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II. Request to Amend Registrations

A. Background Information

The Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for EPTC was completed in December 1999. At that time, EPA requested that Syngenta (formerly Zeneca Ag Products) submit field trial data for citrus. On March 21, 2000, Syngenta submitted a written request to EPA seeking to amend the registrations for EPTC, specifically requesting that EPA amend registrations to terminate the use of EPTC on citrus. On August 27, 2000, the registrant further submitted labeling amendments deleting citrus from each label on which

it appears. In addition, on February 15, 2002, Drexel Chemical Company requested a voluntary cancellation of citrus for its End-Use products containing EPTC.

B. Requests for Voluntary Cancellation

Under section 6(f)(1)(A) of FIFRA, registrants may request, at any time, that their pesticide registrations be canceled or amended to terminate one or more pesticide uses. Section 6(f)(1)(B) of FIFRA requires that before acting on a request for voluntary cancellation, EPA must provide a 30-day public comment period on the request for voluntary cancellation. In addition, section 6(f)(1)(C) of FIFRA requires that EPA provide a 180-day comment period on a request for voluntary termination of

any minor agricultural use before granting the request, unless (1) the registrants request a waiver of the comment period, or (2) the Administrator determines that continued use of the pesticide would pose an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment. The registrants have requested that EPA waive the 180-day comment period. EPA is granting the registrants' request to waive the 180-day comment period. Therefore, EPA will provide a 30-day comment period on the proposed requests. EPA anticipates granting the cancellation request shortly after the end of the 30-day comment period for this notice. The registrations that will be affected by the deletion of citrus are listed in the following Table 1.

TABLE 1.—END-USE PRODUCT REGISTRATION AMENDMENT REQUEST

| Company | Reg. No | Product Use |
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| Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. | 100-1023 | EPTAM Technical. |
| Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. | 100-1025 | EPTAM 7-E Selective Herbicide. |
| Drexel Chemical Company. | 19713-101 | Drexel EPTC-7EC. |

III. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be canceled. FIFRA section 6(f)(1) further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register**, make reasonable efforts to inform persons who rely on the pesticide for minor agricultural uses, and provide a 30-day period in which the public may comment. Thereafter, the Administrator may approve such a request.

IV. Procedures for Withdrawal of Request

Registrants who choose to withdraw a request for deletion of use must submit such withdrawal in writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, postmarked before March 31, 2003. This written withdrawal of the request for deletion of use will apply only to the applicable FIFRA section 6(f)(1) request listed in this notice. If the use(s) have been subject to a previous cancellation action, the effective date of cancellation and all other provisions of any earlier cancellation action are controlling. The withdrawal request must also include a commitment to pay any reregistration fees due, and to fulfill any applicable unsatisfied data requirements.

V. Provisions for Disposition of Existing Stocks

The registrants have submitted amendments to amend registrations to delete uses of EPTC identified in Table 1. Pursuant to section 6(f) of FIFRA, EPA expects to grant these requests for amendment upon the close of the comment period. The effective date of this amendment will be the date of the cancellation order. The orders effecting this requested amendment will generally permit a registrant to sell or distribute existing stocks for 1 year after the date the amendment request was received. This policy is in accordance with the Agency's statement of policy as prescribed in the **Federal Register** of June 26, 1991 (56 FR 29362) (FRL-3846-4). Exceptions to this general rule will be made if a product poses a risk concern, or is in noncompliance with reregistration requirements, or is subject to a Data Call-In. In all cases, product-specific disposition dates will be given in the cancellation orders.

VI. Future Tolerance Revocations

EPA anticipates drafting a future **Federal Register** notice proposing revocation of this tolerance on commodities which no longer have registered uses of EPTC. In this notice, EPA seeks comment as to whether any individuals or groups want to support continuation of these tolerances.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Intent to Suspend Certain Pesticide Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of issuance of notice of intent to suspend.

SUMMARY: This Notice, pursuant to section 6(f)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*, announces that EPA issued a Notice of Intent to Suspend pursuant to section 3(c)(2)(B) of FIFRA and that the Notice of Intent to Suspend has since become an effective suspension order. The Notice of Intent to Suspend was issued following issuance of the 1991 Thiram Data Call-In Notice (DCI). The DCI required registrants of products containing thiram used as an active ingredient to