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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has supported the use of the benchmark dose (BMD) approach over the NOAEL/LOAEL approach for deriving reference doses for use in the risk assessment process. The software that is currently available at the EPA BMDS Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/ncea/bmds.htm>) does not allow for the modeling of data that are longitudinal in nature (e.g., sequential measurements of effects). With this in mind, the EPA has supported the development of this time-dependent modeling software and guidance for a particular application, the derivation of benchmark dose (BMD) and its lower confidence limit (BMDL) for data generated from the battery of neurotoxicity screening tests under guidance developed by EPA NHEERL.

Copies of the draft technical guidance document and the software will be available to the public at the registration Web site. Interested parties are invited to assist the EPA in further developing and refining this document at this peer-review workshop.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations for Products Containing Tributyltin Methacrylate, and to Amend Certain Pesticide Registrations Containing Bis(tributyltin) Oxide to Terminate a Use

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of requests by registrants to voluntarily cancel certain pesticide registrations and to amend certain pesticide registrations to terminate a use. Atofina Chemicals, Inc. and Crompton Corporation have

requested that the registrations for all their tributyltin products registered for use in formulating antifouling paints or which are themselves antifouling paints be canceled, or if the products are registered for use in formulating other pesticides in addition to antifouling paints, that those registrations be amended to terminate the antifoulant use. Both registrants have requested that the voluntary cancellations and use terminations become effective as of November 30, 2003. Both companies have requested that they be permitted to sell affected products without change to the labels until that date and no later; no separate existing stocks provisions are necessary since the Agency intends to allow them to sell the affected products only until the effective date as requested. Both companies have waived the 180-day comment period typically allowed after a request for voluntary cancellation, and both companies have stated that their requests are irrevocable.

DATES: Unless the Agency receives substantive comments within the 30-day comment period that would merit further review of the requests, the Agency intends to issue orders granting these requests to cancel certain products, and to amend to terminate certain uses. Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2003-0291, must be received on or before January 5, 2004.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Bloom, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8019; e-mail address: bloom.jill@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to persons who produce or use pesticides, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. **Docket.** EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0291. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

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