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II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is printing a summary of revised pesticide petitions received under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a, proposing the establishment or amendment of regulations in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities. EPA has determined that this pesticide petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in FFDCA section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data support granting of the pesticide petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on this pesticide petition.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 180.7(f), a summary of the petition included in this notice, prepared by the petitioner along with a description of the analytical method available for the detection and measurement of the pesticide chemical residues is available on EPA's Electronic Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov/>. To locate this information on the home page of EPA's Electronic Docket, select "Quick Search" and type the OPP docket ID number. Once the search has located the docket, clicking on the "Docket ID" will bring up a list of all documents in the docket for the pesticide including the petition summary.

Amendment to Existing Tolerance

EPA established a tolerance in pea and bean, dried shelled, except soybean (Subgroup 6C of Crop Group 6) at 0.3 ppm in a **Federal Register** Final Rule dated October 29, 2004, (FR 63083) (FRL-7681-9) conditional on

submission of additional field residue data from Region 11. Upon EPA evaluation of the submitted conditional data, the petitioner requested EPA to establish the permanent tolerance at 0.5 ppm.

Similarly, EPA established a temporary tolerance in strawberry at 1.5 ppm in a **Federal Register** Final Rule dated October 29, 2004, conditional on submission of additional field residue data. This temporary tolerance expired December 31, 2005 and is currently at 0.4 ppm. Upon EPA evaluation of the submitted conditional data, the petitioner has requested EPA to establish the permanent tolerance at 1.2 ppm.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Feed additives, Food additives, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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Lois Rossi,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0030; FRL-7758-6]

Ethofenprox; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to use the pesticide ethofenprox (CAS No. 80844-07-1) to treat up to 255,000 acres of rice to control rice water weevil, *Lissorhoptrus oryzophilus*. The Applicant proposes a first food use of this pesticide. EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 2, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0030, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs

(OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

Hand Delivery: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA, Attention: Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0030. The docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the docket facility is (703) 305-5805. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0030. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The www.regulations.gov website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be captured automatically and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/docket.htm/>.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, i.e., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as

copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov/> or in hard copy at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA. The docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the docket facility is (703) 305-5805.

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II. Background

What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of ethofenprox on rice to control rice water weevil, *Lissorhoptrus oryzophilus*. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the Applicant asserts that the current emergency situation with respect to weevil management has arisen primarily from the continuing, and probably increasing, practice of cultivating crawfish in ponds

in close proximity to rice fields in southern Louisiana. The great majority of crawfish ponds (at least 75%) are close enough to rice fields to be affected by the management practices used in rice. All of the insecticides currently registered for use against the rice water weevil in Louisiana are toxic to crawfish. The use of ethofenprox for weevil control has one significant advantage over currently used liquid products in that it is formulated as a granular and thus there is far less potential for drift. The Applicant states that the estimated economic loss if no effective weevil controls are available is over 8 million dollars.

The Applicant proposes to make no more than two applications of 0.9% ethofenprox to 255,000 acres of rice in Louisiana between March 1 and August 1, 2006. A maximum of 45,645 pounds of active ingredient will be required.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 of FIFRA require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing a first food use of a chemical.

The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application.

The Agency, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the specific exemption requested by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: January 31, 2006.

Donald R. Stubbs,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8031-9; EPA-HQ-Docket ID No. ORD-2006-0116]

Harmonization in Interspecies Extrapolation: Use of BW^{3/4} as Default Method in Derivation of the Oral RfD

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a 60-day public comment period for the draft document titled, "Harmonization in Interspecies Extrapolation: Use of BW^{3/4} as Default Method in Derivation

of the Oral RfD" (EPA/630/R-06/001), which was prepared by the EPA's Risk Assessment Forum (Forum).

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in accordance with this notice when revising the document.

DATES: The 60-day public comment period begins February 15, 2006, and ends April 17, 2006. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by April 17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The draft, "Harmonization in Interspecies Extrapolation: Use of BW^{3/4} as Default Method in Derivation of the Oral RfD," is available primarily via the Internet on the Risk Assessment Forum's home page at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/raf/index.cfm>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff, NCEA-W; telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, "Harmonization in Interspecies Extrapolation: Use of BW^{3/4} as Default Method in Derivation of the Oral RfD."

Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-1753; or e-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

For technical information, please contact Resha M. Putzrath, Risk Assessment Forum; telephone: 202-564-3229; facsimile: 202-565-0062; or e-mail: putzrath.resha@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Document

The Agency endorses a hierarchy of approaches to derive human equivalent oral exposures from data from laboratory animals, with the preferred approach being physiologically based toxicokinetic modeling. Intermediate approaches include using some chemical-specific information. In lieu of data to support either of these

approaches, body weight scaling to the 3/4 power (BW^{3/4}) would be endorsed as a general default procedure to extrapolate toxicologically equivalent doses of chronic orally administered agents from laboratory animals to humans for the purpose of deriving an oral Reference Dose (RfD). Use of BW^{3/4} in derivation of RfD values would be parallel with current Agency use in derivation of cancer oral slope factors. Thus, this paper would harmonize the two main Agency oral dose-response extrapolation procedures. This generalized default procedure is viewed as an informed, species-specific, dosimetric adjustment factor (DAF) that addresses predominantly toxicokinetic and some toxicodynamic aspects of the interspecies uncertainty factor UF_A. Use of this procedure would result in derivation of a human equivalent exposure, specifically a human equivalent dose (HED) that is to be used in derivation of the oral RfD in a manner parallel to the human equivalent concentration (HEC) in derivation of an inhalation RfC.

II. How to Submit Technical Comments to the Docket

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD 2006-0116, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.
- Fax: 202-566-1753.
- Mail: Office of Environmental Information Docket (Mail Code: 28221T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-1753.

If you provide comments in writing, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

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