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4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.

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6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice.

7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.

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## II. Background

### A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is making available risk assessments that have been developed as part of the Agency's public participation process for making reregistration eligibility and tolerance reassessment decisions for the organophosphate and other pesticides consistent with FFDCA, as amended by FQPA. The Agency's human health risk assessment and other related documents for lactofen are available in the individual pesticide docket. As additional comments, reviews, and risk assessment modifications become available, these will also be docketed for lactofen.

The Agency cautions that the lactofen risk assessment is preliminary and that further refinements may be appropriate. Risk assessment documents reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

EPA is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide written comments and input to the Agency on the risk assessment for the pesticide specified in this notice. Such comments and input could address, for example, the availability of additional data to further refine the risk assessment, such as percent crop treated information or submission of residue data from food processing studies, or could address the Agency's risk assessment methodologies and assumptions as applied to this specific chemical. Comments should be limited to issues raised within the risk assessment and associated documents. EPA will provide other opportunities for public comment on other science issues associated with the pesticide tolerance reassessment program. Failure to comment on any such issues as part of

this opportunity will in no way prejudice or limit a commenter's opportunity to participate fully in later notice and comment processes. All comments should be submitted by September 24, 2001 using the methods in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** Comments will become part of the Agency record for lactofen.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: June 14, 2001.

**Jack E. Housenger,**

*Acting Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34241; FRL-6789-4]

### Sodium Acifluorfen; Availability of Risk Assessments

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of documents that were developed as part of EPA's process for making pesticide reregistration eligibility decisions and tolerance reassessments consistent with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). These documents are the human health and ecological fate and effects risk assessments and related documents for sodium acifluorfen (Blazer®). This notice also starts a 60-day public comment period for the risk assessments. Comments are to be limited to issues directly associated with sodium acifluorfen and raised by the risk assessments or other documents placed in the docket. By allowing access and opportunity for comment on the risk assessments, EPA is seeking to strengthen stakeholder involvement and help ensure that our decisions under FQPA are transparent and based on the best available information. The tolerance reassessment process will ensure that the United States continues to have the safest and most abundant food supply. The Agency cautions that these risk assessments for sodium acifluorfen are preliminary and that further refinements may be appropriate. Risk assessments reflect only the work and analysis conducted as of the time they were produced and it is

appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions they contain may change.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by the docket control number OPP-34241 for sodium acifluorfen, must be received on or before September 24, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify the docket control number for sodium acifluorfen, OPP-34241, in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christina Scheltema, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-2201; e-mail address: scheltema.christina@epa.gov.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. General Information**

##### *A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

##### *B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?*

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. In addition, copies of the risk assessments and

certain related documents for sodium acifluorfen may also be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/status.htm>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-34241. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

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Dated: June 14, 2001

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**[CC Docket No. 01-100; FCC 01-208]**

### **Application by Verizon New York Inc., Verizon Long Distance, Verizon Enterprise Solutions, Verizon Global Networks Inc., and Verizon Select Services Inc., Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, For Authorization To Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Connecticut**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this document the Federal Communications Commission grants the section 271 application of Verizon New York Inc., *et al.* (Verizon) for authority to enter the interLATA telecommunications market in the state of Connecticut. The Commission grants Verizon's application based on our conclusion that Verizon has satisfied all of the statutory requirements for entry, and opened its local exchange markets to full competition.

**DATES:** Effective July 26, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Claudia Pabo or Alexis Johns, Attorney-Advisors, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-1580.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's *Memorandum Opinion and Order* in CC Docket No. 01-100 released July 20, 2001. The complete text of this document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Courtyard Level, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC, and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services (ITS, Inc.), CY-B400, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. It is also available on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/ppb/2001ord.html>.

#### Synopsis of the Order

1. On April 23, 2001, Verizon filed an application, pursuant to section 271 of the Communications Act of 1996, with the Commission to provide in-region,

interLATA service in the state of Connecticut.

2. *The State Commission's Evaluation.* The Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (Connecticut Department) advised the Commission, following months of extensive review, that Verizon met the checklist requirements of section 271(c) and has taken the statutorily required steps to open its local markets to competition. Consequently, the Connecticut Department recommended that the Commission approve Verizon's in-region, interLATA entry in its May 14, 2001 evaluation of the application.

3. *The Department of Justice's Evaluation.* The Department of Justice (DOJ) filed its evaluation of Verizon's Connecticut application on May 25, 2001. It does not oppose Verizon's 271 application for Connecticut in light of the unique circumstances involved. The DOJ cites the limited extent of Connecticut's service area and the fact that it serves competitive LECs in Connecticut through New York-based systems and operations, which the Commission reviewed in the successful New York 271 application.

#### *Primary Issues in Dispute*

4. *Checklist Item 4—Unbundled Local Loops.* Verizon has adequately demonstrated that it provides unbundled local loops as required by section 271 and our rules. More specifically, Verizon provides nondiscriminatory access to stand alone xDSL-capable loops and digital loops and has demonstrated that it has a line-sharing provisioning process that affords competitors nondiscriminatory access to these facilities. Since Verizon's order volumes for unbundled loops in Connecticut are extremely low, it relies mainly on New York performance data to support its application in Connecticut, therefore the Commission's analysis is based primarily on that data.

5. *DSL Stand-Alone Loops.* Verizon demonstrates that it is providing stand-alone DSL-capable loops in accordance with the requirements of checklist item 4. The Commission's review of the New York performance data for Verizon's stand-alone loops demonstrates that it installs such loops Connecticut in the same time and manner that it installs such loops for its own retail operations. New York maintenance and repair performance data for DSL loops also show comparable performance for competitors and Verizon retail customers. Also, as of April 2001, Verizon had provisioned only 22 digital loops to competitive LECs in Connecticut. The Commission therefore looks at New York data, which indicates