

### F. International Tolerances

There are no Codex or other international maximum residue levels (MRLs) on tolerances for the requested uses with the exception of cherries in Japan. In Japan, the following MRLs have been established: Citrus 0.2 and 1.0; apple 2.0; pear 2.0; peach 0.2; cherry 3.0; strawberry 3.0; watermelon 0.2; and tea 2.0. There are no other current MRLs or tolerances for bifentazate.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Primisulfuron-methyl; Report of the FQPA Tolerance Reassessment Progress and Risk Management Decision (TRED); Notice of Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the "Report of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Tolerance Reassessment Progress and Risk Management Decision (TRED) for Primisulfuron-methyl." EPA has reassessed the 24 tolerances, or legal limits, established for residues of primisulfuron-methyl in/on raw agricultural commodities. These tolerances are now considered safe under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the FQPA of 1996.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

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

This action is directed to the public in general, but will be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides. The Agency has not attempted to describe all the persons or entities who may be interested in or

affected by this action. If you have questions in this regard, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

##### B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2002-0163. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. To access the TRED document and fact sheet electronically, go directly to the REDs table on the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs web site, at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/status.htm>. For a complete list of available documents supporting the TRED, see the electronic version of the public docket, which is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments for documents that are open to public comment, to access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number or chemical name.

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printed, paper form in the official public docket. To the extent feasible, publicly available docket materials will be made available in EPA's electronic public docket. When a document is selected from the index list in EPA Dockets, the system will identify whether the document is available for viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. EPA intends to work towards providing electronic access to all of the publicly available docket materials through EPA's electronic public docket.

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

EPA has assessed the risks associated with current and proposed food uses of primisulfuron-methyl, reassessed 24 existing tolerances, and reached a tolerance reassessment and risk management decision. The Agency is announcing the availability of the resulting report of the FQPA Tolerance Reassessment Progress and Risk Management Decision for Primisulfuron-methyl, also known as a TRED.

EPA must review tolerances and tolerance exemptions that were in effect when FQPA was enacted in August 1996, to ensure that these existing pesticide residue limits for food and feed commodities meet the safety standard established by the new law. Tolerances are considered reassessed once the safety finding has been made or a tolerance revocation occurs. EPA has reviewed and made the requisite safety finding for the tolerances established for residues of primisulfuron-methyl in/on raw agricultural commodities.

The Agency has determined that there are no dietary (food or drinking water) or aggregate risks of concern from the use of primisulfuron-methyl, so mitigation of these risks is not necessary. EPA is able to make the FQPA safety finding for all current and proposed uses of primisulfuron-methyl. Therefore, 23 existing tolerances for primisulfuron-methyl have been reassessed and remain unchanged, and 1 tolerance on sweet corn will be revoked because current labels prohibit use on sweet corn. Although EPA is considering a petition for a new use on Kentucky bluegrass grown for seed, the Agency has not yet made a decision to register this new use or establish any associated tolerances.

EPA works extensively with affected parties to reach the tolerance reassessment decisions presented in

TREDs. Therefore, the Agency is issuing the primisulfuron-methyl TRED as a final decision without a formal public comment period.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Primisulfuron-methyl.

Dated: December 19, 2002.

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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### Market Access Agreement

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration (FCA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Draft Amended and Restated Market Access Agreement; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FCA is publishing for comment the Draft Amended and Restated Market Access Agreement (Draft Restated MAA) proposed to be entered into by all of the banks of the Farm Credit System (System) and the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation (Funding Corporation). This Draft Restated MAA is an update to the original MAA approved by the FCA on August 17, 1994, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 1994 (59 FR 43344). The Draft Restated MAA sets forth the rights and responsibilities of each of the parties when the condition of a bank falls below pre-established financial thresholds.

**DATES:** The FCA is seeking comments from the public on the Draft Restated MAA and will take into consideration those comments prior to the decision to grant approval. Written comments must be received on or before February 14, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send us your comments by electronic mail to "[reg-comm@fca.gov](mailto:reg-comm@fca.gov)" or through the Pending Regulations section of FCA's Web site, "[www.fca.gov](http://www.fca.gov)." You may also send written comments to Andrew Jacob, Assistant Director, Office of Policy and Analysis, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, or by facsimile transmission to (703) 734-5784. You may review copies of all comments received at FCA's office in McLean, Virginia.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** System banks and the Funding Corporation entered into the original Market Access Agreement (MAA) on September 1, 1994, to help control the risk of each System bank by outlining each party's respective rights and responsibilities in the event the condition of a System bank fell below certain financial thresholds. As part of the original MAA, System banks and the Funding Corporation agreed to periodic reviews of the terms of the MAA to consider whether any amendments were appropriate. The Draft Restated MAA updates the original MAA and provides for more stringent financial performance requirements on each System bank.

The Draft Restated MAA, consistent with the approach of the original MAA, establishes certain financial thresholds at which conditions are placed on the activities of a bank or a bank's access to participation in Systemwide and consolidated obligations is restricted. The Draft Restated MAA establishes three categories, which are based on each bank's net collateral ratio, permanent capital ratio, and scores under the Contractual Inter-bank Performance Agreement (CIPA is an agreement among the System banks, the Farm Credit System Financial Assistance Corporation, and the Funding Corporation that establishes certain financial performance criteria).

As a bank's financial condition declines, it moves into Category I, then Category II, and finally Category III. When a bank reaches Category I, it is required to provide certain additional information to a committee of bank and Funding Corporation representatives established under the Draft Restated MAA, the Monitoring and Advisory Committee, including information as to how it will improve its financial condition. When a bank reaches Category II, in addition to being required to provide additional information, the bank is limited to joining in the issuance of Systemwide and consolidated obligations only in those amounts necessary for the bank to be able to roll over its maturing debt. When the bank reaches Category III, the bank is precluded from joining in the

issuance of Systemwide and consolidated obligations.

The Draft Restated MAA includes provisions that enable a bank in Category II or III to request the opportunity to continue its access to the market. The Agreement also provides that the FCA may override a decision to impose Category III prohibitions on access to the market for a period of 60 days, which may be renewed for an additional 60-day period.

The original MAA continues in effect until the Draft Restated MAA is approved by the necessary parties, including FCA. The FCA is publishing the Draft Restated MAA for comment by any interested member of the public. The FCA will take these comments into consideration prior to the decision to approve the Draft Restated MAA.

Based on the foregoing, the FCA is now seeking public comment on the Draft Restated MAA as set forth below:

#### AMENDED AND RESTATED MARKET ACCESS AGREEMENT

##### AMONG

AGAMERICA, FCB,

AGFIRST FARM CREDIT BANK,

AGRI BANK, FCB,

COBANK, ACB,

FARM CREDIT BANK OF TEXAS,

FARM CREDIT

BANK OF WICHITA,

WESTERN FARM CREDIT BANK

##### AND

FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS FUNDING CORPORATION

This AMENDED AND RESTATED MARKET ACCESS AGREEMENT (the "Restated MAA") is entered into among AgAmerica, FCB, AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, Agri Bank, FCB, CoBank, ACB, the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, the Farm Credit Bank of Wichita, the Western Farm Credit Bank and the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation.

WHEREAS, the Banks and the Funding Corporation entered into the Market Access Agreement, dated September 1, 1994 and effective as of November 23, 1994, referred to herein as "the Agreement," for the reasons stated therein; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the Banks and the Funding Corporation shall review the Agreement and consider whether any amendments to it are appropriate during the years 2000 and 2006 and at such more frequent intervals as the Banks and the Funding Corporation may agree; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that, in connection with such review, the Monitoring and Advisory Committee, referred to herein as the "Committee," shall report to the boards of directors of the Banks and the Funding Corporation on the operation of the Agreement and recommend