

The DOE is revising its certification plan to require recertification every year and add a wood treatment category. The present plan requires recertification every 3 years. Certification and recertification will continue to be by written examination. The current right-of-way category will remain in the revised plan. This revised plan has been submitted to EPA for approval. The DOE estimates that there will be 100 applicators certified in the new wood treatment category. There are presently approximately 150 applicators certified in the right-of-way category, whose certification will remain unaffected by this action. EPA finds that the revised DOE certification plan fully meets the requirements of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the regulations at 40 CFR part 171. Therefore, EPA announces its intention to approve the revised DOE certification plan. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on EPA's intention to approve the revised DOE certification plan.

II. Public Docket

The official record for this document, as well as the public version, has been established for this document under docket control number "OPP-42064B" (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 official record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

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List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: June 16, 1997.

Susan H. Wayland,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30407A; FRL-5724-8]

Ecogen Incorporation; Approval of Pesticide Product Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of applications to register the pesticide products Lepinox Bioinsecticide, Lepinox G Bioinsecticide, and Lepinox WDG Bioinsecticide, containing an active ingredient not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(5) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Rita Kumar, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. CS51B6, Westfield Building North Tower, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8291; e-mail: kumar.rita@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the Fact Sheet are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of April 17, 1996 (61 FR 16781; FRL-5362-2), which announced that Ecogen Inc., 2005 Cabot Blvd. West, P.O. Box 3023, Longhorne, PA 19047-3023, had submitted applications to register the pesticide products Crystar Technical, Crystar G, and Crystar WDG (EPA File Symbols 55638-GL, 55638-GA, and 55638-GT), containing the new active ingredient *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *kurstaki* strain EG 7826 lepidopteran active toxin at 50, 2, and 15 percent respectively, an active ingredient not included in any previously registered products.

The applications were approved on December 16, 1996, for the products listed below:

1. Lepinox Bioinsecticide (formerly Crystar Technical) for the manufacture of bioinsecticide end-use products; for application to vegetables and cole crops, herbs, spices, ornamentals, and other crops (EPA Registration Number 55638-35).

2. Lepinox G Bioinsecticide (formerly Crystar G) for the control of lepidopterous pests EPA Registration Number 55638-36).

3. Lepinox WDG Bioinsecticide (formerly Crystar WDG) for the control of lepidopterous pests (EPA Registration Number 55638-37).

The Agency has considered all required data on risks associated with the proposed use of *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *kurstaki* strain EG 7826 lepidopteran active toxin, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature of the chemical and its pattern of use, application methods and rates, and level and extent of potential exposure. Based on these reviews, the Agency was able to make basic health safety determinations which show that use of *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *kurstaki* strain EG 7826 lepidopteran active toxin when used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized practice, will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects to the environment.

More detailed information on these registrations is contained in an EPA Pesticide Fact Sheet on *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *kurstaki* strain EG 7826 lepidopteran active toxin.

A copy of these fact sheets, which provide a summary description of the pesticides, use patterns and formulations, science findings, and the Agency's regulatory position and rationale, may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

In accordance with section 3(c)(2) of FIFRA, a copy of the approved label, the list of data references, the data and other scientific information used to support registration, except for material specifically protected by section 10 of FIFRA, are available for public inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1132, CM #2, Arlington, VA 22202 (703-305-5805). Requests for data must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and must be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office (A-101), 401 M St., SW., Washington, D.C.

20460. Such requests should: (1) Identify the product name and registration number and (2) specify the data or information desired.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Product registration.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

Janet L. Andersen,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-745; FRL-5722-8]

Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-745, must be received on or before July 23, 1997.

ADDRESSES: By mail submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7506C), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

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). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI 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 address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Jim Tompkins, Product Manager (PM) 25, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 239, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, 703-305-5697, e-mail: miller.joanne@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received pesticide petitions as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that these petitions contain data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

The official record for this notice of filing, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice of filing under docket control number PF-745 (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 official record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

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List of Subjects

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

Dated: June 13, 1997.

James Jones,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Summaries of Petitions

Petitioner summaries of the pesticide petitions are printed below as required by section 408(d)(3) of the FFDCA. The summaries of the petitions were prepared by the petitioners and represent the views of the petitioners. EPA is publishing the petition summaries verbatim without editing them in any way. The petition summary announces the availability of a description of the analytical methods available to EPA for the detection and measurement of the pesticide chemical residues or an explanation of why no such method is needed.

Monsanto Company

PP 6F4620

EPA has received a pesticide petition (PP 6F4620) from the Monsanto Company, 700 14th St., NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005 pursuant to section 408(d) of FFDCA, as amended, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-170, 110 Stat. 1489) proposing to amend 40 CFR 180.479 by establishing tolerance for residues of the herbicide, halosulfuron-methyl: (methyl 5-[(4,6-dimethoxy-2-pyrimidinyl)amino] carbon-ylaminosulfonyl-3-chloro-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate), in or on the raw agricultural commodity sugarcane, cane at 0.05 ppm. EPA has determined that the petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

The proposed analytical method for determining residues is by gas chromatography with an electron-capture detection.

The following is a summary of the information submitted to EPA to support the establishment, under section 408(b)(2)(D) of the amended FFDCA, of a tolerance for halosulfuron-methyl in sugarcane. Halosulfuron-methyl is a selective herbicide for the control of annual broadleaf weeds and nutsedge in field corn, milo, turf,