

(4) EPA will analyze the final State proposal to assure it is in concert with the evaluation criteria and any clarifications requested from the pre-proposal, and meet any necessary administrative requirements before making an award.

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 et seq., as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This rule is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Dated: May 26, 1998.

Elaine Stanley,

Director, Office of Compliance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00538; FRL-5792-8]

Announcement of a Workshop to Develop a Protocol for Testing the Efficacy of Disinfectants Used to Inactivate Hepatitis B Virus

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a public workshop to be held July 23 and 24, 1998, in the Washington DC area. The purpose of this workshop is to allow all interested parties to have input in developing a new and usable protocol, using a surrogate test species such as "Duck", for testing the efficacy of disinfectants used to inactivate Hepatitis B Virus (HBV). The Agency is requesting that interested parties send in any protocols and other information that they would want to be included in the deliberations of the workshop. A package of pertinent information, including the workshop agenda, will be sent to the participants before the workshop. The workshop will be structured to allow the participants to discuss all issues that are germane to the development of a workable test protocol.

DATES: Protocols, other information, and comments, identified by the docket

number [OPP-00538], should be received on or before July 6, 1998 to be given full consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit protocols and other information identified by the docket control number OPP-00538 by mail to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments directly to the OPP Docket Office, which is located in Rm. 119 of Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as Confidential Business Information (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Ibrahim Barsoum, Antimicrobials Division (7510W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 6W23, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-6417, fax: 703-308-6466, e-mail: barsoum.ibrahim@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

EPA has the authority through FIFRA to register antimicrobial pesticides. For public health pesticides, OPP reviews the submitted data for efficacy as well as safety. Guidelines have been developed for methods and performance standards which are used to test the efficacy of the various types of antimicrobial products that need to be registered.

II. Hepatitis Virus B Testing

The Agency has approved registrations for products that have Hepatitis Virus B claims based on a method using chimpanzees as the test subject. The continued use of the chimpanzee test is in doubt because the test is very expensive, which means that only one animal can be economically used for each test. An OPP Scientific Advisory Panel Meeting in September 1997 recommended that EPA look at alternative test systems, such as tests using Duck Hepatitis Virus B, in order to produce a new method to replace the

chimpanzee test. EPA has decided to conduct a workshop in order to develop a new protocol for HBV efficacy testing. The workshop is being planned to include all parties interested in this issue. The group's goal will be to provide information that will aid EPA's development of a workable protocol. The Agency will be responsible for developing the actual protocol suitable for testing and validation.

III. Workshop Process

The two-day workshop will concentrate on producing an effective protocol that will replace the chimpanzee test. EPA anticipates that individuals from academia, industry, health care facilities, other federal agencies and public health advocacy groups will attend the workshop. The Agency is requesting that all interested parties submit any information that would be relevant for developing a new protocol. Submissions could include protocols developed by the submitters and those found in the open literature. EPA requests that submitters not claim the materials as confidential because the Agency would like to disseminate the materials to the public. Any confidential information sent into the Agency for the workshop would be used internally by EPA scientists in identifying appropriate topics to be discussed, but would not be included in the information that would be provided to the participants. Any other pertinent information that interested parties feel would be helpful to the Agency in setting the workshop agenda, especially scientific issues that need to be discussed and names of individuals who should specifically be invited to attend, should be sent to the Agency as indicated under ADDRESSES or Unit V. The goal of the workshop will be for EPA to develop a draft protocol for validation.

IV. Workshop Follow up

Once EPA produces a protocol, it will be disseminated to the public, including the regulated community, and to testing laboratories for immediate use. If an applicant submits data using the new protocol, and EPA decides to register the product based on the results of the study along with the other required information, the registration will be time limited. This approach allows products to be registered and used during the time it takes for the AOAC validation. However, the registration will automatically expire, if the test protocol does not pass the validation process. EPA anticipates allowing a two year registration that may be renewed if

more time is needed to complete the validation process.

V. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPP-00538" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). 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 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 119 of the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Protocols and other information may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form or encryption. Comments will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP-00538." No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Antimicrobials, Efficacy testing, Hepatitis Virus B (HBV), Pesticides.

Dated: June 1, 1998.

Frank T. Sanders,

Director, Antimicrobials Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6108-4]

Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Teleconference Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Executive Committee, will conduct a public teleconference meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 1998, between the hours of 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, Eastern Time. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 3709 of the Mall at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The public is welcome to attend the meeting physically or through a telephonic link. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Priscilla Tillery-Gadson at (202) 260-4126 by June 22, 1998.

In this meeting the Executive Committee plans to review drafts from several of its Committees. These anticipated drafts include:

- (1) Environmental Engineering Committee Review of the ORD Pollution Prevention Research Plan
- (2) Environmental Engineering Committee Review of the Agency's Surface Impoundments Survey
- (3) Environmental Engineering Committee Review of the Agency's Quality Management Program
- (4) Research Strategies Advisory Committee's Commentary on the ORD Budget Presentation and Process

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or wishing to submit comments should contact Dr. Donald G. Barnes, Designated Federal Officer for the Executive Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-4126; FAX (202) 260-9232; and via the INTERNET at: barnes.don@epa.gov. Copies of the relevant documents are available from the same source. Draft documents will also be available on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) at least one week prior to the meeting.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30441A; FRL-5793-3]

Church and Dwight Inc.; Approval of a Pesticide Product Registration

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Agency approval of an application to register the pesticide product Armicarb 100, involving a changed use pattern of the active ingredient pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(5) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Denise Greenway, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. CS5-W57, Westfield Building North Tower, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8263; e-mail: greenway.denise@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the Fact Sheet are available from the EPA home page at the **Federal Register**-Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of September 30, 1997 (62 FR 51105) (FRL-5747-2), which announced that Church and Dwight Co., Inc., 469 N. Harrison St., Princeton, NJ 08543, had submitted an application to register the pesticide product Armicarb 100, a fungicide (EPA File Symbol 10772-U), containing the active ingredient potassium bicarbonate at 85 percent, an active ingredient which involves a changed use pattern.

The application was approved on April 28, 1998, as Armicarb 100, to add to the active ingredient's presently registered use, a new use to control powdery mildew and other diseases on ornamentals and other food/feed crop plants (EPA Registration Number 10772-4). This application is submitted as a changed use pattern because of the large increase in use sites over the only other end-use product "Kaligreen,"