

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-42008D; FRL-5789-6]

Idaho Certification Plan for Certification of Restricted Use Pesticide Applicators; Amendment Approval**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: On February 11, 1998, EPA announced its intention to approve an amendment to the Idaho plan for the certification of restricted use pesticide applicators and solicited comments. The amendment adds a category for the certification of 1080 Livestock Protection Collar (1080 LPC) applicators. The amended plan also requires recertification every 2 years rather than the current 5 years, establishes a chemigation category, and combines its various classes of commercial applicators under a new classification of professional applicator. EPA announces its approval of the Idaho certification plan amendment.

DATES: This amendment is effective July 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the amended Idaho Certification Plan and its comments are available for viewing at the following locations during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays:

1. John R. MacDonald, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Rm. 1121, Arlington, VA, telephone: (703) 305-7370, e-mail: macdonald.john@epamail.epa.gov.

2. Allan Welch, Environmental Protection Agency, Region X, 1200 Sixth Ave., Eighth Floor, Seattle, WA, telephone: (206) 553-1980, e-mail: welch.allan@epamail.epa.gov.

3. Beth Williams, Idaho Department of Agriculture, Division of Agricultural Resources, P.O. Box 7723, 2270 Old Penitentiary Rd., Boise, ID, telephone: (208) 332-8605, e-mail: bwilliams@agri.state.id.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail, Allan Welch, Environmental Protection Agency, Region X, 1200 Sixth Ave., Eighth Floor, Seattle, WA 98101, telephone: (206) 553-1980, e-mail: welch.allan@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

In the **Federal Register** of February 11, 1977 (42 FR 8692), a notice was published announcing the final

approval of the Idaho plan for the certification of restricted use pesticide applicators. On February 11, 1998 (63 FR 6929) (FRL-5754-3), EPA announced its intention to approve an amendment to the Idaho plan and solicited comments. The Idaho amendment establishes a new category for the certification of 1080 LPC applicators. Idaho proposes to certify approximately 25 employees of the United States Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services. Wildlife Services is one of the registrants of the 1080 LPC and will supply the 1080 LPC to their employees certified under this plan. Wildlife Services employees certified under this plan will only be applying 1080 LPCs in performance of their official duties. There is no provision for supervision of non-certified applicators of 1080 LPCs. Only applicators certified in 1080 LPC use will be permitted to apply the product. The amended plan will combine the license of a commercial applicator, a commercial operator, a limited applicator, and a consultant into a single license of professional applicator. The Idaho Certification Plan will under this amendment have only private and professional applicators. Chemigation will become a category under both the private- and -professional applicator license. Previously chemigation required a separate license. The recertification period is reduced to 2 years from the previous 5-year period. The training required for recertification eligibility also is reduced. This results in more frequent training with the average yearly training burden remaining relatively unchanged.

II. Discussion of Comments

Mr. Michael A. Guerry, President of the Idaho Wool Growers Association; Mr. Mark Collinge, State Director of Idaho Wildlife Services, United States Department of Agriculture; Ms. Judy Woodie, President of the Idaho Cattle Association; and Mr. Laird Noh of Noh Sheep Company were the four persons submitting comments on the amendment. All commenters confined their remarks to the predator control aspects of the amendment. All commenters expressed the opinion that 1080 LPCs were a valuable tool and supported the predator control provisions of the amendment. Mr. Collinge submitted attachments to his comments that addressed past studies and proposed future uses of predator-control measures. Some of Mr. Collinge's comments and attachments addressed programs and definitions of registration requirements that are related but not specific to this action.

EPA will continue to work with Mr. Collinge and other concerned parties to clarify these questions. Comments are available for review at the addresses listed in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

EPA approves the amendment to the Idaho plan for the certification of pesticide applicators.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: June 8, 1998.

Charles Findley,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region X.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34126; FRL-5796-3]

Bacillus thuringiensis; Availability of Reregistration Eligibility Document for Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the availability of the Reregistration Eligibility Document (RED) for the active ingredient *Bacillus thuringiensis*, and the start of a 60-day public comment period. The RED for *Bacillus thuringiensis* is the Agency's formal regulatory assessment of the health and environmental data base of the subject chemical, and presents the Agency's determination regarding which pesticidal uses of *Bacillus thuringiensis* are eligible for reregistration.

DATES: Written comments on the RED must be submitted by August 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of comments identified with the docket number [OPP-34126] should be submitted to: By mail: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Room 119, CM2 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "Public Record." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment in response to 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 for in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket without prior notice. The public docket and docket index will be available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

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. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format.

All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number [OPP-34126]. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

To request a copy of the above RED, or a RED Fact Sheet, contact the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, in Rm. 119 at the address given above or call (703) 305-5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical questions on the RED should be directed to the Biopesticide Review Manager, William R. Schneider, PM 90, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 9th floor CM2 2100 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; (703)-308-8683, e-mail: schneider.william@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agency has issued Reregistration Eligibility Documents (RED) for the pesticidal active ingredient: *Bacillus thuringiensis*. Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended in 1988, EPA is conducting an accelerated reregistration program to reevaluate existing pesticides to make sure they meet current scientific and regulatory standards. The data base to support the reregistration of the chemical *Bacillus thuringiensis* is substantially complete. EPA has determined that all currently registered products containing *Bacillus thuringiensis* as an active ingredient are eligible for reregistration.

All registrants of products containing *Bacillus thuringiensis* have been sent the appropriate RED and must respond to the labeling requirements and the

product specific data requirements (if applicable) within 8 months of receipt. These products will not be reregistered until adequate product specific data have been submitted and all necessary product label changes are implemented.

The reregistration program is being conducted under congressionally mandated time frames, and EPA recognizes both the need to make timely reregistration decisions and to involve the public. Therefore, EPA is issuing the RED as a final document with a 60-day comment period. Although the 60-day public comment period does not affect the registrant's response due date, it is intended to provide an opportunity for public input and a mechanism for initiating any necessary amendments to the RED. All comments will be carefully considered by the Agency and if any of those comments impact on the RED, EPA will issue an amendment to the RED and publish a **Federal Register** notice announcing its availability.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: June 12, 1998.

Janet L. Andersen,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-36192; FRL-5792-3]

Inert Ingredients No Longer Used in Pesticide Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is removing certain chemicals from its list of pesticide product inert ingredients that are not currently used in pesticide products. Future use of these chemicals as inert ingredients in pesticide products will not be permitted unless a petitioner or registrant satisfies all data requirements as identified by the Agency, and the Agency is able to make a determination that the use of the inert ingredient will not pose unreasonable risk to human health or the environment. All tolerances or exemptions from the requirement of a tolerance for the use of these chemicals as inert ingredients in food-use pesticide formulations will be proposed for revocation at a later date in a separate **Federal Register** Notice.

DATES: This notice is effective on June 24, 1998. This notice is subject to revision if comments are received and revision is warranted. Comments must be received on or before August 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: 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. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit VII of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) 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 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 will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 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: By mail: Treva Alston, Minor Use, Inerts, and Emergency Response Branch (MUIERB), Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone, and e-mail address: 2800 Crystal Drive, North Tower, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8373, e-mail: alston.treva@epamail.epa.gov. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces those List 1, List 2 and List 3 inert ingredients that are no longer used in pesticide products.

I. Background

On April 22, 1987, EPA announced certain policies designed to reduce the potential for adverse effects from the use of pesticide products containing toxic inert ingredients (52 FR 13305). In developing the policy, the Agency reviewed the available data on chemicals used as inert ingredients, and concluded that some inert ingredients had potentially significant long-term health and environmental hazards