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EPA is printing a summary of a pesticide petition received under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a, proposing the establishment or amendment of regulations in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities. EPA has determined that this pesticide petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in FFDCA section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data support granting of the pesticide petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on this pesticide petition.

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New Tolerance

PP 6E7027. Interregional Project Number 4, 681 Highway 1 South, North Brunswick, NJ 08902–3390, proposes to establish tolerances for residues of the herbicide desmedipham (ethyl-m-hydroxycarbanilate carbanilate) in or on beets, garden, tops at 1.0 parts per million (ppm); beets, garden, roots at 0.05 ppm; and spinach at 6.0 ppm. Analytical methods have been developed and validated for the determination of desmedipham in or on sugar beet. The method employed is the same as Method I in Pesticide Analytical Manual (PAM) Vol. II. Desmedipham is treated with alkali and the hydrolysate is steam distilled, extracted and brominated in aqueous acid. The resulting brominated compound is analyzed by gas chromatography equipped with an electron capture detector (GC-ECD). The method limit of quantitation is 0.1 ppm. In addition, compound specific methods that extracted desmedipham from sugar beets, cleaned–up with florisil and C18 cartridge, and quantified by HPLC-UV detector have also been developed and validated. Recently, compound specific methods that extracted and quantified desmedipham from sugar beets with LC-MS/MS detector have been developed and validated. The method (LC-MS/MS) limit of quantitation is 0.05 ppm. Therefore, adequate analytical methodology is available for enforcement purpose and it allows detection of residues at or above the proposed tolerances. Enforcement analytical methods for residues in animal commodities are not needed because tolerances for animal commodities are not required. This notice includes a summary of the petition prepared by Bayer CropScience, P.O. Box 12014, 2 T. W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

List of Subjects

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

Dated: April 11, 2006.

Donald R. Stubbs,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0167; FRL–8056–4]

Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions for Establishment of Regulations for the Residues of Quinoxyfen in or on Various Food Commodities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for the residues of quinoxyfen (5,7-dichloro-4-(4-fluorophenoxy)quinoline in or on head/

leaf lettuce, melon (Subgroup 9A), bell/non-bell peppers, eggplant, and strawberry.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 22, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0167 and pesticide petition numbers (PP) 3E6755, 5E5959 and 5E6970 by one of the following methods:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sidney Jackson, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–7610; e-mail address: *jackson.sidney@epa.gov*.

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2. *PP 5E6969*. Melon (Subgroup 9A) at 0.1 ppm;

3. *PP 5E6970*. Lettuce, head and leaf at 17.0 ppm; and strawberry at.0.8 ppm.

A practical analytical method is available to monitor and enforce the tolerances of quinoxyfen residues in crops. The analytical method uses capillary gas chromatography and mass spectrometry detector (GC-MSD) with limits of quantitation (LOQ) of approximately 0.01 ppm. An independent laboratory has validated the method.

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Dated: April 11, 2006.

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Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2005–0535; FRL–8056–8]

Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions for Establishment of Regulations for the Residues of Clethodim and Its Metabolites in or on Various Food Commodities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for the residues of clethodim (E)-(±)-2-[1-[[(3-chloro-2-propenyl)oxy]imino]propyl]-5-[2(ethylthio)propyl]-3-hydroxy-2-cyclohexen-1-one and its metabolites containing the 2-cyclohexene-1-one moiety in or on flax seed, herbs (Subgroup 19A), asparagus, hops, leafy greens, including cilantro (Subgroup 4A), sesame seed, legume vegetables (Group 6), and safflower.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 22, 2006.

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