

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00464A; FRL-5790-9]

Second Annual Antimicrobials National Workshop

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Antimicrobials Division of the U.S. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs is hosting the Second Annual National Antimicrobials Workshop on June 15 and 16, 1998, at the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel. The theme for this year's workshop is "Building Bridges and Maintaining Open Communications."

DATES: The Workshop will take place on June 15 and 16, 1998, starting at 8:30 a.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The Workshop will be held at the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel, 999 Ninth St., NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cleo Pizana, Antimicrobials Division, (7510W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-6431; e-mail: pizana.cleo@epa.gov.

Registration information may be obtained by contacting: By mail, Deborah Jones, TASCOS, Inc., 1803 Research Blvd., Suite 3305, Rockville, MD 20850; telephone number: (301) 315-9000; fax: (301) 738-9786; e-mail: djones@tascon.com. Direct registration is available by accessing the Internet address: <http://ace.orst.edu/info/nain/antimicrobial.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA would like to make this an opportunity for building partnerships, learning other perspectives, and generating ideas on the best ways to protect the public health and the environment while addressing difficult issues by bringing representatives of Federal agencies, registrants, regions, States, and public health/environmental organizations together. The workshop covers a wide range of topics from treated articles, to clarification of roles in jurisdiction and in preventing food-borne illness, to discussions on 40 CFR parts 152, 156, and 158 regulations.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Antimicrobials, Treated articles, Disinfectants efficacy, International harmonization, Agency jurisdictions in preventing food borne illness.

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[OPP-30409B; FRL-5791-3]

Bayer Corp.; Approval of Pesticide Product Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of applications submitted by Bayer Corporation to conditionally register the pesticide products FOE 5043 Technical Herbicide, FOE 5043 DF Herbicide, and Axiom DF Herbicide containing a new active ingredient not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(7)(C) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: James Tompkins, Product Manager (PM) 25, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 257, CM #2, Environmental Protection Agency, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202, 703-305-7391; e-mail: tompkins.james@epamail.epa.gov. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** **Electronic Availability:** Electronic copies of this document and the Fact Sheet are available from the EPA home page at the **Federal Register** Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA issued a notice, published the **Federal Register** of May 1, 1996 (61 FR 19279)(FRL-5365-5), which announced that Bayer Corporation, 8400 Hawthorn Road, P.O. Box 4913, Kansas City MO 64120-0013, had submitted applications to conditionally register the herbicide products FOE 5043 Technical Herbicide, FOE 5043 DF Herbicide, and Axiom DF (EPA File Symbols 3125-UIA, 3125-UIT, and 3125-UII) containing the active ingredient *N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-(1-methylethyl)-2-[[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]oxy]acetamide at 95, 60, and 54.4 percent respectively. The product Axiom DF also contains 13.6% of the active ingredient metribuzin 1-amino-6-

(1,1-dimethylethyl)-3-(methylthio)-1,2,4-triazin-5(4*H*)-one, an active ingredient in currently registered pesticide products.

The applications were approved on April 8, 1998, for one Technical and two end-use products listed below:

1. FOE 5043 Technical Herbicide for use only in the manufacturing of herbicides (EPA Registration Number 3125-486).
2. FOE 5043 DF Herbicide for control of certain grass and broadleaf weeds in corn and soybeans (EPA File Registration Number 3125-487).
3. Axiom DF Herbicide for control of certain grass and broadleaf weeds in corn and soybeans (EPA Registration Number 3125-488).

A conditional registration may be granted under section 3(c)(7)(C) of FIFRA for a new active ingredient where certain data are lacking, on condition that such data are received by the end of the conditional registration period and do not meet or exceed the risk criteria set forth in 40 CFR 154.7; that use of the pesticide during the conditional registration period will not cause unreasonable adverse effects; and that use of the pesticide is in the public interest. The Agency has considered the available data on the risks associated with the proposed use of *N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-(1-methylethyl)-2-[[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]oxy]acetamide, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from such use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature and its pattern of use, application methods and rates, and level and extent of potential exposure. Based on these reviews, the Agency was able to make basic health and safety determinations which show that use of *N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-(1-methylethyl)-2-[[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]oxy]acetamide during the period of conditional registration will not cause any unreasonable adverse effect on the environment, and that use of the pesticide is, in the public interest.

Consistent with section 3(c)(7)(C), the Agency has determined that these conditional registrations are in the public interest. Use of the pesticides are of significance to the user community, and appropriate labeling, use directions, and other measures have been taken to ensure that use of the pesticides will not result in unreasonable adverse effects to man and the environment.

More detailed information on these conditional registrations is contained in an EPA Pesticide Fact Sheet on *N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-(1-methylethyl)-2-[[5-