List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements. Dated: May 15, 1991.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, it is proposed that 40 CFR part 180 be amended as follows:

## PART 180—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a and 371.

2. Section 180.1001 is amended in paragraphs (c) and (e) in the table therein by adding and alphabetically inserting the inert ingredient, to read as follows:

## § 180.1001 Exemptions from the requirements of a tolerance.

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Inert Ingredients	Limits	Uses
* * 1,1-difluoroethane (CAS Reg. No. 75–37–6)	* * * * For aerosol pesticide formulations used for insect control	* * Aerosol propellant
	in food- and feed-handling establishments and animals.	
* *	* * *	* *
* * * * * (e)	* * *	
Inert Ingredients	Limits	Uses
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1,1-difluoroethane (CAS Reg. No. 75-37-6)	For aerosol pesticide formula- tions used for insect control in food- and feed-handling establishments and animals	Aerosol propellant

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40 CFR Part 180

[PP 6E04704/P657; FRL-5369-5]

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α-Alkyl (C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>15</sub>)-ω-Hydroxy Poly(oxyethylene) Sulfate and its Ammonium, Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Sodium and Zinc Salts; Tolerance Exemption

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes that the current exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for  $\alpha$ -alkyl (C<sub>12</sub>-C<sub>15</sub>)- $\omega$ -hydroxy poly(oxyethylene) sulfate and its ammonium, calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium and zinc salts; the polyoxyethylene content averages 3 moles be amended to include alkyl groups ranging from C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>. This proposed regulation was requested by Henkel Corporation pursuant to Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA).

**DATES:** Comments, identified by the docket control number [PP 6E04704/P657], must be received on or before July 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person deliver comments to: Rm. 1132, 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 will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address

given above, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: oppdocket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number, [PP 6E04704/P657]. No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found below in this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Bipin Gandhi, Registration Support Branch, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs,

Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 2800 Crystal Drive, North Tower, Arlington, VA, (703) 308–8380, e-mail: gandhi.bipin @epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Henkel Corporation, 4900 Este Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232-1491, has submitted pesticide petition (PP) 6E04704 to EPA requesting that the Administrator, pursuant to section 408(e) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(e), propose to amend 40 CFR 180.1001(c) and (e) by establishing an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for  $\alpha$ -alkyl (C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>)- $\omega$ -hydroxy poly(oxyethylene) sulfate and its ammonium, calcium, magnesium potassium, sodium, and zinc salts; the poly(oxyethylene) content averages 2 moles when used as an inert ingredient (surfactants, related adjuvants of surfactants) in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops or to raw agricultural commodities after harvest.

Inert ingredients are all ingredients that are not active ingredients as defined in 40 CFR 153.125 and include, but are not limited to, the following types of ingredients (except when they have a pesticidal efficacy of their own): solvents such as alcohols and hydrocarbons; surfactants such as polyoxyethylene polymers and fatty acids; carriers such as clay and diatomaceous earth; thickeners such as carrageenan and modified cellulose; wetting, spreading, and dispersing agents; propellants in aerosol dispensers; microencapsulating agents; and emulsifiers. The term "inert" is not intended to imply nontoxicity; the ingredient may or may not be chemically active.

The data submitted in the petition and other relevant material have been evaluated. As part of the EPA policy statement on inert ingredients published in the Federal Register of April 22, 1987 (52 FR 13305), the Agency set forth a list of studies which would generally be used to evaluate the risks posed by the presence of an inert ingredient in a pesticide formulation. However, where it can be determined without that data that the inert ingredient will present minimal or no risk, the Agency generally does not require some or all of the listed studies to rule on the proposed tolerance or exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for an inert ingredient. The Agency has decided that no data, in addition to that described below, for α-alkyl (C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>)-ωhydroxy poly(oxyethylene) sulfate and its ammonium, calcium, magnesium,

potassium, sodium, and zinc salts; the poly(oxyethylene) content averages 2 moles will need to be submitted. The rationale for this decision is described below:

(1) The closely related surfactant,  $\alpha$ -alkyl ( $C_{12}$ - $C_{15}$ )- $\omega$ -hydroxy poly(oxyethylene) sulfate and its ammonium, calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium, and zinc salts; the poly(oxyethylene) content averages 3 moles is exempt from the requirement of a tolerance under 40 CFR 180.1001(c).

(2) A related alkyl ethoxylate surfactant,  $\alpha$ -alkyl- $(C_8$ - $C_{18})$ - $\omega$ -hydroxypoly(oxyethylene) with a poly(oxyethylene) content of 2 to 30 moles, is exempt from the requirement of a tolerance under 40 CFR 180.1001(c).

(3) The addition of the  $C_{10}$ - $C_{14}$  alkyl chain to the existing  $C_{12}$ - $C_{15}$  alkyl chain of alkyl  $C_{12}$ - $C_{15}$ -omega-hydroxy poly(oxyethylene) sulfate and its ammonium, calcium, magnasium, potassium, sodium and zinc salts and a reduction in average poly(oxyethylene) content from 3 moles to 2 moles is not expected to result in any adverse effects on health or the environment.

Based upon the above information and review of its use, EPA has found that, when used in accordance with good agricultural practice, this ingredient is useful and a tolerance is not necessary to protect the public health. Therefore, EPA proposes that the exemption from the requirement of a tolerance be established as set forth below

Any person who has registered or submitted an application for registration of a pesticide, under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act as amended, which contains any of the ingredients listed herein, may request within 30 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register that this proposal be referred to an Advisory Committee in accordance with section 408(e) of FFDCA.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Comments must bear a notation indicating the docket control number, [PP 6E04704/P657]. All written comments filed in response to this petition will be available in the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, at the Virginia address given above from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

A record has been established for this rulemaking under docket number [PP 6E04704/P657] (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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall#2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form

of encryption.

The official record for this rulemaking, 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 rulemaking record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official rulemaking record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this proposed rule from the requirements of section 3 of Executive Order 12866.

This action does not impose any enforceable duty, or contain any "unfunded mandates" as described in Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–4), or require prior consultation as specified by Executive Order 12875 (58 FR 58093, October 28, 1993), entitled Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership, or special consideration as required by Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

Pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96–3 54, 94 Stat. 1164, 5 U.S.C. 601–612), the Administrator has determined that regulations establishing new tolerances or raising tolerance levels or establishing exemptions from tolerance requirements do not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A certification statement to this effect was published in the Federal Register of May 4, 1981 (46 FR 24950).

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Dated: May 15, 1996.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, it is proposed that 40 CFR part 180 be amended as follows:

## PART 180—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a and 371.

2. In § 180.1001 the table to paragraphs (c) and (e) is amended by revising the listing for " $\alpha$ -Alkyl C<sub>12</sub>-C<sub>15</sub>- $\omega$ -hydroxy poly(oxyethylene) sulfate

and its ammonium, calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium and zinc salts; the polyoxyethylene content averages 3 moles" to read as follows:

§ 180.1001 Exemptions from the requirements of a tolerance.

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Ingredients			Limits		Uses
-Alkyl $(C_{10}$ - $C_{15}$ )- $\omega$ -hydroxy poly(oxyethyle and its ammonium, calcium, magnesium, sodium, and zinc salts; the poly(oxyeth	potassium,	*	*	*	* * Surfactants, related adjuvants of surfactants.
tent averages 2 moles.	* *	*	*	*	* *
* * * * Ingredients	(e) <sup>3</sup>	*	* Limits	*	Uses
* * * * * Ingredients  -Alkyl $(C_{10}\text{-}C_{15})\text{-}\omega-hydroxy poly(oxyethyle and its ammonium, calcium, magnesium, sodium, and zinc salts; the poly(oxyeth tent averages 2 moles.$	* ene) sulfate potassium,	*	Limits *	*	Uses  * * ' Surfactants, related adjuvants of surfactants.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 0 and 80

[CI Docket 95-55; DA 96-822]

Inspection of Radio Installations on Large Cargo and Small Passenger Ships

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of time.

SUMMARY: The United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) has requested an extension of time to prepare comments to a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)* that the Commission adopted on April 25, 1996. Because the Coast Guard is responsible for maritime safety in the United States and the Commission is coordinating this proposal with the Coast Guard we are granting their request. The intended effect of this extension is to permit the Coast Guard and other interested parties additional time to prepare comments.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before June 24, 1996, and reply comments must be filed on or before July 15, 1996. Written comments by the public and federal agencies on the proposed and/or modified information collections are due by June 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, a copy of any comments on the information collections contained herein should be submitted to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to dconway@fcc.gov, and to Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB, 725–17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503 or via the Internet to fain\_t@al.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George R. Dillon of the Compliance and Information Bureau at (202) 418–1100. For additional information concerning the information collections contained in this NPRM contact Dorothy Conway at 202–418–0217, or via the Internet at dconway@fcc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 25, 1996, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, CI

Docket 95–55, FCC 96–194, 61 FR 21151, May 9, 1996, that proposed to permit the Commission to use private sector organizations to inspect all U. S. cargo ships and passenger ships that are required by statute to have an inspection. Because the Commission's primary objective is preserving safety of life at sea we requested specific comments on how to ensure that safety will not be compromised by using private sector inspectors. Additionally, we noted that we would coordinate this proceeding with the U. S. Coast Guard.

- 1. The U. S. Coast Guard has requested an extension of time in which to file comments. The Coast Guard states that the proposals are substantial and that the additional time will permit it to prepare a thorough review of the proposal. We requested that comments be filed by May 24, 1996, and reply comments be filed by June 3, 1996.
- 2. Because Commission staff are coordinating this proposal with the Coast Guard and we have requested their comments, we believe that an extension of time is warranted. For good cause shown, and pursuant to Sections