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4.0 PERIODICALS ACCURACY, GRADING, AND EVALUATION (PAGE) PROGRAM

4.1 Basic Information

The Periodicals Accuracy, Grading, and Evaluation (PAGE) Program is a process to evaluate Publishing and Print Planning (PPP) software and to determine its accuracy in computing per-copy weights and calculating advertising percentages for Periodicals mail using DMM standards. Certification of PAGE software is available only to those companies that develop or write PPP software. PAGE certification does not guarantee acceptance of the publisher's per-copy weights and advertising percentages prepared with PAGE-certified software.

4.2 Process

The PAGE Program evaluates and tests PPP software. In addition, the PAGE Program tests and qualifies publishing personnel to submit data to the Postal Service using PAGE-certified PPP software. The Postal Service National Customer Support Center (NCSC) in Memphis, Tennessee, is the Postal Service location for certifying developer's software and a publisher's employees to use certified PPP software to submit Periodicals mailings. The PAGE Program involves the following three elements:

Stage One—Product Certification for Software Developers

NCSC evaluates the accuracy of the calculations of PPP software by processing a test publication file either at the NCSC or at the developer's location (through an on-site visit).

Stage Two—User Certification for PPP Software

NCSC provides test packages to the users and evaluates the results.

Stage Three—PAGE Program Authorization

Only publishers who have PAGE-certified users and use PAGE-certified software to submit per-copy weight and calculated advertising percentages may apply for authorization to the Manager, New York Rates and Classification Service Center.

4.3 Participation

For information about charges and the PAGE Program, publishers may request a technical guide (including order forms) from the NCSC by calling 1-800-238-3150. Additional information is also available from the New York Rates

and Classification Service Center at (212) 613-8676.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 180

[OPP-301221; FRL-6828-3]

RIN 2070-AB78

Propiconazole; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This regulation re-establishes a time-limited tolerance for combined residues of the fungicide propiconazole and its metabolites determined as 2,4-dichlorobenzoic acid and expressed as parent compound in or on blueberries at 1.0 part per million (ppm) for an additional 2-year period. This tolerance will expire and is revoked on December 31, 2003. This action is in response to EPA's granting of an emergency exemption under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) authorizing use of the pesticide on blueberries. Section 408(1)(6) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) requires EPA to establish a time-limited tolerance or exemption from the requirement for a tolerance for pesticide chemical residues in food that will result from the use of a pesticide under an emergency exemption granted by EPA under section 18 of FIFRA.

DATES: This regulation is effective March 28, 2002. Objections and requests for hearings, identified by docket control number OPP-301221, must be received on or before May 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written objections and hearing requests may be submitted by mail, in person, or by courier. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your objections and hearing requests must identify docket control number OPP-301221 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Dan Rosenblatt, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection

Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-9375; e-mail address: rosenblatt.dan@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	111 112 311 32532	Crop production Animal production Food manufacturing 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.**

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/>. A frequently updated electronic version of 40 CFR part 180 is available at http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfrhtml_00/Title_40/40cfr180_00.html, a beta site currently under development.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-301221. 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. Background and Statutory Findings

EPA issued a final rule, published in the **Federal Register** of January 20, 1999 (64 FR 2995) (FRL-6049-8), which announced that on its own initiative under section 408 of FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a, as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) (Public Law 104-170), it established a time-limited tolerance for the combined residues of propiconazole and its metabolites determined as 2,4-dichlorobenzoic acid and expressed as parent compound in or on blueberries at 1.0 ppm, with an expiration date of December 31, 1999. This time-limited tolerance was subsequently extended via a **Federal Register** notice published on August 16, 2000 (65 FR 49924) (FRL-6737-1), which had the effect of extending the time-limited tolerance for blueberries until December 31, 2001. EPA established the tolerance because section 408(l)(6) of the FFDCA requires EPA to establish a time-limited tolerance or exemption from the requirement for a tolerance for pesticide chemical residues in food that will result from the use of a pesticide under an emergency exemption granted by EPA under section 18 of FIFRA. Such tolerances can be established without providing notice or period for public comment.

EPA received a request to extend the use of propiconazole on blueberries for this year's growing season due to the continued problems posed by pathogens that cause mummy berry disease, *Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi*. After having reviewed the submission, EPA concurs that emergency conditions continue to exist. EPA has authorized under FIFRA section 18 the use of propiconazole on blueberries for control

of mummy berry disease in the 2002 growing season.

EPA assessed the potential risks presented by residues of propiconazole in or on blueberries. In doing so, EPA considered the safety standard in FFDCA section 408(b)(2), and decided that the necessary tolerance under FFDCA section 408(l)(6) would be consistent with the safety standard and with FIFRA section 18. The data and other relevant material have been evaluated and discussed in the final rule published in the **Federal Register** of January 20, 1999 (64 FR 2995) (FRL-6049-8). Based on that data and information considered, the Agency reaffirms that the re-establishment of the time-limited tolerance will continue to meet the requirements of section 408(l)(6). Therefore, the time-limited tolerance is re-established for an additional 2-year period. EPA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** to remove the revoked tolerance from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Although this tolerance will expire and is revoked on December 31, 2003, under FFDCA section 408(l)(5), residues of the pesticide not in excess of the amounts specified in the tolerance remaining in or on blueberries after that date will not be unlawful, provided the pesticide is applied in a manner that was lawful under FIFRA and the application occurred prior to the revocation of the tolerance. EPA will take action to revoke this tolerance earlier if any experience with, scientific data on, or other relevant information on this pesticide indicate that the residues are not safe.

III. Objections and Hearing Requests

Under section 408(g) of the FFDCA, as amended by the FQPA, any person may file an objection to any aspect of this regulation and may also request a hearing on those objections. The EPA procedural regulations which govern the submission of objections and requests for hearings appear in 40 CFR part 178. Although the procedures in those regulations require some modification to reflect the amendments made to the FFDCA by the FQPA of 1996, EPA will continue to use those procedures, with appropriate adjustments, until the necessary modifications can be made. The new section 408(g) provides essentially the same process for persons to "object" to a regulation for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance issued by EPA under new section 408(d), as was provided in the old FFDCA sections 408 and 409. However, the period for filing objections is now 60 days, rather than 30 days.

A. What Do I Need to Do to File an Objection or Request a Hearing?

You must file your objection or request a hearing on this regulation in accordance with the instructions provided in this unit and in 40 CFR part 178. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, you must identify docket control number OPP-301221 in the subject line on the first page of your submission. All requests must be in writing, and must be mailed or delivered to the Hearing Clerk on or before May 28, 2002.

1. *Filing the request.* Your objection must specify the specific provisions in the regulation that you object to, and the grounds for the objections (40 CFR 178.25). If a hearing is requested, the objections must include a statement of the factual issues(s) on which a hearing is requested, the requestor's contentions on such issues, and a summary of any evidence relied upon by the objector (40 CFR 178.27). Information submitted in connection with an objection or hearing request 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 information 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.

Mail your written request to: Office of the Hearing Clerk (1900), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. You may also deliver your request to the Office of the Hearing Clerk in Rm. C400, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. The Office of the Hearing Clerk is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Office of the Hearing Clerk is (202) 260-4865.

2. *Tolerance fee payment.* If you file an objection or request a hearing, you must also pay the fee prescribed by 40 CFR 180.33(i) or request a waiver of that fee pursuant to 40 CFR 180.33(m). You must mail the fee to: EPA Headquarters Accounting Operations Branch, Office of Pesticide Programs, P.O. Box 360277M, Pittsburgh, PA 15251. Please identify the fee submission by labeling it "Tolerance Petition Fees."

EPA is authorized to waive any fee requirement "when in the judgement of the Administrator such a waiver or refund is equitable and not contrary to the purpose of this subsection." For additional information regarding the waiver of these fees, you may contact James Tompkins by phone at (703) 305-

5697, by e-mail at tompkins.jim@epa.gov, or by mailing a request for information to Mr. Tompkins at Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

If you would like to request a waiver of the tolerance objection fees, you must mail your request for such a waiver to: James Hollins, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

3. *Copies for the Docket.* In addition to filing an objection or hearing request with the Hearing Clerk as described in Unit III.A., you should also send a copy of your request to the PIRIB for its inclusion in the official record that is described in Unit I.B.2. Mail your copies, identified by docket control number OPP-301221, to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by courier, bring a copy to the location of the PIRIB described in Unit I.B.2. You may also send an electronic copy of your request via e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov. Please use an ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Copies of electronic objections and hearing requests will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. Do not include any CBI in your electronic copy. You may also submit an electronic copy of your request at many Federal Depository Libraries.

B. When Will the Agency Grant a Request for a Hearing?

A request for a hearing will be granted if the Administrator determines that the material submitted shows the following: There is a genuine and substantial issue of fact; there is a reasonable possibility that available evidence identified by the requestor would, if established resolve one or more of such issues in favor of the requestor, taking into account uncontested claims or facts to the contrary; and resolution of the factual issues(s) in the manner sought by the requestor would be adequate to justify the action requested (40 CFR 178.32).

IV. Regulatory Assessment Requirements

This final rule establishes a time-limited tolerance under FFDCA section 408. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has exempted these types

of actions from review under Executive Order 12866, entitled *Regulatory Planning and Review* (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993). Because this rule has been exempted from review under Executive Order 12866 due to its lack of significance, this rule is not subject to Executive Order 13211, *Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use* (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001). This final rule does not contain any information collections subject to OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, or impose any enforceable duty or contain any unfunded mandate as described under Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) (Public Law 104-4). Nor does it require any special considerations under Executive Order 12898, entitled *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations* (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994); or OMB review or any Agency action under Executive Order 13045, entitled *Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks* (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997). This action does not involve any technical standards that would require Agency consideration of voluntary consensus standards pursuant to section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (NTTAA), Public Law 104-113, section 12(d) (15 U.S.C. 272 note). Since tolerances and exemptions that are established on the basis of a FIFRA section 18 petition under FFDCA section 408, such as the tolerance in this final rule, do not require the issuance of a proposed rule, the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) do not apply. In addition, the Agency has determined that this action will not have a substantial direct effect on States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132, entitled *Federalism* (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999). Executive Order 13132 requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure “meaningful and timely input by State and local officials in the development of regulatory policies that have federalism implications.” “Policies that have federalism implications” is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have “substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national

government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.” This final rule directly regulates growers, food processors, food handlers and food retailers, not States. This action does not alter the relationships or distribution of power and responsibilities established by Congress in the preemption provisions of FFDCA section 408(n)(4). For these same reasons, the Agency has determined that this rule does not have any “tribal implications” as described in Executive Order 13175, entitled *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments* (65 FR 67249, November 6, 2000). Executive Order 13175, requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure “meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications.” “Policies that have tribal implications” is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have “substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal government and the Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal government and Indian tribes.” This rule will not have substantial direct effects on tribal governments, on the relationship between the Federal government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal government and Indian tribes, as specified in Executive Order 13175. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this rule.

V. Submission to Congress and the Comptroller General

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of this final rule in the **Federal Register**. This final rule is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides

and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: March 12, 2002.

Peter Caulkins,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, 40 CFR chapter I is amended as follows:

PART 180—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321(q), 346(a) and 371.

§ 180.434 [Amended]

2. In § 180.434, amend the table in paragraph (b) by revising the “Expiration/revocation date” “12/31/01” for the commodity “Blueberries” to read “12/31/03.”

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

48 CFR Parts 902, 904, 909, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 925, 931, 933, 950, 952, and 970

RIN 1991–AB51

Acquisition Regulation: Technical and Administrative Amendments

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is amending the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation (DEAR) to make technical and administrative changes to the regulation. This rulemaking incorporates technical and administrative changes to the DEAR that include: expanding definitions to distinguish the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) as an agency within the DOE; acknowledging the Administrator of the NNSA as an agency head; and recognizing the Senior Procurement Executives for DOE, the NNSA, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Additional changes include removing obsolete coverage; renumbering and updating certain parts of the regulation to conform with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR); and correcting typographical errors. These changes have no significant impact on non-agency persons such as contractors or offerors.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This final rule will be effective April 29, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise P. Wright, Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy (ME–61), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone 202–586–6217.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Explanation of Revisions.

II. Procedural Requirements.

- A. Review Under Executive Order 12866
- B. Review Under Executive Order 12988
- C. Review Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act
- D. Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act
- E. Review Under Executive Order 13132
- F. Review Under the National Environmental Policy Act
- G. Review Under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995
- H. Review Under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

I. Explanation of Revisions

1. Section 902.200, Definitions Clause, is amended to the definitions for “Head of Agency” and “DOE” and to add a definition for “Senior Procurement Executive.” These changes are made pursuant to the establishment of the NNSA under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Pub. L. 106–65), sections 3202 and 3212 of which provide that the Under Secretary for Nuclear Security shall serve as the Administrator for Nuclear Security and head of the NNSA and carry out the functions as specified in Section 3212. The clause is further amended to correct typographical errors.

2. Section 904.404, Contract clause, paragraph (4) is amended to correct typographical errors.

3. Section 904.7102, Waiver by the Secretary, is amended to reflect organizational changes within the DOE.

4–5. Part 909, Contractor Qualifications, 909.403 Definitions, is amended to revise the designation for “Debarring Official” and “Suspending Official” for DOE, the NNSA, and the FERC to be the Director, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, DOE, or designee.

6. Part 913, Simplified Acquisition Procedures, 913.3 Fast Payment Procedure, 913.4 Imprest Fund, and 913.5 Purchase Orders, are amended to conform to the FAR.

7. Section 914.406, Mistake in bids, 914.406–3 Other mistakes disclosed before award, and 914.406–4 Mistakes after award, are amended. The changes are made to conform to current FAR numbering.

8. Section 915.606, Agency procedures. (DOE coverage-paragraph (b)) is amended. The location for

submission of unsolicited proposals is changed. The change is made to ensure consistency in current DOE procedure.

9. Section 916.6, Time and Materials, Labor Hour, and Letter Contracts, is amended to incorporate an approved class deviation to the requirement at 48 CFR 16.601, paragraph (c), for a determination and findings documenting the suitability of a time and materials contract.

10. Section 917.602, Policy, is amended to clarify that only the Secretary may authorize non-competitive awards and extensions of management and operating contracts pursuant to Section 301 of Public Law 106–377.

11. Section 925.901, Omission of the audit, is amended to reflect organizational changes within the DOE.

12. Section 931.205–19, Insurance and Indemnification, is amended to revise the reference to the prescribed contract clause.

13. Section 933.103, Protests to the agency, is amended to reflect organizational changes within the DOE.

14. Section 950.104, Reports, is deleted current FAR coverage is sufficient.

15. Section 952.202–1, Definitions, is amended to revise the terms “Head of Agency” and “DOE,” and to add a definition for “Senior Procurement Executive.”

16. Sections 952.208–7, 952.217–70, 952.227–13, 952.233–2, 952.236–72, and 952.250–70 are revised to update incorrect references.

17. Section 952.231–71, Insurance-Litigation and Claims, is added to clarify coverage for certain non-management and operating contracts.

18. Section 952.236–70, Administrative terms for architect-engineer contracts, is removed in its entirety. The coverage is determined to be obsolete.

19. Section 952.249–70, Termination clause for cost-reimbursement architect-engineer contracts, is removed. The current FAR coverage at 52.249–6, Termination (Cost-Reimbursement), is sufficient.

20. Section 970.3102–05–53, Preexisting conditions, is amended to renumber as 970.3102–05–70 since the coverage is unique to DOE and does not supplement the FAR.

21. Section 970.5228–1, Insurance-litigation and claims, is amended to revise paragraphs (e)(2), (h), and (j)(4) to correct references.

II. Procedural Requirements

A. Review Under Executive Order 12866

Today’s regulatory action has been determined not to be a “significant