

accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

The Applicant states that California Red Scale is a key pest of citrus, and the single most costly pest to control. The Applicant states that in the past, treatments were not required every year for this pest, but in recent years resistance to the registered materials has built up and growers have had to treat up to three times in a single year. Alternative methods of control (parasite releases and packing house washers) are applied where feasible; however, the Applicant asserts that a different chemistry with a different mode of action is necessary to control the scale. The Applicant asserts that with continued frequent use of currently registered materials, increased resistance is likely, and these materials will quickly become wholly ineffective, leaving growers with no tools to control these damaging pests. The Applicant states that without adequate control of scale in citrus, significant economic losses are expected. The Applicant indicates that one application of either one or the other of the requested chemicals would not provide adequate control throughout the season, and since application of either would be limited to one, is requesting the use of both materials.

The Applicant proposes to apply pyriproxyfen at a rate of 0.108 lb. active ingredient (a.i.) per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on up to 45,000 acres of citrus. The Applicant proposes to apply buprofezin at a maximum rate of 2.0 lbs. a.i. per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on up to 45,000 acres of cotton. Therefore, use under these exemptions could potentially amount to a maximum total of 4,860 lbs. of pyriproxyfen and 90,000 lbs. of buprofezin.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt in the **Federal Register** for an application for a specific exemption proposing the first food use of an active ingredient, or for use of a new (unregistered) chemical. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-181055] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI is available

for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official notice record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-181055]. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: March 12, 1998

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-181054; FRL 5778-5]

Pyriproxyfen and Buprofezin; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemptions, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received specific exemption requests from the Arizona Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the insect growth regulators pyriproxyfen (CAS 95737-68-1) and buprofezin (CAS 69327-76-0) to treat up to 430,000 acres of cotton to control the sweet potato, or silverleaf whitefly *Bemisia species*. In the case of pyriproxyfen, the Applicant proposes the first food use of an active ingredient. Buprofezin is an unregistered material, and its proposed use is thus use of a

"new" chemical. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemptions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181054," should be submitted by mail 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: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

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

Information submitted in any 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 included in the public record by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Andrea Beard, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number and e-mail: Rm. 267, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703-308-9356); e-mail: beard.andrea@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a state agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption. The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue specific exemptions for the use of pyriproxyfen

and buprofezin on cotton to control the sweet potato, or silverleaf whitefly (SLW). Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

The Applicant states that a new strain or possibly a new species, of whitefly, often referred to as the strain B of sweet potato whitefly, or silverleaf whitefly (SLW), has been a major pest of cotton in Arizona since the early 1990s, and since that time, has caused extensive damage to cotton and vegetable crops. The Applicant claims that adequate control of the SLW is not being achieved with currently registered products and alternative cultural practices. The Applicant points out that large populations of whitefly have demonstrated resistance to available insecticidal control. The Applicant indicates that one application of either one or the other of the requested chemicals would not provide adequate control throughout the season, and since application of either would be limited to one, is requesting the use of both materials. The Applicant indicates that without adequate control of the SLW in cotton, significant economic losses will be suffered.

The Applicant proposes to apply pyriproxyfen at a rate of 0.054 lb. active ingredient (a.i.) per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on up to 430,000 acres of cotton. The Applicant proposes to apply buprofezin at a rate of 0.35 lb., a.i. per acre with a maximum of one application per crop season on up to 430,000 acres of cotton. Therefore, use under these exemptions could potentially amount to a maximum total of 23,200 lbs. of pyriproxyfen and 150,500 lbs. of buprofezin.

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The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the Arizona Department of Agriculture.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Emergency exemptions.

Dated: March 12, 1998

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority; Comments Requested

March 19, 1998.

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(s), 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: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments May 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commissions, Room 234, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0820.

Title: Amendment to Parts 22, 24, 27, 90, and 101 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Non-Substantial Assignments of Wireless Licenses and Transfers of Control Involving Telecommunications.

Form No.: FCC 490, FCC 702, FCC 704.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,600.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Cost per Respondent: N/A.

Total Annual Burden: 1,600 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Needs and Uses: This information collection streamlines Commission procedures by allowing licensees, in certain specific circumstances, to complete pro forma assignments and transfers of control of licenses by selecting the less burdensome procedure of filing a letter after the transaction is complete.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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