

available scientific data and other relevant information in support of this action. Based on the information and data considered, the Agency has determined that, in amending 40 CFR part 180 as proposed, there is reasonable certainty that no harm to the general population including infants and children will result from aggregate exposure to the pesticide chemical residue.

III. Comments

Under FFDCA section 408(e)(2), EPA must provide for a public comment period before issuing a final tolerance or tolerance exemption under section 408(e)(1). The public comment period is to be for 60 days unless the Administrator for good cause finds that it is in the public interest to reduce that comment period.

IV. Public Docket and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this rulemaking, as well as the public version, has been established for this rulemaking under docket control number [OPP-300618] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located at the Virginia address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number [OPP-300618]. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

V. Regulatory Assessment Requirements

This action proposes an exemption from the tolerance requirement under FFDCA section 408(e). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has exempted these types of actions from review under Executive Order 12866, entitled Regulatory Planning and Review (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993). In addition, this proposed rule does not

contain any information collections subject to OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., or impose any enforceable duty or contain any unfunded mandate as described under Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) (Pub. L. 104-4). Nor does it require any prior consultation as specified by Executive Order 12875, entitled Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership (58 FR 58093, October 28, 1993), or special considerations as required by Executive Order 12898, entitled Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994), or require special OMB review in accordance with Executive Order 13045, entitled Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997).

In addition, under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Agency previously assessed whether establishing tolerances, exemptions from tolerances, raising tolerance levels or expanding exemptions might adversely impact small entities and concluded, as a generic matter, that there is no adverse economic impact. The factual basis for the Agency's generic certification for tolerance actions was published on May 4, 1981 (46 FR 24950), and was provided to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

VI. Submission to Congress and the General Accounting Office

Under 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A), as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, the Agency has submitted a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the General Accounting Office prior to publication of this rule in today's **Federal Register**. This is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and record keeping requirements.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Janet L. Andersen,

Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, it is proposed that 40 CFR chapter I be amended as follows:

PART 180—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a and 371.

2. Section 180.1193 is added to subpart D to read as follows:

§ 180.1193 Potassium dihydrogen phosphate; exemption from the requirement of a tolerance.

Potassium dihydrogen phosphate is exempted from the requirement of a tolerance in or on all food commodities when applied as a fungicide in accordance with good agricultural practices.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-18, RM-9204]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Macon and Hampton, GA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by U.S. Broadcasting Limited Partnership seeking the reallocation of Channel 300C1 from Macon to Hampton, GA, as the community's first local aural service, and the modification of its license for Station WPEZ to specify Hampton as the station's community of license. Channel 300C1 can be allotted to Hampton in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 20.4 kilometers (12.7 miles) southwest of the community, at coordinates 33-15-30 North Latitude and 84-26-21 West Longitude, to accommodate petitioner's desired transmitter site.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 13, 1998, and reply comments on or before April 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the

FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Irving Gastfreund, Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, LLP, The McPherson Building, 901 Fifteenth Street, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005-2327 (Counsel to Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 98-18, adopted February 11, 1998, and released February 20, 1998. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-19; RM-9219]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Smith Mills, KY

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Henry

G. Lackey proposing the allotment of Channel 233A at Smith Mills, Kentucky, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 233A can be allotted to Smith Mills in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 14.2 kilometers (8.9 miles) west to avoid a short-spacing to the licensed site of Station WTRI-FM, Channel 235B, Mount Carmel, Illinois. The coordinates for Channel 233A at Smith Mills are North Latitude 37-47-26 and West Longitude 87-55-23.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 13, 1998, and reply comments on or before April 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, his counsel, or consultant, as follows: Patricia M. Chuh, Pepper & Corazzini, L.L.P., 1176 K Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006 (Counsel for Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 98-19, adopted February 11, 1998, and released February 20, 1998. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

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For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA-97-3242; Notice 3]

RIN 2127-AF67

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Seat Belt Assemblies; Child Restraint Systems

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Denial of petitions for reconsideration.

SUMMARY: This document denies three petitions for reconsideration of NHTSA's May 1996 final rule rescinding the colorfastness requirements for seat belt assemblies. The petitions are denied because the petitioners, the Automotive Occupant Restraints Council (AORC), Russell J. Neff and Narricot Industries (NI), have, with one exception, not raised any new issues or presented any new information that was not considered in issuing the final rule.

AORC and NI both raised a new issue, i.e., the potential for toxicity in non-colorfast dyes. However, neither petitioner submitted any information supporting their allegations that non-colorfast dyes might be toxic. NHTSA observes that regardless of colorfastness, there has never been a toxicity requirement incorporated in Standard No. 209. In the absence of any evidence that non-colorfast dyes for webbing are toxic or that such dyes would be more likely to be used if the colorfastness requirement is not reinstated, the agency is denying the petition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The following persons at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590:

For non-legal issues:

Clarke Harper, Office of Vehicle Safety Standards, NPS-11, telephone (202) 366-4916, facsimile (202) 366-4329, electronic mail "charper@nhtsa.dot.gov".

For legal issues:

Otto Matheke, Office of the Chief Counsel, NCC-20, telephone (202)