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iii. *Disk or CD ROM.* You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit I.C.2. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By mail.* Send your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001, Attention: Docket ID number OPP-2003-0097.

3. *By hand delivery or courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, Attention: Docket ID number OPP-2003-0097. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation as identified in Unit I.B.1.

D. How Should I Submit CBI to the Agency?

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be

included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA has received a pesticide petition as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical 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 this 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 petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

List of Subjects

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

Dated: March 24, 2003.

Debra Edwards,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Summary of Petition

The petitioner's summary of the pesticide petitions is printed below as required by FFDCA section 408(d)(3). The summary of the petitions was

prepared by Interregional Research Project 4 (IR-4) and represents the view of the petitioners. 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.

Interregional Research Project 4 (IR-4) Syngenta Crop Protection Inc.

PP 2E6505, 2E6363, 2E6508, 3E6524, 1E6349, 9F5051 and 0F6142

This notice is a summary of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment/amendment of a regulation for residues of thiamethoxam and its metabolite in or on coffee (imported), pecans, leafy vegetable crop group, head and stem brassica subgroup, leafy brassica subgroup, succulent beans, stone fruit crop group, sunflower seed, peppermint tops and spearmint tops. This summary was prepared by the petitioners.

EPA has received seven pesticide petitions; four from Interregional Research Project 4 (IR-4), 681 U.S. Highway #1 South, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-3390, PP 2E6505, 2E6363, 2E6508 and 3E6524 and three from Syngenta Crop Protection Inc., P.O. Box 18300, Greensboro, NC 27419-8300, PP 0F6142, 1E6349, and 9F5051 proposing, pursuant to section 408(d) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR 180.565 by establishing a tolerance for residues of the insecticide thiamethoxam [3-(chloro-5-thiazolyl)methyl]tetrahydro-5-methyl-N-nitro-4H-1,3,5-oxadiazin-4-imine] (CAS Reg. No. 153719-23-4) and its metabolite N-(2-chloro-thiazol-5-ylmethyl)-N'-methyl-N'-nitro-guanidine) in or on the agricultural commodities:

A. IR-4 Petitions

1. PP 2E6505 proposes to establish tolerances for stone fruits, group 12 at 0.5 ppm.

2. PP 2E6363 proposes to establish tolerances for peppermint and spearmint, tops at 4.0 ppm.

3. PP 2E6508 proposes to establish tolerances for beans, succulent at 0.02 ppm.

4. PP 3E6524 proposes to establish tolerances for sunflower, seed at 0.02 ppm.

B. Syngenta Petitions

5. PP 0F6142 proposes to establish tolerances for pecans at 0.02 ppm.

6. PP 9F5051 proposes to establish tolerances for: