

consistency in resistance management labeling being considered for approval in any or all of the NAFTA countries. To implement this NAFTA initiative, the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) of EPA has developed a draft PR notice describing the voluntary pesticide resistance management labeling guidelines based on mode/target site of action for agricultural uses of herbicides, fungicides, bactericides, insecticides, and acaricides. Mode/target site of action refers to the biochemical mechanism by which the pesticide acts on the pest and should not be interpreted to imply that these chemicals share a common mechanism for purposes of cumulative human health risk assessment under the Food Quality Protection Act. (See EPA's document "Guidance for Identifying Pesticide Chemicals and Other Substances that Have a Common Mechanism of Toxicity" located at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/1999/February/Day-05/6055.pdf>).

The draft PR notice describes schemes of classification of pesticides according to their mode/target site of action (Appendices I–III) provides a recommended standard presentation and format for showing group identification symbols on end-use product labels, and provides guidelines for labeling resistance management strategies in the use directions.

B. What Questions/Issues Should You Consider?

The issues you should consider are as follows:

1. Proposed general classification schemes based on mode/target site of action for herbicides, fungicides, and insecticides (Appendices I–III).
2. Classification of pesticides with unknown mode/target site of action.
3. Proposed general resistance management labeling statements.

C. Why is a PR Notice Guidance and Not a Rule?

The draft PR notice discussed in this notice is intended to provide guidance to EPA personnel and decision-makers, and to the public. As a guidance document and not a rule, this policy is not binding on either EPA or any outside parties. Although this guidance document provides a starting point for EPA decisions, EPA will depart from this policy where the facts or circumstances warrant. In such cases, EPA will explain why a different course was taken. Similarly, outside parties remain free to assert that this policy is not appropriate for a specific pesticide or that the specific circumstances

demonstrate that this policy should be abandoned.

EPA has stated in this notice that it will make available revised guidance after consideration of public comment. Public comment is not being solicited for the purpose of converting this guidance document into a binding rule. EPA will not be codifying this policy in the Code of Federal Regulations. EPA is soliciting public comment so that it can make fully informed decisions regarding the content of this guidance.

The "revised" guidance will not be an unalterable document. Once a "revised" guidance document is issued, EPA will continue to treat it as guidance, not a rule. Accordingly, on a case-by-case basis EPA will decide whether it is appropriate to depart from the guidance or to modify the overall approach in the guidance. In the course of commenting on this guidance document, EPA would welcome comments that specifically address how the guidance document can be structured so that it provides meaningful guidance without imposing binding requirements.

List of Subjects

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

Dated: April 18, 2000.

Marcia E. Mulkey,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

[BM–3–MAY–00–04]

Official Names of Farm Credit System Institutions

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Policy statement.

SUMMARY: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Board recently adopted a policy statement amending the FCA's policy on official names of Farm Credit System (FCS or System) institutions. FCA's objective was to ensure that the public can identify a System bank, association, or service corporation as belonging to the FCS and is not misled by the name the institution uses. The new policy expands the methods by which institutions may identify themselves as members of the System and adopts a policy for trade names and names of subsidiaries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 3, 2000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FCA Board adopted a policy statement amending the FCA's policy on official names of FCS institutions. The policy statement, in its entirety, follows:

Official Names of Farm Credit System Institutions; FCA–PS–78 [BM–03–MAY–00–04]

Effective Date: May 3, 2000.

Effect on Previous Action: Supersedes FCA–PS–63 [NV–96–22] 05/30/96.

Source of Authority: Sections 1.3(b), 2.0(b)(8), 2.10(c), 3.0, 5.17(a)(2)(A), 7.0, 7.6(a), 7.8(a) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended; 12 CFR part 611.

The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or Agency) Board hereby adopts the following policy statement:

Objective

Our objective is to ensure that the public can identify a Farm Credit System (System) bank, association, or service corporation as belonging to the Farm Credit System and is not misled by the name the institution uses. We also believe that Farm Credit System institutions should have more flexibility in proposing official names for their institutions. Our prior policy required institutions' official names to include either a statutory or regulatory designation, or its corresponding acronym. The new policy expands the methods by which institutions may identify themselves as members of the System and adopts a policy for trade names and names of subsidiaries.

Official Names

The FCA Board will approve an official name for a Farm Credit System bank,¹ association, or service corporation that meets the following two requirements:

- The name includes *appropriate identification* of the institution as a System institution; and
- The name is not *misleading* or inappropriate.

Appropriate identification means the name contains either: (1) The relevant statutory or regulatory designation, or

¹ Farm Credit System bank includes Farm Credit Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, and Agricultural Credit Banks.

its corresponding acronym, or (2) other appropriate identification as a System institution. Relevant statutory and regulatory designations, and their corresponding acronyms, are as follows:

- Agricultural Credit Bank or ACB.
- Bank for Cooperatives or BC.
- Farm Credit Bank or FCB.
- Agricultural Credit Association or ACA.
- Production Credit Association or PCA.
- Federal Land Credit Association or FLCA.
- Federal Land Bank Association or FLBA.

Other *appropriate identification* as a System institution includes the following:

- Farm Credit Services.
- Farm Credit.
- FCS.
- A member of the Farm Credit System.

Misleading names are those that a reasonable person might find confusing. For example, we would not issue a charter to an institution requesting a name that is the same as or similar to that of an existing institution because the public might find this confusing. Merely avoiding identical names is not enough; to minimize confusion, a proposed name must sufficiently distinguish an institution from other institutions. If the Agency had approved a charter for an institution using MyTown, ACA, as its official name, it would not issue a charter for an institution proposing ACA of MyTown or MyTown Farm Credit Services, ACA, as its official name. Nor would we issue a charter with the phrase "farm credit association" as part of the official name, because the inevitable use of the acronym "FCA" would be confused with the name of the Agency. Also, we would not approve a name for an institution that could cause the public to confuse that institution's authorities and services with those of a commercial bank, thrift institution, or credit union. For example, we would not issue a charter to a System institution requesting the term "national bank" in its official name because this could cause confusion regarding the services the institution may offer.

Trade Names

A System institution may use a trade name. The trade name may not be misleading. If an institution uses a trade name, it must use both the official and trade names in all written communications.

Related Issues

If an ACA and its subsidiaries operate under substantially different names,

they must clearly identify the parent/subsidiary relationship in all written communications. For example, if MyTown, PCA, is a subsidiary of EveryTown, ACA, the PCA must identify itself as a subsidiary of the parent ACA in its written communications.

Please note that while the FCA cannot reserve names, the Patent and Trademark Office will register names under certain conditions. When applying for a name change or new charter, System institutions should submit a statement indicating whether they have applied for a trademark in that name.

This statement addresses only FCA's policy. Other laws, such as Federal or state trademark laws, may apply. Institutions should ensure that their official and trade names do not infringe the trademarks or service marks of other companies. Institutions may wish to consult legal counsel to determine whether their proposed names could be challenged or protected under state or federal law.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2000 by order of the Board.

Dated: May 4, 2000.

Nan P. Mitchem,

Acting Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 011691-001.

Title: The COSCON/KL/YMUK Mediterranean/U.S. East and Gulf Coast Vessel Sharing Agreement.

Parties:

Cosco Container Lines
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.
Yangming (U.K.) Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed modification specifically authorized Cosco to subcharter space it receives from the other two parties to Zim Israel Navigation Company Ltd. The parties request expedited review.

Agreement No.: 011708.

Title: Zim/COSCON Slot Charter Agreement.

Parties:

Zim Israel Navigation Company Ltd.
COSCO Container Lines Co. Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement would permit the parties to charter space to one another and enter into related cooperative arrangements in the trade between United States East Coast ports and ports in countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea and inland points via all of the above ports. The parties request expedited review.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: May 5, 2000.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

May 2, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 9, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it