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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this action. The Agency believes that a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in technical briefings on organophosphate pesticides, 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. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," 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, you can also go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/>. In addition, a brief summary of the diazinon revised risk assessment is now available at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/status.htm/>, as well as in paper as part of the public version of the official record as described in Unit I.B.2.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record under docket control number OPP-34225A. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, 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 the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), 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 PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

This document announces the Agency's intention to hold a technical briefing for the organophosphate pesticide, diazinon. The Agency is presenting the revised risk assessments for diazinon to interested stakeholders. This technical briefing is designed to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to become even more informed about an organophosphate's risk assessment. EPA will describe in detail the revised risk assessment: Including the major points (e.g., contributors to risk estimates); how public comment on the preliminary risk assessment affected the revised risk assessment; and the pesticide use information/data that was used in developing the revised risk assessment. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. In addition, representatives of the USDA will provide ideas on possible risk management.

The technical briefing is 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 pesticide risk assessment and risk management decisions. EPA and USDA began implementing this pilot process in August 1998 in response to Vice

President Gore's directive to increase transparency and opportunities for stakeholder consultation.

On the day of the technical briefing, in addition to making copies available at the meeting site, the Agency will also release for public viewing the diazinon revised risk assessments and related documents to the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch and the OPP Internet web site that are described in Unit I.B.1. In addition, the Agency will issue a **Federal Register** notice to provide an opportunity for a 60-day public participation period during which the public may submit risk management and mitigation ideas and recommendations and proposals for transition.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: October 24, 2000.

Jack E. Housenger,

Acting Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-980; FRL-6750-2]

Notice of Filing Pesticide Petitions to Establish Tolerances for Certain Pesticide Chemicals in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number PF-980, must be received on or before December 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number PF-980 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Linda DeLuise, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.,

Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-5428; e-mail address: deluise.linda@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

You may be affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Categories	NAICS codes	Examples of potentially affected entities
Industry	111	Crop production
.....	112	Animal production
.....	311	Food manufacturing
.....	32532	Pesticide manufacturing

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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C. 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, it is imperative that you identify docket control number PF-980 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

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

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov, or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in Wordperfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number PF-980. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI 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 identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA has received pesticide petitions as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that these petitions contain data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data support granting of the petitions. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petitions.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Feed additives, Food additives, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: October 25, 2000.

Peter Caulkins,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Summaries of Petitions

The petitioner summaries of the pesticide petitions is printed below as required by section 408(d)(3) of the FFDCA. The summary of the petition was prepared by the petitioner and represents the view of the petitioner. EPA is publishing the petitions summaries verbatim without editing it in any way. The petitions summaries announces the availability of a description of the analytical methods available to EPA for the detection and measurement of the pesticide chemicals residues or an explanation of why no such method is needed.

1. FMC Corporation

PP 0F6207

EPA has received a pesticide petition PP 0F6207 from FMC Corporation, 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 proposing, pursuant to section 408(d) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR 180.418 by establishing tolerances for residues of the insecticide zeta-cypermethrin (\pm -a-Cyano(3-phenoxyphenyl)methyl (\pm) cis, trans 3-(2,2-dichloroethenyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropanecarboxylate) in or on the raw agricultural commodities (RAC): wheat, grain at 0.15 parts per million (ppm); wheat, forage, at 2.5 ppm; wheat, hay at 6.0 ppm; wheat, straw at 6.5 ppm; wheat, bran at 0.20 ppm; sorghum, grain, at 0.50 ppm; sorghum, forage at 0.10 ppm; sorghum, fodder at 1.5 ppm; tomatoes at 0.10 ppm; peppers at 0.30 ppm; peas and beans (dried, succulent, and edible podded) at 0.50 ppm; soybeans at 0.05 ppm; poultry, meat at 0.05 ppm; poultry, meat by-products at 0.05 ppm; poultry, fat at 0.05 ppm and, eggs at 0.05 ppm; meat of cattle, goats, hogs, horses, and, sheep at 0.3 ppm; fat of cattle, goats, hogs, horses, and sheep at 0.30 ppm; and, milk, fat at 0.2 ppm (reflecting 0.01 ppm in whole milk).

A. Residue Chemistry

1. *Plant metabolism.* The metabolism of cypermethrin in plants is adequately understood. Studies have been conducted to delineate the metabolism

of radiolabelled cypermethrin in various crops all showing similar results. The residue of concern is the parent compound only.

2. *Analytical method.* There is a practical analytical method for detecting and measuring levels of cypermethrin in or on food with a limit of detection that allows monitoring of food with residues at or above the levels set in these tolerances (gas chromatography with electron capture detection (GC/ECD)).

3. *Magnitude of residues.* Crop field trial residue data from studies conducted at the maximum label rates for wheat, sorghum, peas, beans, soybeans, tomatoes, and peppers show that the proposed zeta-cypermethrin tolerances on wheat, grain at 0.15 ppm; wheat, forage, at 2.5 ppm; wheat, hay at 6.0 ppm; wheat, straw at 6.5 ppm; wheat, bran at 0.20 ppm; sorghum, grain, at 0.50 ppm; sorghum, forage at 0.10 ppm; sorghum, fodder at 1.5 ppm; tomatoes at 0.10 ppm; peppers at 0.30 ppm; peas, and beans (dried, succulent, and edible podded) at 0.50 ppm; soybeans at 0.05 ppm; will not be exceeded when the zeta-cypermethrin products labeled for these uses are used as directed.

B. Toxicological Profile

1. *Acute toxicity.* For the purposes of assessing acute dietary risk, FMC has used the no observed adverse effect level (NOAEL) of 10.0 milligrams/kilograms (mg/kg)/day from the zeta-cypermethrin acute neurotoxicity study in rats. The lowest effect level (LEL) of 50.0 mg/kg/day was based on clinical signs. This acute dietary endpoint is used to determine acute dietary risks to all population subgroups.

2. *Genotoxicity.* The following genotoxicity tests were all negative: *In vivo* chromosomal aberration in rat bone marrow cells; *in vitro* cytogenic chromosome aberration; unscheduled DNA synthesis; chinese hamster ovary/hypoxanthine guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (CHO/HGPRT) mutagen assay; weakly mutagenic; gene mutation (Ames).

3. *Reproductive and developmental toxicity.* No evidence of additional sensitivity to young rats was observed following prenatal or postnatal exposure to zeta-cypermethrin.

i. A 2-generation reproductive toxicity study with zeta-cypermethrin in rats demonstrated a NOAEL of 7.0 mg/kg/day and a LOAEL of 27.0 mg/kg/day for parental/systemic toxicity based on body weight, organ weight, and clinical signs. There were no adverse effects in reproductive performance. The NOAEL for reproductive toxicity was considered

to be ≤ 45.0 mg/kg/day (the highest dose tested).

ii. A developmental study with zeta-cypermethrin in rats demonstrated a maternal NOAEL of 12.5 mg/kg/day and a LOAEL of 25 mg/kg/day based on decreased maternal body weight gain, food consumption and clinical signs. There were no signs of developmental toxicity at 35.0 mg/kg/day, the highest dose level tested.

iii. A developmental study with cypermethrin in rabbits demonstrated a maternal NOAEL of 100 mg/kg/day and a LOAEL of 450 mg/kg/day based on decreased body weight gain. There were no signs of developmental toxicity at 700 mg/kg/day, the highest dose level tested.

4. *Subchronic toxicity.* Short- and intermediate-term toxicity. The NOAEL of 10.0 mg/kg/day based on clinical signs at the LEL of 50.0 mg/kg/day in the zeta-cypermethrin acute neurotoxicity study in rats would also be used for short- and intermediate-term MOE calculations (as well as acute, discussed in (1) above).

5. *Chronic toxicity.* i. The reference dose (RfD) of 0.005 mg/kg/day for zeta-cypermethrin is based on a NOAEL of 1.0 mg/kg/day from a cypermethrin dog chronic study and an uncertainty factor of 200 (used to account for the differences in the percentage of the biologically active isomer). The endpoint effect of concern was based on gastrointestinal disturbances.

ii. Cypermethrin is classified as a Group C chemical (possible human carcinogen with limited evidence of carcinogenicity in animals) based upon limited evidence for carcinogenicity in female mice; assignment of a Q* has not been recommended.

6. *Animal metabolism.* The metabolism of cypermethrin in animals is adequately understood. Cypermethrin has been shown to be rapidly absorbed, distributed, and excreted in rats when administered orally. Cypermethrin is metabolized by hydrolysis and oxidation.

7. *Metabolite toxicology.* The Agency has previously determined that the metabolites of cypermethrin are not of toxicological concern and need not be included in the tolerance expression.

8. *Endocrine disruption.* No special studies investigating potential estrogenic or other endocrine effects of cypermethrin have been conducted. However, no evidence of such effects were reported in the standard battery of required toxicology studies which have been completed and found acceptable. Based on these studies, there is no evidence to suggest that cypermethrin has an adverse effect on the endocrine system.

C. Aggregate exposure

1. Dietary exposure—i. Food.

Permanent tolerances, in support of registrations, currently exist for residues of zeta-cypermethrin on cottonseed, pecans, lettuce, head, onions, bulb, cabbage, and, livestock commodities of cattle, goats, hogs, horses, and sheep (along with the associated meat and milk tolerances). For the purposes of assessing the potential dietary exposure for these existing and the subject proposed tolerances, FMC has utilized available information on anticipated residues, monitoring data and percent crop treated as follows:

a. *Acute exposure and risk.* Acute dietary exposure risk assessments are performed for a food-use pesticide if a toxicological study has indicated the possibility of an effect of concern occurring as a result of a one day or single exposure. For the purposes of assessing acute dietary risk for zeta-cypermethrin, FMC has used the NOAEL of 10.0 mg/kg/day from the zeta-cypermethrin acute neurotoxicity study in rats. The LEL of 50.0 mg/kg/day was based on clinical signs. This acute dietary endpoint is used to determine acute dietary risks to all population subgroups. Available information on anticipated residues, monitoring data and percent crop treated was incorporated into a Tier 3 analysis, using Monte Carlo modeling for commodities that may be consumed in a single serving. These assessments show that the margins of exposure (MOE) are significantly greater than the EPA standard of 100 for all subpopulations. The 95th percentile of exposure for the overall U.S. population was estimated to be 0.000630 mg/kg/day (margin of exposure (MOE) of 15884); 99th percentile 0.002184 mg/kg/day (MOE of 4577); and 99.9th percentile 0.010260 mg/kg/day (MOE of 974). The 95th percentile of exposure for all infants <1 year old was estimated to be 0.000599 mg/kg/day (MOE of 16682); 99th percentile 0.005656 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1768); and 99.9th percentile 0.029094 mg/kg/day (MOE of 343). The 95th percentile of exposure for nursing infants < 1 year old was estimated to be 0.000172 mg/kg/day (MOE of 58054); 99th percentile 0.000967 mg/kg/day (MOE of 10336); and 99.9th percentile 0.004937 mg/kg/day (MOE of 2025). The 95th percentile of exposure for non-nursing infants < 1 year old (the most highly exposed population subgroup) was estimated to be 0.000760 mg/kg/day (MOE of 13155); 99th percentile 0.011082 mg/kg/day (MOE of 902); and 99.9th percentile 0.032957 mg/kg/day (MOE of 303). The 95th percentile of

exposure for children 1 to 6 years old and children 7 to 12 years old was estimated to be, respectively, 0.000936 mg/kg/day (MOE of 10681) and 0.000644 mg/kg/day (MOE of 15524); 99th percentile 0.002768 mg/kg/day (MOE of 3612) and 0.001945 (MOE of 5141); and 99.9th percentile 0.012752 mg/kg/day (MOE of 784) and 0.006688 (MOE of 1495). The 95th percentile of exposure for females (13+/nursing) was estimated to be 0.000602 mg/kg/day (MOE of 16602); 99th percentile 0.002340 mg/kg/day (MOE of 4273); and 99.9th percentile 0.011387 mg/kg/day (MOE of 878). Therefore, FMC concludes that the acute dietary risk of zeta-cypermethrin, as estimated by the dietary risk assessment, does not appear to be of concern.

b. *Chronic exposure and risk.* The RfD of 0.0125 mg/kg/day for zeta-cypermethrin is based on a NOAEL of 1.0 mg/kg/day from a cypermethrin dog chronic study and an uncertainty factor of 200 (used to account for the differences in the percentage of the biologically active isomer). The endpoint effect of concern was based on gastrointestinal disturbances. A chronic dietary exposure/risk assessment has been performed for zeta-cypermethrin using the above RfD. Available information on anticipated residues, monitoring data and percent crop treated was incorporated into the analysis to estimate the anticipated residue contribution (ARC). The ARC is generally considered a more realistic estimate than an estimate based on tolerance level residues. The ARC are estimated to be 0.000151 mg/kg body weight (bwt)/day and utilize 3.0% of the RfD for the overall U. S. population. The ARC for nursing infants (<1 year) and non-nursing infants (<1 year) (subgroup most highly exposed) are estimated to be 0.000024 mg/kg bwt/day and 0.000335 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 0.5% and 6.7% of the RfD, respectively. The ARC for children 1-6 years old and children 7-12 years old are estimated to be 0.000285 mg/kg bwt/day and 0.000168 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 5.7 percent and 3.4 percent of the RfD, respectively. The ARC for females (13+/nursing) are estimated to be 0.000144 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 2.9 percent of the RfD. Generally speaking, the EPA has no cause for concern if the total dietary exposure from residues for uses for which there are published and proposed tolerances is less than 100 percent of the RfD. Therefore, FMC concludes that the chronic dietary risk of zeta-cypermethrin, as estimated by the dietary risk assessment, does not appear to be of concern.

ii. *Drinking water.* Laboratory and field data have demonstrated that cypermethrin is immobile in soil and will not leach into groundwater. Other data show that cypermethrin is virtually insoluble in water and extremely lipophilic. As a result, FMC concludes that residues reaching surface waters from field runoff will quickly adsorb to sediment particles and be partitioned from the water column. Further, a screening evaluation of leaching potential of a typical pyrethroid was conducted using EPA's Pesticide Root Zone Model (PRZM3). Based on this screening assessment, the potential concentrations of a pyrethroid in groundwater at depths of 1 and 2 meters are essentially zero (<<0.001 parts per billion(ppb)). Surface water concentrations for pyrethroids were estimated using PRZM3 and exposure Analysis Modeling System (EXAMS) using standard EPA cotton runoff and Mississippi pond scenarios. The maximum concentration predicted in the simulated pond was 0.052 parts per billion. Concentrations in actual drinking water would be much lower than the levels predicted in the hypothetical, small, stagnant farm pond model since drinking water derived from surface water would normally be treated before consumption. Based on these analyses, the contribution of water to the dietary risk estimate is negligible. Therefore, FMC concludes that together these data indicate that residues are not expected to occur in drinking water.

2. *Non-dietary exposure.* Zeta-cypermethrin is registered for agricultural crop applications only, therefore non-dietary exposure assessments are not warranted.

D. Cumulative Effects

In consideration of potential cumulative effects of cypermethrin and other substances that may have a common mechanism of toxicity, to our knowledge there are currently no available data or other reliable information indicating that any toxic effects produced by cypermethrin would be cumulative with those of other chemical compounds; thus only the potential risks of cypermethrin have been considered in this assessment of its aggregate exposure. FMC intends to submit information for the EPA to consider concerning potential cumulative effects of cypermethrin consistent with the schedule established by EPA on August 4, 1997 (62 FR 42020) (FRL-5734-6) and other EPA publications pursuant to the Food Quality Protection Act.

E. Safety Determination

1. *U.S. population.* Based on a complete and reliable toxicology database, the RfD for zeta-cypermethrin is 0.005 mg/kg/day, based on a NOAEL of 1.0 mg/kg/day from the cypermethrin dog chronic study and an uncertainty factor of 200. Available information on anticipated residues, monitoring data and percent crop treated was incorporated into an analysis to estimate the Anticipated Residue Contribution (ARC) for 26 population subgroups. The ARC is generally considered a more realistic estimate than an estimate based on tolerance level residues. The ARC are estimated to be 0.000151 mg/kg body weight (bwt)/day and utilize 3.0 percent of the RfD for the overall U. S. population. The ARC for nursing infants (<1 year) and non-nursing infants (<1 year) (subgroup most highly exposed) are estimated to be 0.000024 mg/kg bwt/day and 0.000335 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 0.5 percent and 6.7 percent of the RfD, respectively. The ARC for children 1-6 years old and children 7-12 years old are estimated to be 0.000285 mg/kg bwt/day and 0.000168 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 5.7 percent and 3.4 percent of the RfD, respectively. The ARC for females (13+/nursing) are estimated to be 0.000144 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 2.9 percent of the RfD. Generally speaking, the EPA has no cause for concern if the total dietary exposure from residues for uses for which there are published and proposed tolerances is less than 100 percent of the RfD. Therefore, FMC concludes that the chronic dietary risk of zeta-cypermethrin, as estimated by the aggregate risk assessment, does not appear to be of concern. For the purposes of assessing acute dietary risk for zeta-cypermethrin, FMC has used the NOAEL of 10.0 mg/kg/day from the zeta-cypermethrin acute neurotoxicity study in rats. The LEL of 50.0 mg/kg/day was based on clinical signs. This acute dietary endpoint is used to determine acute dietary risks to all population subgroups. Available information on anticipated residues, monitoring data and percent crop treated was incorporated into a Tier 3 analysis, using Monte Carlo modeling for commodities that may be consumed in a single serving. These assessments show that the margins of exposure (MOE) are significantly greater than the EPA standard of 100 for all subpopulations. The 95th percentile of exposure for the overall U. S. population was estimated to be 0.000630 mg/kg/day (MOE of 15884); 99th percentile 0.002184 mg/kg/day (MOE of 4577); and 99.9th. percentile

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2. *Infants and children—i. General.* In assessing the potential for additional sensitivity of infants and children to residues of zeta-cypermethrin, FMC considered data from developmental toxicity studies in the rat and rabbit, and a 2-generation reproductive study in the rat. The data demonstrated no indication of increased sensitivity of rats to zeta-cypermethrin or rabbits to cypermethrin in utero and/or postnatal exposure to zeta-cypermethrin or cypermethrin. The developmental toxicity studies are designed to evaluate adverse effects on the developing organism resulting from pesticide exposure during prenatal development to one or both parents. Reproduction studies provide information relating to effects from exposure to the pesticide on the reproductive capability of mating animals and data on systemic toxicity. FFDCA section 408 provides that EPA may apply an additional margin of safety for infants and children in the case of threshold effects to account for pre- and post-natal toxicity and the completeness of the database.

ii. *Developmental toxicity studies.* In the prenatal developmental toxicity studies in rats and rabbits, there was no evidence of developmental toxicity at the highest doses tested (35.0 mg/kg/day in rats and 700 mg/kg/day in rabbits). Decreased body weight gain was observed at the maternal LOAEL in each study; the maternal NOAEL was established at 12.5 mg/kg/day in rats and 100 mg/kg/day in rabbits.

iii. *Reproductive toxicity study.* In the 2-generation reproduction study in rats, offspring toxicity (body weight) and parental toxicity (body weight, organ weight, and clinical signs) was observed at 27.0 mg/kg/day and greater. The parental systemic NOAEL was 7.0 mg/kg/day and the parental systemic LOAEL was 27.0 mg/kg/day. There were no developmental (pup) or reproductive effects up to 45.0 mg/kg/day, highest dose tested.

iv. *Prenatal and postnatal sensitivity— a. Prenatal.* There was no evidence of developmental toxicity in the studies at the highest doses tested in the rat (35.0 mg/kg/day) or in the rabbit (700 mg/kg/day). Therefore, there is no evidence of a special dietary risk (either acute or chronic) for infants and children which would require an additional safety factor.

b. *Postnatal.* Based on the absence of pup toxicity up to dose levels which produced toxicity in the parental animals, there is no evidence of special postnatal sensitivity to infants and children in the rat reproduction study.

v. *Conclusion.* Based on the above, FMC concludes that reliable data support use of the standard 100-fold uncertainty factor, and that an additional uncertainty factor is not needed to protect the safety of infants and children. As stated above, aggregate exposure assessments utilized significantly less than 1% of the RfD for either the entire U.S. population or any of the 26 population subgroups including infants and children. Therefore, it may be concluded that there is reasonable certainty that no harm will result to infants and children from aggregate exposure to cypermethrin residues.

F. International Tolerances

There are no Codex, Canadian or Mexican residue limits for residues of zeta-cypermethrin in or on wheat (grain, forage, hay, straw, and bran), sorghum (grain, forage and fodder), tomatoes, peppers, peas and beans (dried, succulent and edible podded), and soybeans.

2. FMC Corporation

PP 1F3994

EPA has received a pesticide petition PP 1F3994 from FMC Corporation, 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 proposing, pursuant to section 408(d) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR 180.418 by establishing tolerances for residues of the insecticide zeta-cypermethrin (\pm -a-Cyano(3-phenoxyphenyl)methyl (\pm) cis, trans 3-(2,2-dichloroethenyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropanecarboxylate) in or on the raw agricultural commodities (RAC): Sunflower, seeds at 0.20 ppm; sunflower, oil at 0.20 ppm, poultry, meat at 0.05 ppm, poultry, meat by-products at 0.05 ppm, poultry, fat at 0.05 ppm and eggs at 0.05 ppm, meat of cattle, goats, hogs, horses, and sheep at 0.3 ppm, fat of cattle, goats, hogs, horses, and sheep at 2.0 ppm, and milk, fat at 1.0 ppm (reflecting 0.2 ppm in whole milk).

A. Residue Chemistry

1. *Plant metabolism.* The metabolism of cypermethrin in plants is adequately understood. Studies have been conducted to delineate the metabolism of radiolabelled cypermethrin in various crops all showing similar results. The residue of concern is the parent compound only.

2. *Analytical method.* There is a practical analytical method for detecting and measuring levels of cypermethrin in or on food with a limit of detection that allows monitoring of food with residues at or above the levels set in these tolerances (Gas Chromatography with Electron Capture Detection GC/ECD).

3. *Magnitude of residues.* Crop field trial residue data from studies conducted at the maximum label rates for sunflowers show that the proposed zeta-cypermethrin tolerances on sunflower, seeds at 0.20 ppm, sunflower, oil at 0.20 ppm.

B. Toxicological Profile

1. *Acute toxicity.* For the purposes of assessing acute dietary risk, FMC has used the NOAEL of 0.5 mg/kg/day based on the NOAEL of 1.0 mg/kg/day from the cypermethrin chronic toxicity study in dogs and a correction factor of two to account for the differences in the percentage of the biologically active isomer. The LOAEL of 5.0 mg/kg/day was based on gastrointestinal disturbances observed in the first week of the study. This acute dietary endpoint is used to determine acute dietary risks to all population subgroups.

2. *Genotoxicity.* The following genotoxicity tests were all negative: *In*

vivo chromosomal aberration in rat bone marrow cells; *in vitro* cytogenic chromosome aberration; unscheduled DNA synthesis; CHO/HGPRT mutagen assay; weakly mutagenic: Gene mutation (Ames).

3. *Reproductive and developmental toxicity.* No evidence of additional sensitivity to young rats was observed following prenatal or postnatal exposure to zeta-cypermethrin.

i. A 2-generation reproductive toxicity study with zeta-cypermethrin in rats demonstrated a NOAEL of 7.0 mg/kg/day and a LOAEL of 27.0 mg/kg/day for parental/systemic toxicity based on body weight, organ weight, and clinical signs. There were no adverse effects in reproductive performance. The NOAEL for reproductive toxicity was considered to be > 45.0 mg/kg/day (the highest dose tested (HDT)).

ii. A developmental study with zeta-cypermethrin in rats demonstrated a maternal NOAEL of 12.5 mg/kg/day and a LOAEL of 25 mg/kg/day based on decreased maternal body weight gain, food consumption and clinical signs. There were no signs of developmental toxicity at 35.0 mg/kg/day, the highest dose level tested.

iii. A developmental study with cypermethrin in rabbits demonstrated a maternal NOAEL of 100 mg/kg/day and a LOAEL of 450 mg/kg/day based on decreased bwt gain. There were no signs of developmental toxicity at 700 mg/kg/day, the HDT.

4. *Subchronic toxicity.* Short- and intermediate-term toxicity. The NOAEL of 2.5 mg/kg/day from the cypermethrin chronic toxicity study in dogs and a correction factor of two to account for the differences in the percentage of the biologically active isomer would also be used for short- and intermediate-term MOE calculations. The LOAEL of 7.5 mg/kg/day was based on neurotoxic clinical signs which were displayed starting week one of the study.

5. *Chronic toxicity*— i. The reference dose (RfD) of 0.005 mg/kg/day for zeta-cypermethrin is based on gastrointestinal disturbances in a cypermethrin study in dogs with an uncertainty factor of 200 (used to account for the differences in the percentage of the biologically active isomer).

ii. Cypermethrin is classified as a Group C chemical (possible human carcinogen with limited evidence of carcinogenicity in animals) based upon limited evidence for carcinogenicity in female mice; assignment of a Q* has not been recommended.

6. *Animal metabolism.* The metabolism of cypermethrin in animals is adequately understood. Cypermethrin

has been shown to be rapidly absorbed, distributed, and excreted in rats when administered orally. Cypermethrin is metabolized by hydrolysis and oxidation.

7. *Metabolite toxicology.* The Agency has previously determined that the metabolites of cypermethrin are not of toxicological concern and need not be included in the tolerance expression.

8. *Endocrine disruption.* No special studies investigating potential estrogenic or other endocrine effects of cypermethrin have been conducted. However, no evidence of such effects were reported in the standard battery of required toxicology studies which have been completed and found acceptable. Based on these studies, there is no evidence to suggest that cypermethrin has an adverse effect on the endocrine system.

C. Aggregate exposure

1. Dietary exposure— i. Food.

Permanent tolerances, in support of registrations, currently exist for residues of zeta-cypermethrin on cottonseed; pecans; lettuce, head; onions, bulb; and cabbage and livestock commodities of cattle, goats, hogs, horses, and sheep (along with the associated meat and milk tolerances). For the purposes of assessing the potential dietary exposure for these existing and the subject proposed tolerances, FMC has utilized available information on anticipated residues, monitoring data and percent crop treated as follows:

a. *Acute exposure and risk.* Acute dietary exposure risk assessments are performed for a food-use pesticide if a toxicological study has indicated the possibility of an effect of concern occurring as a result of a one day or single exposure. For the purposes of assessing acute dietary risk for zeta-cypermethrin, FMC has used the NOAEL of 0.5 mg/kg/day based on the NOAEL of 1.0 mg/kg/day from the cypermethrin chronic toxicity study in dogs and a correction factor of two to account for the differences in the percentage of the biologically active isomer. The LOAEL of 5.0 mg/kg/day was based on gastrointestinal disturbances which were displayed during week one of this study. This acute dietary endpoint is used to determine acute dietary risks to all population subgroups. Available information on anticipated residues, monitoring data and percent crop treated was incorporated into a Tier 3 analysis, using Monte Carlo modeling for commodities that may be consumed in a single serving. These assessments show that the margins of exposure (MOE) are significantly greater than the EPA standard of 100 for all

subpopulations. The 95th percentile of exposure for the overall U. S. population was estimated to be 0.000330 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1514); 99th percentile 0.001136 mg/kg/day (MOE of 440); and 99.9th percentile 0.002544 mg/kg/day (MOE of 196). The 95th percentile of exposure for all infants < 1 year old was estimated to be 0.000096 mg/kg/day (MOE of 5211); 99th percentile 0.000365 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1368); and 99.9th percentile 0.001438 mg/kg/day (MOE of 347). The 95th percentile of exposure for nursing infants < 1 year old was estimated to be 0.000040 mg/kg/day (MOE of 12532); 99th percentile 0.000194 mg/kg/day (MOE of 2575); and 99.9th percentile 0.000899 mg/kg/day (MOE of 556). The 95th percentile of exposure for non-nursing infants < 1 year old was estimated to be 0.000114 mg/kg/day (MOE of 4391); 99th percentile 0.000437 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1144); and 99.9th percentile 0.001732 mg/kg/day (MOE of 288). The 95th percentile of exposure for children 1 to 6 years old (the most highly exposed population subgroup) and children 7 to 12 years old was estimated to be, respectively, 0.000442 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1131) and 0.000413 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1209); 99th percentile 0.001355 mg/kg/day (MOE of 368) and 0.001349 (MOE of 370); and 99.9th percentile 0.003454 mg/kg/day (MOE of 144) and 0.002928 (MOE of 170). The 95th percentile of exposure for females (13+/-nursing) was estimated to be 0.000306 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1635); 99th percentile 0.001174 mg/kg/day (MOE of 425); and 99.9th percentile 0.002583 mg/kg/day (MOE of 193). Therefore, FMC concludes that the acute dietary risk of zeta-cypermethrin, as estimated by the dietary risk assessment, does not appear to be of concern.

b. Chronic exposure and risk. The RfD of 0.005 mg/kg/day for zeta-cypermethrin is based on gastrointestinal disturbances in a cypermethrin study in dogs with an uncertainty factor of 200 (used to account for the differences in the percentage of the biologically active isomer). A chronic dietary exposure/risk assessment has been performed for zeta-cypermethrin using the above RfD. Available information on anticipated residues, monitoring data and percent crop treated was incorporated into the analysis to estimate the anticipated residue contribution (ARC). The ARC is generally considered a more realistic estimate than an estimate based on tolerance level residues. The ARC are estimated to be 0.000033 mg/kg body weight (bwt)/day and utilize 0.7 percent

of the RfD for the overall U. S. population. The ARC for nursing infants (<1 year) and non-nursing infants (<1 year) are estimated to be 0.000009 mg/kg bwt/day and 0.000035 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 0.2 percent and 0.7 percent of the RfD, respectively. The ARC for children 1-6 years old (subgroup most highly exposed) and children 7-12 years old are estimated to be 0.000078 mg/kg bwt/day and 0.000052 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 1.6 percent and 1.0 percent of the RfD, respectively. The ARC for females (13+/-nursing) are estimated to be 0.000033 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 0.7 percent of the RfD. Generally speaking, the EPA has no cause for concern if the total dietary exposure from residues for uses for which there are published and proposed tolerances is less than 100 percent of the RfD. Therefore, FMC concludes that the chronic dietary risk of zeta-cypermethrin, as estimated by the dietary risk assessment, does not appear to be of concern.

ii. Drinking water. Laboratory and field data have demonstrated that cypermethrin is immobile in soil and will not leach into groundwater. Other data show that cypermethrin is virtually insoluble in water and extremely lipophilic. As a result, FMC concludes that residues reaching surface waters from field runoff will quickly adsorb to sediment particles and be partitioned from the water column. Further, a screening evaluation of leaching potential of a typical pyrethroid was conducted using EPA's Pesticide Root Zone Model (PRZM3). Based on this screening assessment, the potential concentrations of a pyrethroid in groundwater at depths of 1 and 2 meters are essentially zero (<<0.001 parts per billion (ppb)). Surface water concentrations for pyrethroids were estimated using PRZM3 and exposure Analysis Modeling System (EXAMS) using standard EPA cotton runoff and Mississippi pond scenarios. The maximum concentration predicted in the simulated pond was 0.052 ppb. Concentrations in actual drinking water would be much lower than the levels predicted in the hypothetical, small, stagnant farm pond model since drinking water derived from surface water would normally be treated before consumption. Based on these analyses, the contribution of water to the dietary risk estimate is negligible. Therefore, FMC concludes that together these data indicate that residues are not expected to occur in drinking water.

2. Non-dietary exposure. Zeta-cypermethrin is registered for agricultural crop applications only,

therefore non-dietary exposure assessments are not warranted.

D. Cumulative Effects

In consideration of potential cumulative effects of cypermethrin and other substances that may have a common mechanism of toxicity, to our knowledge there are currently no available data or other reliable information indicating that any toxic effects produced by cypermethrin would be cumulative with those of other chemical compounds; thus only the potential risks of cypermethrin have been considered in this assessment of its aggregate exposure. FMC intends to submit information for the EPA to consider concerning potential cumulative effects of cypermethrin consistent with the schedule established by EPA on August 4, 1997 (62 FR 42020) (FRL-5734-6) and other EPA publications pursuant to the Food Quality Protection Act.

E. Safety Determination

1. U.S. population. Based on a complete and reliable toxicology database, the RfD for zeta-cypermethrin is 0.005 mg/kg/day for zeta-cypermethrin based on gastrointestinal disturbances in a cypermethrin study in dogs with an uncertainty factor of 200 (used to account for the differences in the percentage of the biologically active isomer). Available information on anticipated residues, monitoring data and percent crop treated was incorporated into an analysis to estimate the Anticipated Residue Contribution (ARC) for 26 population subgroups. The ARC is generally considered a more realistic estimate than an estimate based on tolerance level residues. The ARC are estimated to be 0.000033 mg/kg body weight (bwt)/day and utilize 0.7 percent of the RfD for the overall U. S. population. The ARC for nursing infants (<1 year) and non-nursing infants (<1 year) are estimated to be 0.000009 mg/kg bwt/day and 0.000035 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 0.2 percent and 0.7 percent of the RfD, respectively. The ARC for children 1-6 years old (subgroup most highly exposed) and children 7-12 years old are estimated to be 0.000078 mg/kg bwt/day and 0.000052 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 1.6 percent and 1.0 percent of the RfD, respectively. The ARC for females (13+/-nursing) are estimated to be 0.000033 mg/kg bwt/day and utilizes 0.7 percent of the RfD. Generally speaking, the EPA has no cause for concern if the total dietary exposure from residues for uses for which there are published and proposed tolerances is less than 100 percent of the RfD. Therefore, FMC

concludes that the chronic dietary risk of zeta-cypermethrin, as estimated by the aggregate risk assessment, does not appear to be of concern.

The 95th percentile of exposure for the overall U. S. population was estimated to be 0.000330 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1514); 99th percentile 0.001136 mg/kg/day (MOE of 440); and 99.9th percentile 0.002544 mg/kg/day (MOE of 196). The 95th percentile of exposure for all infants < 1 year old was estimated to be 0.000096 mg/kg/day (MOE of 5211); 99th percentile 0.000365 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1368); and 99.9th percentile 0.001438 mg/kg/day (MOE of 347). The 95th percentile of exposure for nursing infants < 1 year old was estimated to be 0.000040 mg/kg/day (MOE of 12532); 99th percentile 0.000194 mg/kg/day (MOE of 2575); and 99.9th percentile 0.000899 mg/kg/day (MOE of 556). The 95th percentile of exposure for non-nursing infants < 1 year old was estimated to be 0.000114 mg/kg/day (MOE of 4391); 99th percentile 0.000437 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1144); and 99.9th percentile 0.001732 mg/kg/day (MOE of 288). The 95th percentile of exposure for children 1 to 6 years old (the most highly exposed population subgroup) and children 7 to 12 years old was estimated to be, respectively, 0.000442 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1131) and 0.000413 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1209); 99th percentile 0.001355 mg/kg/day (MOE of 368) and 0.001349 (MOE of 370); and 99.9th percentile 0.003454 mg/kg/day (MOE of 144) and 0.002928 (MOE of 170). The 95th percentile of exposure for females (13+/- nursing) was estimated to be 0.000306 mg/kg/day (MOE of 1635); 99th percentile 0.001174 mg/kg/day (MOE of 425); and 99.9th percentile 0.002583 mg/kg/day (MOE of 193). Therefore, FMC concludes that there is reasonable certainty that no harm will result from acute exposure to zeta-cypermethrin.

2. *Infants and children*—i. *General*. In assessing the potential for additional sensitivity of infants and children to residues of zeta-cypermethrin, FMC considered data from developmental toxicity studies in the rat and rabbit, and a 2-generation reproductive study in the rat. The data demonstrated no indication of increased sensitivity of rats to zeta-cypermethrin or rabbits to cypermethrin in utero and/or postnatal exposure to zeta-cypermethrin or cypermethrin. The developmental toxicity studies are designed to evaluate adverse effects on the developing organism resulting from pesticide exposure during prenatal development to one or both parents. Reproduction studies provide information relating to effects from exposure to the pesticide on

the reproductive capability of mating animals and data on systemic toxicity. FFDCA section 408 provides that EPA may apply an additional margin of safety for infants and children in the case of threshold effects to account for pre- and post-natal toxicity and the completeness of the database.

ii. *Developmental toxicity studies*. In the prenatal developmental toxicity studies in rats and rabbits, there was no evidence of developmental toxicity at the highest doses tested (35.0 mg/kg/day in rats and 700 mg/kg/day in rabbits). Decreased body weight gain was observed at the maternal LOAEL in each study; the maternal NOAEL was established at 12.5 mg/kg/day in rats and 100 mg/kg/day in rabbits.

iii. *Reproductive toxicity study*. In the 2-generation reproduction study in rats, offspring toxicity (body weight) and parental toxicity (body weight, organ weight, and clinical signs) was observed at 27.0 mg/kg/day and greater. The parental systemic NOAEL was 7.0 mg/kg/day and the parental systemic LOAEL was 27.0 mg/kg/day. There were no developmental (pup) or reproductive effects up to 45.0 mg/kg/day, HDT.

iv. *Pre- and post-natal sensitivity*—a. *Pre-natal*. There was no evidence of developmental toxicity in the studies at the highest doses tested in the rat (35.0 mg/kg/day) or in the rabbit (700 mg/kg/day). Therefore, there is no evidence of a special dietary risk (either acute or chronic) for infants and children which would require an additional safety factor.

b. *Post-natal*. Based on the absence of pup toxicity up to dose levels which produced toxicity in the parental animals, there is no evidence of special post-natal sensitivity to infants and children in the rat reproduction study.

v. *Conclusion*. Based on the above, FMC concludes that reliable data support use of the standard 100-fold uncertainty factor, and that an additional uncertainty factor is not needed to protect the safety of infants and children. As stated above, aggregate exposure assessments utilized significantly less than 1 percent of the RfD for either the entire U. S. population or any of the 26 population subgroups including infants and children. Therefore, it may be concluded that there is reasonable certainty that no harm will result to infants and children from aggregate exposure to cypermethrin residues.

F. International Tolerances

There are no Codex, Canadian, or Mexican residue limits for residues of zeta-cypermethrin in or on sunflowers. [FR Doc. 00-28421 Filed 11-07-00; 8:45 am]
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

November 1, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before January 8, 2001. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 1-A804, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

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