

Charge to the Science Advisory Board

The Agency charge to the SAB includes the following questions:

1. The distributions of estimated water intake were generated using standard statistical methodology for surveys with complex designs such as the 1994–96 CSFII. Is the statistical methodology used to generate the estimates appropriate?

2. EPA limited the calculation of confidence intervals about the mean and boot strap intervals for percentiles to the distributions for the larger subpopulations. The complex sample design makes the calculation and interpretation of results for smaller subpopulations difficult if not impossible to calculate and interpret. Is this an appropriate decision?

3. The CSFII survey is based on short-term survey data. Upper percentile estimates may differ for short-term and long-term data because short-term survey data tends to be inherently more variable. Is it appropriate to report upper percentile estimates such as the 99th percentile?

4. Are the data conventions used to identify indirect water appropriate?

5. Do the data support estimates of subpopulation distributions?

6. EPA has provided distributions of estimated water intake for numerous subpopulations. Should any additional subpopulations be added? Should any be excluded? Specify such subpopulations.

7. USDA has identified two types of indirect water in foods. They are:

a. The amount of water in food as consumed.

b. The amount of water used to prepare food.

The EPA water intake report provides estimates of the amount of indirect water in food as consumed. If resources permit, we could expand our report as a future addendum to include estimates of the amount of indirect water used to prepare food. Would this be desirable?

8. Additional water intake estimates associated with types of food may be useful for specific risk-exposure analyses, e.g., cold beverage intake. Such analyses are feasible using the CSFII data. EPA could expand the report as a future addendum if resources permit. Are any such targeted analyses of significant interest at this time?

9. Intrinsic water is the water contained in foods and beverages at the time of market purchase. Intrinsic water includes commercial water (added to food products by food manufacturers) and biological water (found naturally in foods). Intrinsic water is not included in EPA's current analysis. If resources

permit, EPA could expand the report as a future addendum to include estimates of intrinsic water. Would this be desirable?

10. What are the scientific limitations to the use of the water consumption estimates provided in this report?

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Single copies of the background report for the review can be obtained by contacting either Dr. Julie Du, US EPA, Office of Science and Technology, Mail Stop 4304, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20460; [telephone: (202) 260–7583] or Ms. Helen Jacobs, US EPA, Office of Science and Technology, Mail Stop 4303, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20460; [telephone: (202) 260–5412]. Additional information for these meetings, or the agendas for the meetings, can be obtained by contacting Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Drinking Water Intake Subcommittee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 260–5886; by fax at (202) 260–7118 or via e-Mail at:

<miller.tom@epa.gov>, or by contacting Ms. Dorothy Clark at (202) 260–6555, by fax at (202) 260–7118, and by e-Mail at: <clark.dorothy@epa.gov>. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Subcommittee must contact Mr. Miller, in writing (by letter, fax, or E-mail) no later than 12 noon, Thursday, July 1, 1999, in order to be included on the Agenda for the July 8 teleconference meeting and no later than 12 noon, Monday, July 12, 1999 for the July 19–20 meeting. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to Mr. Miller no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Subcommittee and the interested public.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week before the meeting), may be mailed to the

relevant SAB committee or subcommittee; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting, or mailed soon after receipt by the Agency. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 260–4126 or via fax at (202) 260–1889.

Individuals requiring special accommodation at SAB meetings, including wheelchair access, should contact Mr. Miller at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: June 7, 1999.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–34190; FRL–6087–9]

Organophosphate Pesticides: Bensulide and Profenofos; Availability of Revised Risk Assessments and Public Participation on Risk Management

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the revised risk assessments and related documents for two organophosphate pesticides, bensulide and profenofos. In addition, this notice starts a 60-day public participation period during which the public is encouraged to submit risk management ideas or proposals. These actions are in response to a joint initiative between EPA and the Department of Agriculture to increase transparency in the tolerance reassessment process for organophosphate pesticides.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control numbers OPP–34132B for bensulide and OPP–34138B for profenofos, must be received by EPA on or before August 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in

person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" section. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control numbers OPP-34132B for bensulide and OPP-34138B for profenofos in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Angulo, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8004; e-mail address: angulo.karen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does This Action Apply To Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, nevertheless, a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in obtaining the revised risk assessments and submitting risk management comments on bensulide and profenofos, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of This Document or Other Related Documents?

A. Electronically

You may obtain electronic copies of this document and other related documents from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

To access information about organophosphate pesticides and obtain electronic copies of the revised risk assessments and related documents mentioned in this notice, you can also go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/>.

B. In Person

The Agency has established official records for these actions under docket control numbers OPP-34132B for

bensulide and OPP-34138B for profenofos. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

C. By Telephone

If you need additional information about this action, you may also contact the person identified in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION" section.

III. How Can I Respond To This Action?

A. How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, you must identify docket control numbers OPP-34132B for bensulide and OPP-34138B for profenofos in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The Document Control Office (DCO) is open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* Submit electronic comments by e-mail to: "opp-docket@epa.gov," or you may mail or deliver your standard computer disk

using the addresses in this unit. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. 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 standard computer disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by the docket control numbers OPP-34132B for bensulide and OPP-34138B for profenofos. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

B. How Should I Handle CBI Information That I Want To Submit To the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI 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. 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 version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

IV. What Action is EPA Taking in This Notice?

EPA is making available for public viewing the revised risk assessments and related documents for two organophosphate pesticides, bensulide and profenofos. These documents have been developed as part of the pilot public participation process that EPA and USDA are now using for involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The pilot public participation process was developed as part of the EPA-USDA Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC), which was established in April 1998, as a subcommittee under the auspices of EPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology.

A goal of the pilot public participation process is to find a more effective way for the public to participate at critical junctures in the Agency's development of organophosphate risk assessments and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998, to increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation. The documents being released to the public through this notice provide information on the revisions that were made to the bensulide and profenofos preliminary risk assessments, which were released to the public August 10, 1998 (63 FR 43175) (FRL-6024-3) through a notice in the **Federal Register**.

In addition, this notice starts a 60-day public participation period during which the public is encouraged to submit risk management proposals or otherwise comment on risk management for bensulide and profenofos. The Agency is providing an opportunity, through this notice, for interested parties to provide written risk management proposals or ideas to the Agency on the chemicals specified in this notice. Such comments and proposals could address ideas about how to manage dietary, occupational, or ecological risks on specific bensulide and profenofos use sites or crops across the United States or in a particular geographic region of the country. To address dietary risk, for example, commentors may choose to discuss the feasibility of lower application rates, increasing the time interval between application and harvest ("pre-harvest intervals"), modifications in use, or suggest alternative measures to reduce residues contributing to dietary exposure. For occupational risks, commentors may suggest personal protective equipment or technologies to reduce exposure to workers and pesticide handlers. For ecological risks,

commentors may suggest ways to reduce environmental exposure, e.g., birds, fish, mammals, and other non-target organisms. EPA will provide other opportunities for public participation and comment on issues associated with the organophosphate tolerance reassessment program. Failure to participate or comment as part of this opportunity will in no way prejudice or limit a commentor's opportunity to participate fully in later notice and comment processes. All comments and proposals must be received by EPA on or before August 16, 1999 at the addresses given under the "ADDRESSES" section. Comments and proposals will become part of the Agency record for the organophosphate specified in this notice.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: June 10, 1999.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30480; FRL-6084-5]

Certain Companies; Applications to Register Pesticide Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of applications to register pesticide products containing new active

ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by July 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30480] and the file symbols to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a 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 submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Regulatory Action Leader, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), listed in the table below:

Regulatory Action Leader	Office location/telephone number	Address
Robyn Rose	Rm. 910W44, CM #2, 703-308-9581, e-mail: rose.robyn@epa.gov	1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA
Susanne Cerrelli	Rm. 910W45, CM #2, 703-308-8077, e-mail: cerrelli.susanne@epa.gov	Do.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA received applications as follows to register pesticide products containing active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provision of section 3(c)(4) of FIFRA. Notice of receipt of these applications does not imply a decision by the Agency on the applications.

I. Products Containing Active Ingredients Not Included In Any Previously Registered Products

1. File Symbol: 72098-A. Applicant: Taensa, Inc., 26 Sherman Court, P.O. Box 764, Fairfield, CT 06430. Product Name: TAE-022 Technical. Plant Strengthening Agent and Biofungicide. Active ingredient: *Bacillus subtilis* var. *amyloliquefaciens* strain FZB24 at

73.3%. Proposed classification/Use: None. For manufacturing purposes only. (R. Rose)

2. File Symbol: 69592-L. Applicant: Agraquest Inc., 1105 Kennedy Place, Davis, CA 95616. Product Name: QST 713 Technical. Microbial Fungicide. Active ingredient: QST 713 strain of dried *Bacillus subtilis* at 5%. Proposed classification/Use: None. For use in