

modify, or revoke a tolerance, the Agency consider "available information" concerning the cumulative effects of a particular pesticide's residues and "other substances that have a common mechanism of toxicity." Azoxystrobin is related to the naturally occurring strobilurins. Syngenta concluded that further consideration of a common mechanism of toxicity is not appropriate at this time since there are no data to establish whether a common mechanism exists with any other substances.

E. Safety Determination

1. *Infants and Children.* The chronic dietary exposure (food only) resulting from all established and proposed azoxystrobin uses was 27.6% of the reference dose (RfD) for the most sensitive subpopulation, children 1 and 2 years old. Additionally, for this same subpopulation, the acute dietary exposure (food only) resulting from all established and proposed azoxystrobin uses was 22.3% of the acute reference dose (aRfD). The EPA has determined that there is reliable data support using the standard MOE and uncertainty factor (100X for chronic and 300X for acute) for azoxystrobin and that an additional safety factor of 10 is not necessary to be protective of infants and children.

Syngenta has considered the potential aggregate exposure from food, water and non-occupational exposure routes and concludes that aggregate exposure is not expected to exceed 100% of the chronic reference dose and that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result to infants and children from the aggregate exposure to azoxystrobin.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0053; FRL-7294-6]

Quinoxifen; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption; Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received specific exemption requests from the Idaho Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Department of Agriculture, and the Washington State Department of Agriculture to use the pesticide quinoxifen (CAS No. 124495-18-7) to treat up to a total of 19,500 acres of hops to control powdery mildew; 3,000 acres

in Idaho, 3,500 acres in Oregon, and 13,000 acres in Washington. The Applicants propose the use of a new chemical which has not been registered by EPA. EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemptions. **DATES:** Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2003-0053, must be received on or before April 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

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