The technical briefings will be held at the Holiday Inn-Old Town, 625 First St., Alexander, VA 703-548-6300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Angulo, Special Review and Registration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8004; e-mail address: angulo.karen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply To Me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this action. The Agency believes that a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in technical briefings on organophosphates, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates, the chemical

industry, pesticide users, and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of This Document or Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and certain other available documents from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

To access information about the revised risk assessments for bensulide and profenofos organophosphate pesticides, go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/>. In addition, brief summaries of the bensulide and profenofos revised risk assessments are now available at: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/status.htm/>, as well as in paper as part of the public version of the official record as described in Unit I.B.2. of this document.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for these actions under docket control numbers: Bensulide, OPP-34132A and profenofos, OPP-34138A. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during the applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during the applicable comment period, is available for inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Public Information and Records Integrity Branch telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

II. What Action Is EPA Taken?

This document announces the Agency's intention to hold technical briefings for the organophosphate pesticides, bensulide and profenofos. The Agency is presenting the revised risk assessments for bensulide and profenofos to interested stakeholders. The technical briefings are designed to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to become even more informed about an organophosphate's risk assessment. EPA will describe in detail the revised risk assessments, including: The major points (e.g., contributors to risk estimates); how public comment on the preliminary risk assessments affected the revised risk assessments; and the pesticide use information/data that was used in developing the revised risk assessments. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. In addition, representatives of the USDA will provide ideas on possible risk management for bensulide and profenofos.

Technical briefings are part of the pilot public participation process that EPA and USDA are now using for involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The pilot public participation process was developed as part of the EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC), which was established in April 1998 as a subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. A goal of the pilot public participation process is to find a more effective way for the public to participate at critical junctures in the Agency's development of organophosphate risk assessment and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998 in response to Vice President Gore's directive to increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation.

On the day of the technical briefings, in addition to making copies available at the meeting site, the Agency will also release for public viewing the bensulide and profenofos revised risk assessments and related documents to the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch and the OPP Internet web site that are described in Unit I.B.1. of this document. In addition, the Agency will issue a **Federal Register** notice to provide an opportunity for a 60-day

public participation period during which the public may submit risk management and mitigation ideas, and recommendations and proposals for transition.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticides; Draft Guidance on Mandatory/Advisory Labeling Statements

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Agency seeks public comment on a draft Pesticide Registration (PR) Notice entitled "Guidance for Mandatory and Advisory Labeling Statements." This draft notice provides guidance to the registrant for improving the clarity of labeling statements in order to avoid confusing directions and precautions and to prevent the misuse of pesticides.

DATES: Written comments, identified by docket control number OPP-00599, should be submitted by August 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" section of this document. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your comments must identify docket control number OPP-00599 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Kempter, Environmental Protection Agency (7509C), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone number: (703) 305-5448; fax: (703) 305-6920; e-mail address: kempter.carlton@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Notice Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this notice if you manufacture or formulate pesticides. Potentially

affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Categories	NAICS	Examples of potentially affected entities
Pesticide Producers	32532	Pesticide manufacturers Pesticide formulators

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed could also be affected. If available, the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this notice affects certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this announcement to you, consult the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" at the beginning of this document.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information or Copies of This Document or Other Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and the draft PR Notice from the EPA Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the **Federal Register** — Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgrstr/>.

2. *Fax on Demand.* You may request to receive a faxed copy of this document, as well as supporting information, by using a faxphone to call (202) 401-0527 and selecting item 6120. You may also follow the automated menu.

3. *In person or by phone.* If you have any questions or need additional information about this action, you may contact the appropriate technical person identified in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" at the beginning of this document. In addition, the official record for this document and the draft paper listed in the "SUMMARY" at the beginning of this document, including the public versions, has been established under docket control number OPP-00599 (including comments and data

submitted electronically as described below). This record not only includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, but also includes all the documents that are referenced in those documents. A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of any electronic comments, which do not include any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI), is available for inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Public Information and Records Integrity Branch telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, you must identify docket control number OPP-00599 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

3. *Electronically.* Submit your comments and/or data electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on standard computer disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number. Electronic comments on this notice may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI Information That I Want to Submit to the Agency?

You may claim information that you submit in response to this document as CBI 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