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Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), the Agency must determine whether the regulatory action is "significant" and therefore subject to all the requirements of the Executive Order (i.e., Regulatory Impact Analysis, review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)). Under section 3(f), the order defines "significant" as those actions likely to lead to a rule: (1) Having an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, or adversely and materially affecting a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local or tribal governments or communities (also known as "economically significant"); (2) creating serious inconsistency or otherwise interfering with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3) materially altering the budgetary impacts of entitlement, grants, user fees, or loan programs; or (4) raising novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive Order.

Pursuant to the terms of this Executive Order, EPA has determined that this rule is not "significant" and is therefore not subject to OMB review.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-354, 94 Stat. 1164, 5 U.S.C. 601-612), the Administrator has determined that regulations establishing new tolerances or raising tolerance levels or establishing exemptions from tolerance requirements do not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A certification statement to this effect was published in the Federal Register of May 4, 1981 (46 FR 24950).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 23, 1996.

Peter Caulkins,
Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, 40 CFR part 180 is amended as follows:

PART 180—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a and 371.

2. In § 180.449, by amending the table in paragraph (b) by adding alphabetically an entry for cucurbits, to read as follows:

§ 180.449 Avermectin B₁ and its delta-8,9-isomer; tolerances for residues.

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(b)	* * *
Commodity	Parts per million
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Cucurbits (cucumbers, mellons, and squashes)	0.005
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40 CFR Part 180

[PP 9F3796, 5E4479, 4F4343, 0F3890, 0F3860 and 1F3950/R2212; FRL-5353-4]

RIN 2070-AB78

Pesticide Tolerances for Sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule establishes permanent tolerances for residues of the herbicide sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) [formerly glyphosate-trimesium/sulfosate] in or on the raw agricultural commodities almond hulls, imported bananas, the citrus fruit group, grapes and the tree nut group. In addition, this regulation establishes a two year time-limited tolerance for residues of this herbicide on the raw agricultural commodities corn, and animals. The

regulations to establish a maximum permissible level for residues of the herbicide was requested in several petitions submitted by Zeneca AG Products.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This regulation becomes effective March 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written objections and hearing requests, identified by the document control number, [PP 9F3796, 5E4479, 4F4343, 0F3890, 0F3860 and 1F3950/R2212], may be submitted to: Hearing Clerk (1900), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. M3708, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. A copy of any objections and hearing requests filed with the Hearing Clerk should be identified by the document control number and submitted to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring copy of objections and hearing requests to Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202. Fees accompanying objections shall be labeled "Tolerance Petition Fees" and forwarded to: EPA Headquarters Accounting Operations Branch, OPP (Tolerance Fees), P.O. Box 360277M, Pittsburgh, PA 15251.

An electronic copy of objections and hearing requests filed with the Hearing Clerk may be submitted to OPP by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA issued the following notices (PF-643; FRL-4986-8), published in the Federal Register of November 15, 1995, (60 FR 57422) which announced that Zeneca AG Products, 1800 Concord Pike, P.O. Box 15458, Wilmington, DE 19850-5458, had submitted pesticide petitions to EPA requesting that the Administrator, pursuant to section 408(d) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), establish a tolerance for the residues of the herbicide sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with *N*-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) [formerly glyphosate-trimesium/sulfosate, in or on certain raw agricultural commodities:

1. PP 0F3890. Originally published in the Federal Register of January 16, 1991 (56 FR 1632), the notice proposed establishing a regulation to permit residues of the herbicide sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with *N*-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) in or on the citrus fruit group at 0.5 ppm. The November 15, 1995 notice amended this petition by proposing a regulation to permit residues in or on the raw agricultural commodities citrus fruits at 0.05 ppm.

2. PP 1F3950. Originally published in the Federal Register of April 3, 1991 (56 FR 13642), the notice proposed establishing a regulation to permit residues of the herbicide sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with *N*-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) in or on grapes at 0.2 ppm. The November 15, 1995 notice amended the petition by proposing to establish a regulation to permit the residues of the herbicide in or on raw agricultural commodity grapes at 0.1 ppm.

3. PP 4F4343. Proposed establishing a regulation to permit residues of the herbicide sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with *N*-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) in or on the tree nut group at 0.05 ppm and almond hulls at 2.00 ppm (of which no more than 0.5 ppm is trimethylsulfonium). However, based on the available residue data, the appropriate tolerance for almond hulls is 1.0 ppm (of which no more than 0.3 ppm is trimethylsulfonium). Zeneca AG Products have resubmitted a revised Section F for this petition.

4. PP 9F3796. Published in the Federal Register of April 12, 1990, (55 FR 13829), the notice proposed establishing a regulation to permit residues of the herbicide sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with *N*-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) in or on corn grain at 0.1 parts per million (ppm)

and corn forage and corn fodder at 0.2 ppm.

5. PP 5E4479. Proposed establishing a regulation to permit residues of the herbicide sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with *N*-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) in or on imported bananas at 0.05 parts per million (ppm).

6. PP 9F3796. Originally published in the Federal Register of April 12, 1990, (55 FR 13829), the notice proposed establishing a regulation to permit residues of the herbicide sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with *N*-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) in or on corn grain at 0.1 parts per million (ppm) and corn forage and corn fodder at 0.2 ppm. This petition was amended by the November 15, 1995 notice by proposing to establish tolerances in or on corn grain at 0.2 ppm (of which no more than 0.10 is trimethylsulfonium); corn fodder at 0.3 ppm (of which no more than 0.20 is trimethylsulfonium); and corn forage at 0.1 ppm.

7. PP 0F3860. Published in the Federal Register of November 15, 1995 (60 FR 57423), the notice proposed establishing a regulation to permit residues of the herbicide sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with *N*-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) in or on the raw agricultural commodities for animals as part of the soybean petition for milk and meat at 0.2 ppm, meat by-products at 1.00 ppm, fat at 0.10 ppm of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep; eggs at 0.02 ppm, poultry fat, poultry liver and poultry meat at 0.05 ppm; and poultry meat by-products (except liver) at 0.10 ppm.

There were no comments or requests for referral to an advisory committee received in response to these notices of filing.

The scientific data submitted in the petition and other relevant material have been evaluated. The toxicological data considered in support of the tolerance include:

1. Several acute toxicology studies placing technical grade sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with *N*-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) in Toxicity Category III and Toxicity Category IV.

2. A subchronic feeding study with dogs fed dosage levels of 0, 2, 10 and 50 milligrams/kilogram/day (mg/kg/day) with no observable effect level (NOEL) of 10 mg/kg/day.

3. A chronic feeding/carcinogenicity study in male and female rats fed dosage levels of 0, 100, 500 and 1000 ppm (0, 4.2, 21.2 or 41.8 mg/kg/day in males and 0, 5.4, 27.0 or 55.7 mg/kg/day in females) with no carcinogenic effects observed under the conditions of the study at dose levels up to and including

the 1000 ppm highest dose tested (HDT) and a systemic NOEL of 1000 ppm.

There were no biologically significant effects observed in the study. The study was considered to be acceptable because the highest dose level tested was approaching one half of what would be considered an adequate dose level for carcinogenicity testing and because there was no indication of any carcinogenic response to warrant repeat of the study. This assessment was based on toxic effects observed in the subchronic and reproductive toxicity studies in rats at higher dose levels.

4. A chronic feeding/carcinogenicity study in male and female mice fed dosage levels of 0, 100, 1000 and 8,000 ppm (0, 11.7, 118 or 991 mg/kg/day in males and 0, 16, 159 or 1,341 mg/kg/day in females) with no carcinogenic effects observed under the conditions of the study at dose levels up to and including the 8000 ppm HDT (highest dose may have been excessive) and systemic NOEL of 1000 ppm based on decreases in body weight and feed consumption (both sexes), increases in the incidences of white matter degeneration in the lumbar spinal cord (males only), and increased incidences of duodenal epithelial hyperplasia (females only).

5. A developmental toxicity study in rats given doses of 0, 30, 100 and 333 mg/kg/day with a developmental NOEL of 100 mg/kg/day based on significant decreases in fetal body weight, and a maternal NOEL of 100 mg/kg/day based on undetermined deaths of 2 dams at HDT; decreases in body weight, body weight gain and feed intake; and increased salivation, chromorrhinorrhea and lethargy (HDT).

6. A developmental toxicity study in rabbits given doses of 0, 10, 40 and 100 mg/kg/day with a developmental NOEL of 40 mg/kg/day based on 4 abortions and a reduction in the number of live fetuses/doe. In addition, there were only 7 litters available for examination. This was not a sufficiently high number of animals to absolutely conclude that no developmental toxicity was occurring at the highest dose level. The maternal NOEL was 40 mg/kg/day based on 6 deaths/17 pregnant does, 4 abortions in 11 survivors and decreased body weight, body weight gain, food consumption.

7. A two generation reproduction study in rats fed dosage rates of 0, 150, 800 and 2,000 ppm (0, 6.1, 35.0 or 88.5 mg/kg/day in males and 0, 8.0, 41.0 or 98.0 mg/kg/day in females) with a reproductive/developmental NOEL of 150 ppm based on decreased litter size in the F0a and F1b litters at 2,000 ppm and on decreased mean pup weights during lactation in the second litters at

800 ppm and in all litters at 2000 ppm; and a systemic NOEL of 150 ppm based on reduced feed intake, body weights and body weight gains and reduced absolute and sometimes relative thymus, heart, liver and kidney weights.

8. Mutagenicity data included two Ames tests with *Salmonella typhimurium*; a sex linked recessive lethal test with *Drosophila melanoga*; a forward mutation (mouse lymphoma) test; an *in vivo* bone marrow cytogenetics test in rats; a micronucleus assay in mice; an *in vitro* chromosomal aberration test in Chinese hamster ovary cells (CHO) (no aberrations were observed either with or without S9 activation and there were no increases in sister chromatid exchanges); and a morphological transformation test in mice (all negative).

The reference dose (RfD) based on a chronic dog feeding study (NOEL of 10 mg/kg body weight (bwt)/day) and using a hundred-fold safety factor is calculated to be 0.1 mg/kg bwt/day. The theoretical maximum residue contribution (TMRC) for all proposed tolerances (almond hulls; imported bananas; citrus fruit group; corn; eggs; grapes; fat/meat by-products/meat of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep; pome fruit group; poultry fat, liver, meat by-products and meat; soybeans; stone fruit group; tree nut group; and wheat; and food additive regulations (prunes, raisins and soybean hulls) is 0.019825 mg/kg/day or 19.825 percent of the RfD for the overall U.S. population. For U.S. subgroup populations, nonnursing infants and children 1 to 6 years of age, the current action, previously proposed tolerances and food additive regulations utilize a total of 0.044625 mg/kg/day and 44.625 percent of the RfD, assuming that residue levels are at the established tolerance levels and that 100 percent of the crop is treated.

The RfD/Peer Review Committee, in a consensus review dated July 26, 1994, classified sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with *N*-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) as a Group E carcinogen based on no evidence of carcinogenicity in rat and mouse studies.

An adequate analytical method, gas chromatography for the cation and liquid chromatography for the anion and its metabolite AMPA, is available for enforcement purposes and will be published in the *Pesticide Analytical Manual* (PAM), Vol. II.

There are presently no actions pending against the continued registration of this chemical.

Based on the information and data considered, the Agency has determined that the tolerances established by amending 40 CFR part 180 will protect the public health. Therefore, the tolerances are established as set forth below.

Any person adversely affected by this regulation may, within 30 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register, file written objections to the regulation and may also request a hearing on those objections. Objections and hearing requests must be filed with the Hearing Clerk, at the address given above (40 CFR 178.20). A copy of the objections and/or hearing requests filed with the Hearing Clerk should be submitted to the OPP docket for this rulemaking. The objections submitted must specify the provisions of the regulation deemed objectionable and the grounds for the objections (40 CFR 178.25). Each objection must be accompanied by the fee prescribed by 40 CFR 180.33(i). If a hearing is requested, the objections must include a statement of the factual issue(s) on which a hearing is requested, the requestor's contentions on such issues, and a summary of any evidence relied upon by the objector (40 CFR 178.27). A request for a hearing will be granted if the Administrator determines that the material submitted shows the following: There is genuine and substantial issue of fact; there is a reasonable possibility that available evidence identified by the requestor would, if established, resolve one or more of such issues in favor of the requestor, taking into account uncontested claims or facts to the contrary; and resolution of the factual issue(s) in the manner sought by the requestor would be adequate to justify the action requested (40 CFR 178.32).

A record has been established for this rulemaking under the docket number [PP 9F3796, 5E4479, 4F4343, 0F3890, 0F3860 and 1F3950/R2212] (including any comments and data submitted electronically). 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 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2,

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List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection,
Administrative practice and procedure,
Agricultural commodities, Pesticides
and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping
requirements.

Dated: February 23, 1996.

Peter Caulkins,

*Acting Director, Registration Division, Office
of Pesticide Programs.*

Therefore, 40 CFR part 180 is
amended as follows:

PART 180—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 180
continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a and 371.

2. Section 180.489, is added to
subpart C to read as follows:

§ 180.489 Sulfonium, trimethyl-salt with N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1); tolerances for residues.

(a) Tolerances are established for
residues of the herbicide Sulfonium,
trimethyl-salt with N-(
phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) in or on
the following raw agricultural products:

Commodities	Parts per million
Almond, hulls, (of which no more than 0.3 ppm is trimethylsulfonium)	1.00
Bananas (imported only) ^a	0.05
Citrus fruit group,	0.05
Grapes,	0.10
Tree nut group,	0.05

^a There are no U.S. registrations as of the
date of publication of the tolerance in the FED-
ERAL REGISTER.

(b) Time-limited tolerances to expire
March 9, 1998, are established for the
residues of the herbicide sulfonium,
trimethyl-salt with N-(
phosphonomethyl)glycine (1:1) in or on
the following raw agricultural
commodities:

Commodities	Parts per million
Cattle, fat	0.10
Cattle, mbyp	1.00
Cattle, meat	0.20
Corn, fodder (of which no more than 0.20 ppm is trimethylsulfonium)	0.30
Corn, forage	0.10
Corn, grain (of which no more than 0.10 is trimethylsulfonium)	0.20
Eggs	0.02
Goats, fat	0.10
Goats, mbyp	1.00

Commodities	Parts per million
Goats, meat	0.20
Hogs, fat	0.10
Hogs, mbyp	1.00
Hogs, meat	0.20
Horses, fat	0.10
Horses, mbyp	1.00
Horses, meat	0.20
Milk	0.20
Poultry, fat	0.05
Poultry, liver	0.05
Poultry, mbyp	0.10
Poultry, meat	0.05
Sheep, fat	0.10
Sheep, mbyp	1.00
Sheep, meat	0.20

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40 CFR Part 180

[OPP-300401A; FRL-4993-2]

RIN 2070-AB78

**1,2-Ethanediamine, Polymer With
Oxirane and Methyloxirane; Tolerance
Exemption**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule establishes an
exemption from the requirement of a
tolerance for residues of 1,2-
ethanediamine, polymer with oxirane
and methyloxirane (CAS Reg. No.
26316-40-5) when used as an inert
ingredient (surfactant and dispersing
agent) in pesticide formulations applied
to growing crops or to raw agricultural
commodities after harvest and to
animals, under 40 CFR 180.1001(c) and
(e). The BASF Corp. requested this
proposed regulation pursuant to the
Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act
(FFDCA).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This regulation
becomes effective March 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written objections and
hearing requests, identified by the
document control number, [OPP-
300401A], may be submitted to: Hearing
Clerk (1900), Environmental Protection
Agency, Rm. M3708, 401 M St., SW.,
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Response and Program Resources
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(7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs,
Environmental Protection Agency, 401
M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In
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hearing requests to Rm. 1132, CM #2,
1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington,
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA
issued a proposed rule, published in the
Federal Register of November 15, 1995
(60 FR 57377), which announced that
the BASF Corp., 3000 Continental
Drive-North, Mount Olive, NJ 07828-
1234, had submitted a pesticide
petition, PP 5E04579, to EPA requesting
that the Administrator, pursuant to
section 408(e) of the Federal Food, Drug,
and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C.
346a(e), propose to amend 40 CFR
180.1001(c) and (e) by exempting 1,2-
ethanediamine, polymer with oxirane
and methyloxirane (CAS Reg. No.
26316-40-5) when used as an inert
ingredient (surfactant and dispersing
agent) in pesticide formulations applied
to growing crops or to raw agricultural
commodities after harvest and to
animals. These inert ingredients meet
the definition of polymers under 40 CFR
723.250(b) and the criteria listed in 40
CFR 723.250(e) that define chemical
substances that pose no unreasonable