

OREGON

Department of Agriculture

Specific: EPA authorized the use of flufenacet on wheat and triticale to control ryegrass; October 10, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

PENNSYLVANIA

Department of Agriculture

Specific: EPA authorized the use of thiophanate methyl on mushroom spawn to control green mold; December 5, 2002 to December 5, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath)

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clemson University

Specific: EPA authorized the use of flufenacet on wheat to control annual ryegrass; November 20, 2002 to December 31, 2002. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

TEXAS

Department of Agriculture

Crisis: On October 10, 2002, for the use of azoxystrobin on broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and kohlrabi to control *Alternaria* Leafspot and *Cercospora* Leafspot. This program is expected to end on October 10, 2003. Contact: (Libby Pemberton)

Specific: EPA authorized the use of bifenthrin on citrus to control weevils; November 22, 2002 to November 22, 2003. Contact: (Andrea Conrath)

EPA authorized the use of azoxystrobin on broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and kohlrabi to control *Alternaria* Leafspot and *Cercospora* Leafspot; December 12, 2002 to October 10, 2003. Contact: (Libby Pemberton)

EPA authorized the use of propiconazole on grain sorghum to control sorghum ergot (*Claviceps africana*); December 14, 2002 to December 14, 2003. Contact: (Libby Pemberton)

VIRGINIA

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Specific: EPA authorized the use of bifenthrin on greenhouse grown tomatoes to control spider mites; October 4, 2002 to October 3, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

EPA authorized the use of flufenacet on wheat to control ryegrass; October 10, 2002 to December 31, 2002. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

WASHINGTON

Department of Agriculture

Specific: EPA authorized the use of flufenacet on wheat and triticale to control ryegrass; October 10, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

EPA authorized the use of coumaphos in beehives to control varroa mites and small hive beetles; February 2, 2003 to February 1, 2004. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

B. Federal Departments and Agencies**AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT**

Animal and Plant Health Inspector Service

Quarantine: EPA authorized the use of diazinon around the drip line of infested trees in Florida to control quarantined fruit fly species, such as the Mediterranean fruit fly; October 21, 2002 to October 21, 2005. Contact: (Dan Rosenblatt)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Crisis: On October 3, 2002, for the use of ethylene oxide to decontaminate interior spaces and personal and office items from the National Broadcasting Company on which *Bacillus anthracis* may be present at low bioburden levels. This program ended on/is expected to end on October 18, 2002. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

On October 3, 2002, for the use of hydrogen peroxide to decontaminate interior spaces and personal and office items from the National Broadcasting Company on which *Bacillus anthracis* may be present at low bioburden levels. This program ended on/is expected to end on October 18, 2002. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

On October 3, 2002, for the use of hydrogen peroxide and peroxyacetic acid to decontaminate interior spaces and personal and office items from the National Broadcasting Company on which *Bacillus anthracis* may be present at low bioburden levels. This program ended on/is expected to end on October 18, 2002. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

On October 3, 2002, for the use of sodium hypochlorite to decontaminate interior spaces and personal and office items from the National Broadcasting Company on which *Bacillus anthracis* may be present at low bioburden levels. This program ended on/is expected to end on October 18, 2002. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

On October 16, 2002, for the use of ethylene oxide to fumigate items retrieved from the U.S. Department of Justice that were contaminated or potentially contaminated by *Bacillus anthracis*. This program ended on/is expected to end on November 1, 2002. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

On December 9, 2002, for the use of sodium chlorite to fumigate the Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center in Washington, D.C. that was contaminated by *Bacillus anthracis*. This program ended on/is expected to end on December 24, 2002. Contact: (Barbara Madden)

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pest.

Dated: February 10, 2003.

Debra Edwards,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2003-0008; FRL-7295-6]

Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Inventory) to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3) of TSCA, EPA is required to publish a notice of receipt of a premanufacture notice (PMN) or an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), and to publish periodic status reports on the chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from January 29, 2003 to February 3, 2003, consists of the PMNs pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

DATES: Comments identified by the docket ID number OPPT-2003-0008 and the specific PMN number or TME number, must be received on or before March 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Cunningham, Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7408M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe the specific entities that this action may apply to. Although others may be affected, this action applies directly to the submitter of the premanufacture notices addressed in the 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 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 OPPT-2003-0008. 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 EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

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/>.

An electronic version of the public docket 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, 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. 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. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

Certain types of information will not be placed in the EPA Dockets.

Information claimed as CBI and other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute, which is not included in the official public docket, will not be available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket. EPA's policy is that copyrighted material will not be placed in EPA's electronic public docket but will be available only in 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.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA's electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA's electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

C. How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket ID number and specific PMN number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure

that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. If you wish to submit CBI or information that is otherwise protected by statute, please follow the instructions in Unit I.D. Do not use EPA Dockets or e-mail to submit CBI or information protected by statute.

1. *Electronically.* If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed in this unit, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any disk or CD ROM you submit, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA's policy is that EPA will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

i. *EPA Dockets.* Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. Go directly to EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once in the system, select "search," and then key in docket ID number—OPPT-2003-0008. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

ii. *E-mail.* Comments may be sent by e-mail to oppt.ncic@epa.gov, Attention: Docket ID Number OPPT-2003-0008 and PMN Number or TME Number. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official

public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

iii. *Disk or CD ROM.* You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit I.C.2. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By mail.* Send your comments to: Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

3. *By hand delivery or courier.* Deliver your comments to: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO) in EPA East Building Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Attention: Docket ID Number OPPT-2003-0008 and PMN Number or TME Number. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564-8930.

D. How Should I Submit CBI To the Agency?

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of

the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the notice or collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this document.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action and the specific PMN number you are commenting on in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. Why is EPA Taking this Action?

Section 5 of TSCA requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Inventory to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3) of TSCA, EPA is required to publish a notice of receipt of a PMN or an application for a TME and to publish periodic status reports on the chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from January 29, 2003 to February 3, 2003, consists of the PMNs pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

III. Receipt and Status Report for PMNs

This status report identifies the PMNs pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period. If you are interested in information that is not included in the following tables, you may contact EPA as described in Unit II. to access additional non-CBI information that may be available.

In Table I of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as CBI) on the PMNs received by EPA during this period: the EPA case number assigned to the PMN; the date the PMN was received by EPA; the projected end date for EPA's review of the PMN; the submitting manufacturer; the potential uses identified by the manufacturer in the PMN; and the chemical identity.

I. 10 PREMANUFACTURE NOTICES RECEIVED FROM: 01/29/03 TO 02/03/03

Case No.	Received Date	Projected Notice End Date	Manufacturer/Importer	Use	Chemical
P-03-0308	01/29/03	04/29/03	Polyone Corp.	(S) Hardcoat sealant for low density substrates.	(S) Isocyanic acid, polymethylene polyphenylene ester, polymer with methyloxirane and oxirane.
P-03-0309	01/29/03	04/29/03	CBI	(G) Coatings	(G) Acrylate ester
P-03-0310	01/29/03	04/29/03	BASF Corporation	(S) Gasoline additive	(G) Alkoxyated aliphatic alcohol
P-03-0311	01/30/03	04/30/03	BASF Corporation	(G) Industrial solvent	(G) Alkoxyated monobutyl ether
P-03-0312	01/30/03	04/30/03	CBI	(G) Open, non-dispersive (resin)	(G) Blocked aliphatic polyisocyanate
P-03-0313	01/30/03	04/30/03	Purezza Group	(S) A binding agent for removing anionic contaminants from natural waters; a binding agent for removing anionic contaminants from industrial effluent streams	(S) Lanthanian bentonite
P-03-0314	02/03/03	05/04/03	Matsushita-ultra Technology Battery Corporation	(S) Alkaline battery additive	(G) Metal substituted oxide

I. 10 PREMANUFACTURE NOTICES RECEIVED FROM: 01/29/03 TO 02/03/03—Continued

Case No.	Received Date	Projected Notice End Date	Manufacturer/Importer	Use	Chemical
P-03-0315	02/03/03	05/04/03	CBI	(G) Oil-field chemical	(G) Substituted polymethacrylic esters, hydrolyzed, sodium salt
P-03-0316	02/03/03	05/04/03	CBI	(G) Oil-field chemical	(G) Substituted methacrylic esters, polymer with methacrylic acid, sodium salt
P-03-0317	02/03/03	05/04/03	International Specialty Products	(S) Component of coatings for digital printing paper	(S) 2-propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, 2-hydroxyethyl ester, polymer with n-[3-dimethylamino)propyl]- 2-methyl-2-propenamide

In Table II of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as

CBI) on the Notices of Commencement to manufacture received:

II. 10 NOTICES OF COMMENCEMENT FROM: 01/29/03 TO 02/03/03

Case No.	Received Date	Commencement/Import Date	Chemical
P-01-0196	01/30/03	01/20/03	(G) Hydrocarbon resin
P-01-0302	01/29/03	01/16/03	(G) Polyureapolyurethane polyol
P-01-0461	01/29/03	01/10/03	(G) Carbobicycle alcohol
P-01-0656	01/31/03	01/26/03	(G) Polyurethane based thickening agent
P-02-0386	01/29/03	01/24/03	(G) Acrylic polymer
P-02-0854	02/03/03	01/31/03	(G) Poly (phosphate and carboxylate) ester
P-02-0877	02/03/03	01/20/03	(G) Substituted pyridone
P-02-0940	01/30/03	01/20/03	(G) Fatty acids, C ₁₈ -unsaturated, dimers, hydrogenated, polymers with ethylenediamine and polyoxyalkyleneamines.
P-02-0955	01/29/03	12/30/02	(G) Barium alcoholate
P-02-1090	01/29/03	01/21/03	(G) Glycol ether sulfuric acid ester, ammonium salt

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Premanufacturer notices.

Dated: February 12, 2003.

Sandra R. Wilkins,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2003-0007; FRL-7295-1]

Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Inventory) to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new

chemicals. Under sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3) of TSCA, EPA is required to publish a notice of receipt of a premanufacture notice (PMN) or an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), and to publish periodic status reports on the chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from January 11, 2003 to January 28, 2003, consists of the PMNs, pending or expired, and the notices of commencement to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

DATES: Comments identified by the docket ID number OPPT-2003-0007 and the specific PMN number or TME number, must be received on or before March 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Cunningham, Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division,

Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7408M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. General Information***A. Does this Action Apply to Me?*

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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 OPPT-2003-0007. The official public