

D. Determination of Safety for Infants and Children

1. Developmental toxicity.

Developmental toxicity was observed in a developmental toxicity study using rats but was not seen in a developmental toxicity study using rabbits. A developmental NOAEL of 180 mg/kg/day and developmental LEL of 650 mg/kg/day were established for the rat study. Effects noted in the rat study included decrease in fetal weights (21 to 22 percent), filamentous tail, lack of tail (due to absence of sacral and/or caudal vertebrae), and delayed ossification (hyoids, vertebral centrum and/or transverse processes, sternbrae and/or metatarsals, and pubes). The developmental NOEL for the rabbit study was greater than 400 mg/kg/day and was the highest dose tested. The developmental effects observed in the rat study are believed to be secondary effects resulting from maternal stress.

2. Reproductive toxicity. A two-generation reproduction study with rats fed diets containing 0, 150, 600, and 3,000 ppm (approximately 0, 7.5, 30, and 150 mg/kg/day) produced no reproductive effects during the course of the study. Although the dose levels were insufficient to elicit a toxic response, the Agency has considered this study usable for regulatory purposes and has established a free-standing NOEL of 3,000 ppm (approximately 150 mg/kg/day) [See Proposed Rule at 60 FR 13941, March 15, 1995].

RFD. Based on the demonstrated lack of significant developmental or reproductive toxicity BASF believes that the RfD used to assess safety to children should be the same as that for the general population, 0.09 mg/kg/day. Using the conservative exposure assumptions described above, BASF has concluded that the most sensitive child population is that of children ages 1 to 6. BASF calculates the exposure to this group to be less than 70 percent of the RfD for all uses (including those proposed in this document). The proposed tolerances in endive, asparagus, carrot, cranberry, peppermint and spearmint represent an exposure to this group of less than 1 percent. Based on the completeness and reliability of the toxicity data and the conservative exposure assessment, BASF concludes that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result to infants and children from aggregate exposure to the residues of sethoxydim, including dietary exposure and all other non-occupational exposures.

3. Endocrine effects. No special studies investigating potential

estrogenic or endocrine effects of sethoxydim have been conducted. However, the standard battery of required studies has been completed. These studies include an evaluation of the potential effects on reproduction and development, and an evaluation of the pathology of the endocrine organs following repeated or long-term exposure. These studies are generally considered to be sufficient to detect any endocrine effects but no such effects were noted in any of the studies.

II. Other Considerations

There is no reasonable expectation that secondary residues will occur in milk, eggs, or meat of livestock and poultry from the proposed uses of sethoxydim on asparagus, cranberries, endive, and mint; there are no livestock feed commodities associated with these commodities. Any secondary residues occurring in meat, fat, meat byproducts and milk of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep from the proposed use on carrots will be covered by existing tolerances. There are no residues expected to occur in poultry meat, meat byproducts, fat or eggs since carrots are not considered a poultry feed item. There are no Codex maximum residue levels established for residues of sethoxydim on asparagus, carrots, cranberry, endive, or mint.

III. Public Record

EPA invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice of filing. Comments must bear a notation indicating the docket number, [PF-688; FRL-5582-6]. All written comments filed in response to this petition will be available in the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, at the address given above from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

A record has been established for this rulemaking under docket number [PF-688; FRL-5582-6] (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 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 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 notice of filing, 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.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Administrative practice and procedure,
Agricultural commodities, Pesticides
and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping.
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Stephen L. Johnson,

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notices have been accepted for processing, they will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than January 23, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. Gib S. Nichols, Helena, Montana; to acquire an additional 6.4 percent, for a

total of 28.1 percent, of the voting shares of Flathead Holding Company of Bigfork, Bigfork, Montana, and thereby indirectly acquire Flathead Bank of Bigfork, Bigfork, Montana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 2, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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 February 3, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (John E. Yorke, Senior Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198:

1. *BOK Financial Corporation*, Tulsa, Oklahoma; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First TexCorp, Inc., Dallas, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire First Texas Bank, Dallas, Texas.

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Jennifer J. Johnson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notice 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 question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether consummation of the proposal 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 on this question 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, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 23, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Christopher J. McCurdy, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045:

1. *The Bank of New York Company, Inc.*, New York, New York; to engage through its subsidiary, BNY Capital Markets, Inc., New York, New York, in underwriting and dealing in debt and equity securities of all types, other than shares of open-end investment companies. *See Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce*, 76 Fed. Res. Bull. 158 (1990); *J. P. Morgan & Co. Incorporated*, 75 Fed. Res. Bull. 192 (1989), *aff'd sub nom. Securities Industries Ass'n v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System*, 900 F.2d 360 (D.C. Cir. 1990); and *Citicorp*, 73 Fed. Res. Bull. 473 (1987), *aff'd sub nom. Securities Industry Ass'n v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System*, 839 F.2d 47 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 486 U.S. 1059 (1988).

2. *The Toronto-Dominion Bank*, Toronto, Canada and Waterhouse Investor Services, Inc., New York, New York; to acquire 50 percent of the voting shares of Marketware International, Inc., and thereby engage in providing data processing and data transmission services, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(7) of the Board's Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *Norwest Corporation*, Minneapolis Minnesota; to acquire Statewide Mortgage Company, Birmingham, Alabama, and thereby engage in the purchase, origination, and sale of mortgage loans and related servicing rights, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.