

during or after pear bloom, nor to open blossoms of weeds or cover crops. Negligible residues are expected because this is a prebloom-only use and available residue chemistry data indicate non-detectable residues will occur.

Normally this notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the applications themselves. However, these specific exemptions were granted on March 1, 1996, because inclement weather and furloughs delayed the publication process and control measures were needed immediately in order to prevent significant economic loss. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt in the Federal Register and solicit public comment on an application for a specific exemption proposing the first food use of an active ingredient. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-180997] (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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resource Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, 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 notice, 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 record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemptions requested by the

Oregon and Washington Departments of Agriculture.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

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Stephen L. Johnson,
Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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[OPP-181007; FRL 5362-3]

Pirimicarb; 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 Oregon, Idaho and Washington Departments of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide pirimicarb to treat up to 10,000 acres in Oregon, 30,000 acres in Idaho, and 15,000 acres in Washington of alfalfa to control aphids and lygus bugs. The Applicants propose the use of a new (unregistered) chemical. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 9, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181007," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Program Resource Branch, 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, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, 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 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 [OPP-181007]. 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 in any comment concerning this notice 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 provided by the submitter for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments filed pursuant to this notice will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Margarita Collantes, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Floor 6, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8347; e-mail: collantes.margarita@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a state agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption. The Applicants have requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of pirimicarb on alfalfa to control aphids and lygus bugs. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

In 1981, the registration for pirimicarb was cancelled. According to the Applicants, in 1986 alfalfa seed growers started using fluvalinate, a synthetic pyrethroid, to control aphids and small lygus bugs. However, by 1990 fluvalinate was replaced by bifenthrin. In 1992, growers were noticing increased evidence of resistance toward bifenthrin. During this same year, lambda-cyhalothrin was registered for use on alfalfa seed; however, this pyrethroid has been reported to show little effectiveness against lygus bugs. Aphids are becoming an increasing problem due to resistance to various registered pyrethroid controls. The Applicants claim that since pirimicarb is now being supported by Zeneca Inc.,

its use could control lygus bugs and the aphid population below economic levels while retaining predators and parasites.

Under the proposed exemption, pirimicarb may be applied no more than three applications, not to exceed the rate of 3.0 ounces or 0.188 pound of active ingredient (6.0 ounces of product) per acre, applied in a minimum application spray volume of 5 gallons per acre by air or 10 gallons per acre by ground.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing use of a new chemical (i.e., an active ingredient not contained in any currently registered pesticide), [40 CFR 166.24 (a)(1)]. Pirimicarb is an unregistered chemical. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-181007] (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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resource 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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The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the

emergency exemptions requested by the Oregon, Idaho and Washington Departments of Agriculture.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

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[OPP-181009; FRL-5363-7]

Emergency Exemptions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has granted specific exemptions for the control of various pests to 11 States listed below. A crisis exemption was initiated by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and a quarantine exemption has been granted to the United States Department of Agriculture. These exemptions, issued during the months of November 1995, and January through February 1996 are subject to application and timing restrictions and reporting requirements designed to protect the environment to the maximum extent possible. Information on these restrictions is available from the contact persons in EPA listed below.

DATES: See each specific, crisis, and quarantine exemptions for its effective date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: See each emergency exemption for the name of the contact person. The following information applies to all contact persons: By mail: Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 6th Floor, CS 1B1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA (703-308-8417); e-mail: group.ermus@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has granted specific exemptions to the:

1. Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries for the use of norflurazon on bermudagrass to control annual weeds; February 1, 1996, to July 1, 1996. (Dave Deegan)
2. Arizona Department of Agriculture for the use of imidacloprid on cucurbits to control the whitefly; February 9, 1996, to February 9, 1997. (Andrea Beard)

3. Arizona Department of Agriculture for the use of cymoxanil on potatoes to control late blight; February 15, 1996, to April 15, 1996. (Libby Pemberton)

4. Arizona Department of Agriculture for the use of dimethomorph on potatoes to control late blight; February 15, 1996, to April 15, 1996. (Libby Pemberton)

5. California Department of Pesticide Regulation for the use of cymoxanil on potatoes to control late blight; February 15, 1996, to November 13, 1996. (Libby Pemberton)

6. California Department of Pesticide Regulation for the use of dimethomorph on potatoes to control late blight; February 15, 1996, to November 13, 1996. (Libby Pemberton)

7. California Department of Agriculture for the use of imidacloprid on cucurbits to control the whitefly; February 9, 1996, to February 9, 1997. (Andrea Beard)

8. California Department of Pesticide Regulation for the use of bifenthrin on broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, rapini and lettuce to control the silverleaf whitefly; January 26, 1996, to April 30, 1996. A notice published in the Federal Register of February 7, 1996 (61 FR 4659). Without the use of bifenthrin, the applicant claims that growers will suffer significant economic loss this growing season. (Margarita Collantes)

9. California Department of Pesticide Regulation for the use of cyromazine on onion seeds to control onion maggots; January 26, 1996, to May 31, 1996. (Dave Deegan)

10. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the use of cymoxanil on tomatoes to control late blight; February 6, 1996, to February 5, 1997. (Libby Pemberton)

11. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the use of mancozeb on mangoes to control anthracnose; February 14, 1996, to September 30, 1996. (Margarita Collantes)

12. Georgia Department of Agriculture for the use of norflurazon on bermudagrass to control annual weeds; February 1, 1996, to July 1, 1996. (Dave Deegan)

13. Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for the use of norflurazon on bermudagrass to control weeds; February 23, 1996, to April 15, 1996. (Dave Deegan)

14. Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the use of thiophanate-methyl on sunflower seeds to control sclerotinia head rot (white mold); February 21, 1996, to April 15, 1996. (Dave Deegan)

15. New Mexico Department of Agriculture for the use of propazine on