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II. Background

A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) has developed a commodity vocabulary data base entitled *Food and Feed Commodity Vocabulary*. The data base was developed to consolidate all the major OPP commodity vocabularies into one standardized vocabulary. As a result, all future pesticide tolerances issued under 40 CFR part 180 will use the "preferred commodity term" as listed in the aforementioned data base. This is the third in a series of documents revising the terminology of commodity terms listed under 40 CFR part 180. Final rules, revising pesticide tolerance nomenclature, were published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 2002 (67 FR 41802) (FRL-6835-2) and June 21, 2002 (67 FR 42392) (FRL-7180-1). This revision process will establish a uniform presentation of existing commodity terms under 40 CFR part 180. In this rule, EPA is making the following format changes to terminology of the commodity terms in 40 CFR part 180 to the extent the terminology is not already in this format:

1. The first letter of the commodity term is capitalized. All other letters, including the first letter of proper names, are changed to lower case.

2. Commodity terms are listed in the singular although there are the following exceptions: "leaves", "roots", "tops", "greens", "hulls", "vines", "fractions", "shoots", and "byproducts".

3. Commodity terms are amended so that generic terms, such as "corn" and "pea", precede modifying terms, such as "field", "dry" and "summer".

4. Abbreviated terms are replaced with the appropriate commodity terms. Examples - "K=CWHR" is replaced with "kernel plus cob with husks removed" and "POST-H" is replaced with "postharvest".

5. Parenthesis are replaced with commas. Example - "Cherry (sweet),

postharvest" is replaced with "Cherry, sweet, postharvest".

6. Crop group terms are revised to standardize with the "Food and Feed Vocabulary". Examples -

i. "Legume vegetables (succulent or dried) group", "Legume vegetable group (dry and succulent), and "Legume vegetables" are replaced with "Vegetable, legume, group 6".

ii. "Fruit, stone (cherry, peach, plum, prune) group" is replaced with "Fruit, stone, group 12".

iii. "Grass forage, fodder and hay" and "Grass, forage, fodder, and hay" are replaced with "Grass, forage, fodder and hay group 17".

iv. "Herbs and spices" is replaced with "Herb and spice group 19".

In addition to format changes to the commodity terms, this document also includes many revisions to the commodity terms. These revisions replace certain commodity terms that are no longer used by EPA with the appropriate matching term in the "Food and Feed Vocabulary". For example, "Clover, green" is replaced with "Clover, forage", "Peanut vines" is replaced with "Peanut, hay", "Swine, meat" is replaced with "Hog, meat", and "Bushnuts" is replaced with "Nut, macadamia".

This document also proposes the deletion of certain terms that are not needed to identify the tolerance commodities. Examples -

i. The term "preharvest" ("pre-H" or "(PRE-H)") is not needed since tolerances and exemptions established under part 180 apply to residues from only preharvest application, unless otherwise specified, in accordance with 40 CFR 180.1(i).

ii. The term "preslaughter" ("(PRE-S)" or "(PRE-S appli)") is not needed since tolerances and exemptions established under part 180 apply to residues from preslaughter application to livestock, unless otherwise specified.

iii. The terms "nutmeat" and "nutmeats" when used in association with the tree nut crops or peanut are not needed. For tree nut crops, nutmeat and almond hulls are the only edible portions of the crop consumed. Therefore, OPP's Food and Feed Vocabulary uses the commodity terms "Almond", "Pecan", "Walnut", etc. for the tree nuts and the commodity term "Peanut" is used in place of "Peanut, nutmeat". Since almond hulls are fed to livestock, tolerances may be established for "Almond, hulls".

III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

This document proposes technical amendments to the Code of Federal