

estimate for any population subgroup, and iprodione residues in currently registered foods would not be expected to result in significant levels of chronic toxicity to any segment of the U.S. population.

2. *Infants and children—adequate margin of safety.* In assessing the potential for additional sensitivity of infants and children to residues of iprodione, the available teratology and reproductive toxicity studies and the potential for endocrine modulation by iprodione were considered.

Developmental studies in two species indicate that iprodione has no teratogenic potential, even at maternally toxic dose levels. Maternal and developmental no observed effect levels and lowest observed effect levels were generally comparable indicating no increased susceptibility of developing organisms. Multigeneration rodent reproduction studies indicated that iprodione has no adverse effects on reproductive performance, fertility, fecundity or sex ratio. Effects on pup weight and viability were only noted in the presence of severe parental toxicity.

The mechanism of endocrine modulation associated with iprodione (inhibition of testosterone biosynthesis) appears to be distinct from that of anti-androgens acting at the level of the androgen receptor and may help to explain the lack of adverse effects on reproductive function observed with iprodione.

Therefore, based upon the completeness and reliability of the toxicity data and the conservative exposure assessment, Rhone-Poulenc believes that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result to infants and children from exposure to residues of iprodione and no additional uncertainty factor is warranted.

3. *Endocrine discussion and conclusion.* As indicated in Unit I.A.5. in a notice of filing for iprodione published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register, the primary lesion at the level of the target organs (testes, ovaries adrenals) is likely to be related to an inhibition of steroid/androgen biosynthesis. The resulting endocrine toxic effect due to iprodione is fairly moderate compared to that produced by potent endocrine disruptors such as flutamide (and other structural analogs) and is insufficiently potent to produce effects on reproduction or development.

The increased incidence in tumors in both rats and mice was only observed when animals were treated at or above the MTD. For all three tumor sites (testis, liver, ovary) tumors only develop on pre-existing non-neoplastic lesions (cell hypertrophy/vacuolation,

hyperplasia) and a clear threshold level exist for both non-neoplastic lesions and tumors. Those thresholds are far in excess of those levels of iprodione that the general public would be exposed to.

Conclusion. Rhone-Poulenc believes that iprodione would not be expected to induce any adverse effects related to endocrine disruption in members of the general population via the consumption of food crops containing residues of this compound.

II. Public Record

EPA invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice of filing. Comments must bear a notation indicating the docket number, [PF-691].

A record has been established for this notice of filing under docket number [PF-691] 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 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 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.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: January 15, 1997.

Stephen L. Johnson,
Director, Registration Division, Office of
Pesticide Programs.

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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). 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 18, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Robert M. Brady, Vice President) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Affiliated Community Bancorp, Inc.*, Waltham, Massachusetts; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Middlesex Bank & Trust Company, Newton, Massachusetts a *de novo* bank (in organization).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 17, 1997.

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 February 6, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (John E. Yorke, Senior Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198:-0001

1. *Norwest Corporation*, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and *Norwest Financial Services, Inc.*, Des Moines, Iowa (collectively, "Applicants"), to acquire *Reliable Financial Services, Inc.*, San Juan, Puerto Rico ("Reliable"), and thereby engage in the following activities: (1) the purchase, origination, sale, and servicing of automobile loans, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y; and (2) the sale of credit life, credit accident, and credit health insurance related to these loans, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(8) of the Board's Regulation Y.

In addition, Applicants propose to fulfill the commitments and obligations of *Reliable* relating to the securitization of automobile loan receivables through an existing grantor trust. As servicer for the grantor trust, Applicants would receive a fee for servicing, managing and collecting the receivables that are transferred to the trust.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (John E. Yorke, Senior Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198:-0001

1. *BOK Financial Corporation*, Tulsa, Oklahoma; to engage *de novo* through its wholly-owned subsidiary, *Alliance Securities Corporation*, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in underwriting and dealing, to a limited extent, in certain municipal revenue bonds (including certain unrated revenue bonds), 1-4 family mortgage-related securities, consumer receivable-related securities, and commercial paper that a state member bank may not underwrite and deal in bank-ineligible securities, *see, e.g., Citicorp*, 73 Fed. Res. Bull. 473 (1987); *Letter Interpreting Section 20 Orders*, 81 Fed. Res. Bull. 198 (1995); in acting as agent in the private placement of all types of securities, *see Bankers Trust New York Corp.*, 75 Fed. Res. Bull. 829 (1989); in providing investment advisory services *see 12 CFR 225.25(b)(4)*; in underwriting and dealing in government obligations and money market instruments in which state member banks may underwrite and deal under 12 U.S.C. §§ 24(7) and 335 (bank-eligible securities) *see 12 CFR 225.25(b)(16)*; and in providing full-service securities brokerage services *see 12 CFR 225.25(b)(15)*.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 17, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

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

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 29, 1997.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: January 22, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Availability, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Lease Construction and Consolidation of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, Dade County, Florida

Pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the President's Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), as implemented by General Services Administration (GSA) Order PBS P 1095.4B, GSA announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the lease construction to consolidate the Immigration and Naturalization (INS).

The DEIS is available for 45 days of public comment. The DEIS examined