

of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001, Attention: Docket ID number OPP-2003-0102.

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-2003-0102. 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?

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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 25, 2003.

Debra Edwards,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Summary of Petitions

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 the petitioner and represents the views of the petitioner. 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. The Interregional Research Project Number 4 (IR-4) prepared and submitted the pesticide petitions to EPA on behalf of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., the registrant.

Interregional Research Project Number 4

PP 2E6486, 2E6462, 3E6526, and 2E6448

EPA has received pesticide petitions 2E6486, 2E6462, 3E6526, and 2E6448, from the IR-4 Project, Center for Minor Crop Pest Management, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 681 U.S.

Highway #1 South, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-3390 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 180.516 by establishing tolerances for residues of fludioxonil, 4-(2,2-difluoro-1,3-benzodioxol-4-yl)-H-pyrrole-3-carbonitrile, in or on the following raw agricultural commodities:

1. *PP 2E6486* proposes tolerances as follows:

- Brassica, head and stem subgroup 5a at 1.5 parts per million (ppm).
- Brassica, leafy greens subgroup 5b at 9.0 ppm.

• Turnip, greens at 9.0 ppm.

2. *PP 2E6462* proposes a tolerance for carrot at 0.5 ppm.

3. *PP 3E6526* proposes a tolerance for herb subgroup 19a at 33.0 ppm.

4. *PP 2E6448* proposes a tolerance for the following:

- Longan at 2.0 ppm.
- Lychee at 2.0 ppm.
- Pulasan at 2.0 ppm.
- Rambutan at 2.0 ppm.
- Spanish lime at 2.0 ppm.

Pending *PP 3E6526* proposes a tolerance for herb subgroup 19a at 33.0 ppm. A tolerance currently exist for fludioxonil on herbs and spices at 0.02 ppm (40 CFR 180.516). This notice proposes amending 40 CFR 180.516 as follows:

1. Delete existing herbs and spices tolerance of 0.02 ppm and establish a separate herb subgroup 19a tolerance at 33.0 ppm.

2. Establish a separate spice subgroup 19b tolerance at 0.02 ppm.

As the result of this proposed amendment, the pending herb subgroup 19a tolerance at 33.0 ppm precludes the need for the existing herbs tolerance of 0.02 ppm. Moreover, the existing spices tolerance of 0.02 ppm is changed to spice subgroup 19b at 0.02 ppm.

Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petitions. Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., Greensboro, NC 27409 is the manufacturer of the chemical pesticide, fludioxinil. Syngenta prepared and submitted the following summary of information, data, and arguments in support of the pesticide petitions. This summary does not necessarily reflect the findings of EPA.

A. Residue Chemistry

1. *Plant metabolism.* The metabolism of fludioxonil is adequately understood for the purpose of the proposed tolerances.

2. *Analytical method.* Syngenta has developed and validated analytical methodology for enforcement purposes. This method (Syngenta Crop Protection