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Zeneca Inc.; Approval of a Pesticide Product Registration

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of an application to conditionally register the pesticide product Promexal X50 Preservative containing a new active ingredient not included in any previously registered product 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: Marion Johnson, Product Manager (PM 31) Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 250, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703)-305-5675; e-mail: johnson.marion@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA received from Zeneca Inc., Biocides Division, 1800 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19897, an application to register the pesticide product Promexal X50 Preservative (EPA File Symol 10182-GIL) containing the active ingredient 2-methyl-4,5-trimethylene-4-isothiazolin-3-one at 5 percent a new active ingredient not included in any previously registered product. However, since the notice of receipt did not publish in the Federal Register as required by FIFRA, as amended, interested parties may submit written or electronic comments within 30 days after date of publication for this product.

The application was approved as a conditional registration on July 23, 1996, for aqueous compositions such as; oil in water emulsions, latices, emulsion paints, water-based adhesives, casein and rosin dispersions, aqueous slurries, and tape joint compounds (EPA Registration Number 10182-385).

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 the 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 2-methyl-4,5-trimethylene-4-isothiazolin-3-one, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from such use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature of 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 2-methyl-4,5-trimethylene-4-isothiazolin-3-one 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 this conditional registration is in the public interest. Use of the pesticide is of significance to the user community, and appropriate labeling, use directions, and other measures have been taken to ensure that use of the pesticide will not result in unreasonable adverse effects to man and/or the environment.

More detailed information on this conditional registration is contained in a Pesticide Fact Sheet on 2-methyl-4,5-trimethylene-4-isothiazolin-3-one.

A copy of the Fact Sheet, which provides a summary description of the chemical, use patterns and formulations, science findings, 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 labels and the list of data references used to support registration are available for public inspection in the office of the Product Manager (PM). 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 Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1132, 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 (A101), 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

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Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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State Revolving Fund Funding Framework Policy and Guidance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is announcing the availability of the final State Revolving Fund (SRF) Funding Framework and Policy and Guidance document. In an innovative partnership approach, the Agency has engaged in a policy dialog with state representatives to clarify the use of SRF funds for "non-traditional" projects where the connection to water quality is less clear and, therefore, needs to be established. The resulting policy makes no regulatory changes and imposes minimal new requirements on the states. The Framework document establishes voluntary guidelines for funding traditional SRF projects (where the primary purpose is water quality) and sets national policy for states wanting to make innovative uses of their SRFs to fund non-traditional projects. A state wanting to fund non-traditional projects must use an integrated priority setting system, such as the two described in the Framework, to establish for the public that these projects are a priority within the context of the state's water quality problems as a whole. This policy becomes effective when a state prepares its 1998 SRF Intended Use Plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public can obtain a copy of the SRF Funding Framework by calling (202) 260-2268 and leaving a name and address. The document may be accessed electronically through the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/WhatsNew.html>.

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Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator for Water.

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