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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, contact Robert J. Taylor, Product Manager (PM-25), Rm. 241, CM #2, 703-305-6027 or by e-mail: taylor.robert@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received pesticide petitions and food/feed additive petitions as follows proposing the amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various agricultural commodities.

INITIAL FILINGS

1. *PP 4F4346*. Monsanto Co., 700 14th St., NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005, proposes to amend 40 CFR part 180 by establishing a regulation to permit residues of the plant growth regulator (hybridizing agent) clofencet [MON 21200] (2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-ethyl-2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-4-pyridazinecarboxylic acid, potassium salt) in or on the following raw agricultural commodities (RACs): wheat, grain at 250 (parts per million) (ppm); wheat, hay at 40 ppm; wheat, straw at 50 ppm; wheat, forage at 10 ppm; milk at 0.02 ppm; meat* (*cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep) at 0.15 ppm; meat byproducts* (except kidney) at 0.5 ppm; fat* at 0.04 ppm; kidney* at 10 ppm; eggs at 1.0 ppm; poultry meat at 0.15

ppm; poultry meat byproducts at 0.20 and poultry fat at 0.04 ppm. In addition, rotational grain crop tolerances in the cereal grain crop group for grain at 20 ppm; straw at 4.0 ppm; forage at 4.0 ppm; stover (fodder) at 1.0 ppm and hay at 15.00 ppm; soybeans at 30 ppm; soybean, forage at 10 ppm and soybean, hay at 10.0 ppm. The analytical method is gas chromatography.

2. *PP 5F4449*. Quimica Agronomica de Mexico S. de R.L. MI. c/o Technology Sciences Group, Inc. 1101 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20036, proposes to amend 40 CFR part 180 by establishing a regulation to permit residues of the fungicide/bactericide gentamicin sulfate in or on the following raw agricultural commodities (RACs): apples at 0.1 ppm. The analytical method is HPLC.

3. *FAP 4H5694*. Monsanto Co., 700 14th St., NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005, proposes to amend 40 CFR part 186 by establishing a regulation to permit residues of the plant growth regulator (hybridizing agent) clofencet [MON 21200] (2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-ethyl-2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-4-pyridazinecarboxylic acid, potassium salt) in or on wheat milling fractions (excluding flour) at 600 ppm.

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paper record maintained at the address in **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

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

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136a.

Dated: July 26, 1996.

Stephen L. Johnson,
Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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[OPP-181021; FRL 5387-7]

Bifenthrin; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received a specific exemption request from the California Department of Pesticide Regulations (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide bifenthrin to treat up to 22,000 acres of broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and rapini and 40,000 acres of lettuce to control silverleaf whitefly. An emergency exemption for this use has been requested for the previous 6 years, and a complete application for registration of this use and a tolerance petition has not been submitted to the Agency. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption. **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181021," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Program Resource Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a state agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption. The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of bifenthrin on lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and rapini to control silverleaf whitefly (SWF). Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

According to the Applicant, California still does not have material that will provide them with satisfactory late season control of the silverleaf whitefly. The registrant (Bayer, Inc.) for the registered alternative product imidacloprid *Admire/Provado* does not want growers to use imidacloprid throughout the growing season in order

to eliminate any potential that the whitefly may develop a resistant gene to imidacloprid. When used as a combination, Imidacloprid and bifenthrin allowed the growers to maintain the ability to grow a marketable crop in 1993 and 1994. Without the use of bifenthrin, the Applicant claims that growers will suffer significant economic loss this growing season.

Under the proposed exemption, a maximum of four applications for lettuce and five applications for broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and rapini would be made at 0.08 to 0.1 lb. active ingredient (a.i./A) [5.2 to 6.4 fl. ozs.] of product per acre by ground or air equipment. Not to apply within 20 days of harvest. Do not apply by ground equipment within 25 feet or by air within 150 feet of lakes reservoirs, rivers, permanent streams or natural ponds estuaries and commercial fish farms. A 200-yard buffer for aerial application and 40 yards for ground application shall be observed around aquatic habitats containing endangered species (desert pupfish, and Delhi Sands Flower Loving Fly).

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application if a specific exemption use has been requested in any 3 previous years, and a complete application for registration of the use and/or a tolerance petition has not been submitted to the Agency [etc., see 40 CFR 166.24]. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

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The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the California Department of Pesticide Regulations.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

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Cleaner Technologies Substitutes Assessment; Lithographic Blanket Washes; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Availability for Comment.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of the draft of a document entitled "Cleaner Technologies Substitutes Assessment: Lithographic Blanket Washes." This document details the findings of the EPA's Design for the Environment Lithography Project. **DATES:** Comments are due no later than September 23, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to: Jed Meline, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Design for the Environment Program (DfE), Mail Code 7406, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. 20460. The complete report is available by Document Number EPA (744-R-95-008). Free copies can be obtained by contacting EPA's Pollution Prevention Information Clearing House (PPIC), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Mail Code 3404, Washington, DC. 20460.