ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  

Sulfometuron Methyl Amendment to  
Reregistration Eligibility Decision  
AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA’s decision to modify certain risk  
mitigation measures that were specified in the 2008 Reregistration Eligibility  
Decision (RED) for the herbicide sulfometuron methyl. EPA conducted this  
reassessment of the Sulfometuron Methyl RED in response to public  
comments and risk reduction proposals received during the comment period  
following the Sulfometuron Methyl RED. Based on the new information  
received, and in a continuing effort to mitigate risk, the Agency has made  
certain modifications to the Sulfometuron Methyl RED.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:  
I. General Information  
A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a  
wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, farm  
worker and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users,  
and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides.  
Since other parties may also be interested, the Agency has not  
attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this  
action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to  
a particular entity, consult the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
CONTACT.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related  
Information?

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID)  
number EPA–HQ–OPP–2008–0129. Publicly available docket materials are  
available either in the electronic docket at http://www.regulations.gov (EPA–  
HQ–OPP–2008–0129), or in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs  
(OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S–4400, One Potomac Yard (South  
Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this  
Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding  
legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

II. Background  
A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Section 4 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)  
directs EPA to reevaluate existing pesticides to ensure that they meet  
current scientific and regulatory standards. In 2008, EPA issued a RED  
for sulfometuron methyl under section 4(g)(2)(A) of FIFRA. In response to a  
notice of availability published in the Federal Register of November 12, 2008  
(73 FR 219) (FRL–8388–5), the Agency received comments and mitigation  
proposals submitted by the technical registrant, user groups, and individuals.  
The Agency’s response to comments is available for viewing in the docket.  
The amended Sulfometuron Methyl RED reflects changes resulting from Agency  
consideration of these comments and mitigation proposals. The RED  
amendment for sulfometuron methyl concludes EPA’s reregistration  
eligibility decision making process for this herbicide.

Stakeholder comments, mitigation proposals, and other information  
received by the Agency following the publication of the Sulfometuron Methyl  
RED allowed EPA to further refine the ecological risk assessment for non-target  
plant species and to revise the buffer zone requirements for sulfometuron  
methyl. Based on the comments and proposals, EPA also refined the  
occupational handler exposure risk estimates and revised the personal  
protective equipment (PPE) requirements for sulfometuron methyl.  
The label table incorporated into the Sulfometuron Methyl RED amendment  
includes modifications which specify label language for required application  
parameters, buffer zones, and PPE requirements.
either reregistering products or taking other “appropriate regulatory action.”

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Sulfonylmethuron methyl.

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SUMMARY:

EPA has issued the following EUP: 29964-EUP—Issuance. Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Incorporated, 2450 Southeast Oak Tree Court, Ankeny, IA 50021. This EUP allows the use of the following plant-incorporated protectants:

1. *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1F protein and the genetic material necessary (vector PHP8999) for its production in corn event TC1507 (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Unique Identifier: DAS-01507-1)

2. *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry34Ab1 and Cry35Ab1 proteins and the genetic material necessary (vector PHP17662) for their production in corn event DAS-59122-7 (OECD Unique Identifier: DAS-59122-7)

3. *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ab delta-endotoxin protein and the genetic material necessary (vector pZO1502) for its production in corn event BT11 (OECD Unique Identifier: SYN-BT011-1)

4. *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ab delta-endotoxin protein and the genetic material necessary (vector PV-ZMCT01) for its production in corn event MON 810 (OECD Unique Identifier: MON-00810-6)

5. *Bacillus thuringiensis* Vip3Aa20 insecticidal protein and the genetic material necessary (vector pNOV1300) in corn event MIR162 (OECD Unique Identifier: SYN-IR162-4)

6. *Bacillus thuringiensis* mCry3A protein and the genetic material necessary (vector pZM26) in corn event MIR604 (OECD Unique Identifier: SYN-IR604-5)

These plant-incorporated protectants will be planted in the following combinations:

- TC1507 x DAS-59122-7 x MON 810 x MIR604
- TC1507 x DAS-59122-7 x MIR162 x MIR604
- TC1507 x MON 810 x MIR162 x MIR604
- DAS-59122-7 x MON 810 x MIR604
- DAS-59122-7 x MIR162 x MIR604
- MON 810 x MIR162 x MIR604
- TC1507 x MIR162
- TC1507 x MIR604
- TC1507 x MON 810 x MIR162 x MIR604
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- TC1507 x MIR162 x MIR604
- TC1507 x DAS-59122-7 x MON 810 x MIR604

The quantity authorized equates to 68,066 pounds of corn seed [containing 62 grams (0.137 pounds) of Cry1F protein, 787 grams (1.74 pounds) of Cry34Ab1 and Cry35Ab1 proteins, 27 grams (0.060 pounds) of Cry1Ab protein, 347 grams (0.765 pounds) of Vip3Aa20 protein, and 11 grams (0.024 pounds) of mCry3A protein] on 4,126 acres.

The program is authorized only in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the States of Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. The EUP is effective from April 22, 2009, to March 31, 2010, and allows for trial protocols—concentrating on nursery/breeding observation, yield and agronomic evaluation, efficacy, insect resistance management, seed production, and regulatory studies—to be conducted. Under 40 CFR Part 174, permanent exemptions from tolerance may be established for residues of each of the active ingredients in or on all corn commodities.


List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Experimental use permits.


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