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Information submitted in any comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as (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 provided by the submitter for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments filed pursuant to this notice will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Andrea Beard, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Floor 6, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8791; e-mail: beard.andrea@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a state agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption. The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue specific exemptions for the use of pyriproxyfen and buprofezin on cotton to control the sweet potato, or silverleaf whitefly (SLW). Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

The Applicant states that a new strain or possibly a new species, of whitefly, often referred to as the strain B of sweet potato whitefly, or silverleaf whitefly (SLW), has been a major pest of cotton in Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties of California since 1991. Since that time, it has steadily spread to new host plants and grown in population size each summer and fall. The SLW causes damage by feeding, and also through the production of

honeydew, which encourages growth of sooty mold and other fungi. When SLWs become numerous, their direct feeding lowers the yield. The SLW has also been implicated as a vector of virus. The Applicant claims that adequate control of the SLW is not being achieved with currently registered products and alternative cultural practices. The Applicant points out that the ability to adequately control this pest is further complicated because of the close proximity of these California cotton-growing areas to that of Arizona where large populations of whitefly have demonstrated resistance to available insecticidal control. It is expected that resistant whitefly will migrate into California and cause identical resistance problems to those being experienced in Arizona. The Applicant indicates that one application of either one or the other of the requested chemicals would not provide adequate control throughout the season, and since application of either would be limited to one, is requesting the use of both materials. The Applicant indicates that without adequate control of the SLW in cotton, significant economic losses will be suffered.

The Applicant proposes to apply pyriproxyfen at a rate of 0.054 lb. active ingredient (a.i.) per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on a total of 24,000 acres of cotton. The Applicant proposes to apply buprofezin at a rate of 0.35 lb. a.i., per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on a total of up to 24,000 acres of cotton. Therefore, use under these exemptions could potentially amount to a maximum total of 1,296 lbs. of pyriproxyfen and 8,400 lbs. of buprofezin.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt in the Federal Register for an application for a specific exemption proposing the first food use of an active ingredient, or for use of a new (unregistered) chemical. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-181016] (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 Resource

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 notice, 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 record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document. Accordingly, interested persons may submit written views on this subject to the Field Operations Division at the address above.

The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: July 2, 1996.

Peter Caulkins,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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Availability of Draft Guidance on Environmental Justice in EPA's NEPA Compliance Analysis

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities.

The Office of Federal Activities (OFA) has prepared a draft guidance on "Environmental Justice in EPA's NEPA Compliance Analysis" which is available for review.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires all federal agencies to evaluate the environmental consequences of major federal actions. In February, 1994, the Administration issued Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and

Low-Income Populations. Specifically, the Executive Order requires all federal agencies to analyze the environmental effects, including human health, economic and social effects, of federal actions, including effects on minority communities and low-income communities, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

A Presidential Memorandum accompanying the Executive Order requires all federal agencies to design a strategy to incorporate EJ assessment into ongoing projects and all future planning. In conjunction with the Office of Environmental Justice and the American Indian Environmental Office, OFA has completed draft guidance to assist EPA staff responsible for developing EPA/NEPA compliance documentation, including environmental impact statements (EISs) and environmental assessments (EAs) in addressing environmental justice concerns. The draft EJ/NEPA Guidance is available for review through September 30, 1996. At that time, the document will be revised to incorporate comments.

Please contact Arthur Totten at 202/564-7164 or Karen Norris at 202/564-7132 or write EPA, 401 M Street, SW. (2252A), Washington, DC, 20460 to request a copy. The document can also be found on the Internet under OFA's home page at <http://es.inel.gov/oeca/ofa/index.html>.

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Richard E. Sanderson,
Director, Office of Federal Activities.
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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet in open session at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 1996, to consider the following matters:

Summary Agenda: No substantive discussion of the following items is anticipated. These matters will be resolved with a single vote unless a member of the Board of Directors requests that an item be moved to the discussion agenda.

Disposition of minutes of previous meetings.

Reports of actions approved by officers of the Corporation pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors.

Memorandum and resolution re: Proposed Amendments to Part 311—Rules Governing Public Observation of Meetings of the Corporation's Board of Directors.

Memorandum and resolution re: Proposed Amendments to Part 357—Determination of Economically Depressed Regions.

Discussion Agenda:

Memorandum and resolution re: Stored Value Cards.

Memorandum and resolution re: Final Rule Amending Part 348 of the Corporation's Regulations on Management Official Interlocks.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The FDIC will provide attendees with auxiliary aids (e.g., sign language interpretation) required for this meeting. Those attendees needing such assistance should call (202) 416-2449 (Voice); (202) 416-2004 (TTY), to make necessary arrangements.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 898-6757.

Dated: July 9, 1996.
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Robert E. Feldman,
Deputy Executive Secretary.
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has

been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than August 5, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166:

1. *Roosevelt Financial Group, Inc.*, Chesterfield, Missouri; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Community Charter Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Missouri State Bank & Trust Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

In connection with this proposal, Roosevelt Financial Group, Inc., Chesterfield, Missouri, has applied to continue to own, control and operate a savings institution through the retention of 100 percent of the voting shares of Roosevelt Bank, FSB, Chesterfield, Missouri, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(9) of the Board's Regulation Y; and continue to engage in mortgage banking activities through the retention of 10 percent of the voting shares of Roosevelt Mortgage Company, Chesterfield, Missouri, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

2. *Southwest Missouri Bancshares, Inc.*, Ozark, Missouri; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of