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, TASCON, 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.

Dated: May 14, 1998.

Frank Sanders,

Director, Antimicrobials Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[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-

(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]oxy]acetamide.

A paper copy of this fact sheet, which provides a summary description of the chemical, use patterns and formulations, science findings, and the Agency's regulatory position and rationale, may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

In accordance with section 3(c)(2) of FIFRA, a copy of the approved label, the list of data references, the data and other scientific information used to support registration, except for material specifically protected by section 10 of FIFRA, are available for public inspection in the Public Information and Records Intregrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, Arlington, VA 22202 (703–305–5805). Requests for data must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and must be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office (A-101), 401 M St., SW., Washington, D.C. 20460. Such requests should: (1) Identify the product name and registration number and (2) specify the data or information desired.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Product registration.

Dated: May 13, 1998.

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF–806; FRL–5791–2]

Monsanto Company; Pesticide Tolerance Petitions Filing

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number PF–806, must be received on or before June 29, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail submit written comments to: Information and Records Integrity Branch, Public Information and Services Divison (7502C), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under ''SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.'' No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as ''Confidential Business Information'' (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James A. Tompkins, Registration Support Branch, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 239, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 305–5697; e-mail: tompkins.james@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received a pesticide petition as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Comestic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that this petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

The official record for this notice of filing, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice of filing under docket control number [PF–806] (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 record is located at the 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 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number (insert docket number) and appropriate petition number. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Food additives, Feed additives, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: May 14, 1998.

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Summaries of Petitions

Petitioner summaries of the pesticide petitions are printed below as required by section 408(d)(3) of the FFDCA. The summaries of the petitions were prepared by the petitioners and represent the views of the petitioners. EPA is publishing the petition summaries verbatim without editing them in any way. The petition summary announces the availability of a description of the analytical methods available to EPA for the detection and measurement of the pesticide chemical residues or an explanation of why no such method is needed.

1. Monsanto Company

PP 8F4937

EPA has received a pesticide petition (PP 8F4937) from Monsanto Company, 700 14th St., NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005. proposing pursuant to section 408(d) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR part 180 by establishing a tolerance for residues of