

Due to the public health concerns related to COVID-19, the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) and Reading Room is closed to visitors with limited exceptions. The staff continues to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. For the latest status information on EPA/DC services and docket access, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Smith, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (703) 305-7090; email address: BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes 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 docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at

<https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

II. Registration Applications

EPA has received applications to register pesticide products containing active ingredients not included in any currently registered pesticide products. Pursuant to the provisions of FIFRA section 3(c)(4) (7 U.S.C. 136a(c)(4)), EPA is hereby providing notice of receipt and opportunity to comment on these applications. Notice of receipt of these applications does not imply a decision by the Agency on these applications.

New Active Ingredients

1. *File Symbol:* 524-AAG. *Docket ID number:* EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0547. *Applicant:* Bayer CropScience LP, 800 N Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63167. *Product name:* MON 95379. *Active ingredients:* Plant-Incorporated Protectant Insecticides—*Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1B.868 protein and the genetic material (Vector PV-ZMIR522223) necessary for its production in MON 95379 corn at <0.036% and *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Da_7 protein and the genetic material (Vector PV-ZMIR522223) necessary for its production in MON 95379 corn at <0.01%. *Proposed use:* Plant-incorporated protectants to control lepidopteran pests in corn planted on a maximum total acreage of 100 acres per growing season for breeding operations across the states of Arkansas, Hawaii, and Iowa.

2. *File Symbol:* 52991-GA. *Docket ID number:* EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0578. *Applicant:* Bedoukian Research Inc., 6 Commerce Dr., Danbury, CT 06810. *Product name:* Bedoukian z-9-Tetradecenyl Acetate Technical Pheromone. *Active ingredient:* Straight Chain Lepidopteran Pheromone—Z-9-tetradecen-1-yl acetate at 85%. *Proposed use:* For manufacturing use.

3. *File Symbol:* 93786-R. *Docket ID number:* EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0590. *Applicant:* VPTox LLC, on behalf of Draslovka Services Pty Ltd., 21320 Sweet Clover Place, Ashburn VA 20147. *Product name:* eFume. *Active ingredient:* Insecticide—Ethyl Formate at 99.76%. *Proposed use:* Fumigant.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: December 1, 2020.

Delores Barber,

Director, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

[FR Doc. 2021-02655 Filed 2-8-21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0025; FRL-10017-59]

Pesticide Emergency Exemptions; Agency Decisions and State and Federal Agency Crisis Declarations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has granted emergency exemptions under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) for use of pesticides as listed in this notice. The exemptions were granted during the period July 1 to September 30, 2020 to control unforeseen pest outbreaks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marietta Echeverria, Acting Director, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (703) 305-7090; email address: RDFRNotices@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0025, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket (OPP Docket) in the Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the

Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPP Docket is (703) 305-5805.

Due to the public health concerns related to COVID-19, the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) and Reading Room is closed to visitors with limited exceptions. The staff continues to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. For the latest status information on EPA/DC services and docket access, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

II. Background

EPA has granted emergency exemptions to the following State and Federal agencies. The emergency exemptions may take the following form: Crisis, public health, quarantine, or specific. There were no denied emergency exemption requests for the time-period covered by this notice.

Under FIFRA section 18 (7 U.S.C. 136p), EPA can authorize the use of a pesticide when emergency conditions exist. Authorizations (commonly called emergency exemptions) are granted to State and Federal agencies and are of four types:

1. A "specific exemption" authorizes use of a pesticide against specific pests on a limited acreage in a particular state. Most emergency exemptions are specific exemptions.

2. "Quarantine" and "public health" exemptions are emergency exemptions issued for quarantine or public health purposes. These are rarely requested.

3. A "crisis exemption" is initiated by a State or Federal agency (and is confirmed by EPA) when there is insufficient time to request and obtain EPA permission for use of a pesticide in an emergency.

EPA may deny an emergency exemption: If the State or Federal agency cannot demonstrate that an emergency exists, if the use poses unacceptable risks to the environment, or if EPA cannot reach a conclusion that the proposed pesticide use is likely to result in "a reasonable certainty of no harm" to human health, including from exposure of infants and children to residues of the pesticide.

If the emergency use of the pesticide on a food or feed commodity would result in pesticide chemical residues, EPA establishes a time-limited tolerance meeting the "reasonable certainty of no harm" standard of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA).

In this document: EPA identifies the State or Federal agency granted the exemption, the type of exemption, the pesticide authorized and the pests, the crop or use for which authorized, number of acres (if applicable), and the

duration of the exemption. EPA also gives the **Federal Register** citation for the time-limited tolerance, if any.

III. Emergency Exemptions

A. U.S. States and Territories

Arkansas

State Plant Board

Specific exemption: EPA authorized the use of flupyradifurone on a maximum of 200 acres of sweet sorghum to control sugarcane aphid. Time-limited tolerances in connection with this action were established in 40 CFR 180.679(b). This use was effective September 2, 2020 to November 15, 2020.

California

Department of Pesticide Regulation

Specific exemption: EPA authorized the use of lambda-cyhalothrin on a maximum of 3,000 acres of asparagus to control the European asparagus aphid (*Brachycolus asparagi*). Since this request proposed a use for which an emergency exemption has been requested for 5 or more previous years (and supported by the Interregional Research Project Number 4 (IR-4) program), and a registration application or tolerance petition has not been submitted to EPA, in accordance with the requirement at 40 CFR 166.24, a notice of receipt published in the **Federal Register** on August 13, 2020 (85 FR 49365-36) (FRL-10012-55) with the public comment period closing on August 28, 2020. This use was effective September 11, 2020 to October 31, 2020.

Louisiana

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Crisis Exemption: EPA concurred upon a crisis exemption declared by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for the use of flupyradifurone on a maximum of 500,000 acres of sugarcane to control sugarcane aphids. A time-limited tolerance for residues of flupyradifurone on sugarcane will be established at 40 CFR 180.679 in connection with this stand-alone 15-day crisis exemption program. This use was effective July 23, 2020 to August 5, 2020.

Maryland

Department of Agriculture

Specific exemptions: EPA authorized the use of dinotefuran on a maximum of 3,730 acres of pome and stone fruit to control the brown marmorated stinkbug. Time-limited tolerances in connection with past actions were established in 40 CFR 180.603(b). Since this request

proposed a use for which an emergency exemption has been requested for 5 or more previous years (and supported by the IR-4 program) and a registration application or tolerance petition has not been submitted to EPA, in accordance with the requirements at 40 CFR 166.24, a notice of receipt published in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2020 (85 FR 31776) (FRL-10009-75) with the public comment period closing on June 11, 2020. This use was effective July 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020.

Nevada

Department of Agriculture

Specific exemption: EPA authorized the use of afidopyropen on a maximum of 25,000 acres of alfalfa to control blue alfalfa aphid (*Acyrtosiphon kondoi*). A time-limited tolerance in connection with this action will be established in 40 CFR 180.700(b). This use is effective July 29, 2020 to May 30, 2021.

New York

Department of Environmental Conservation

Specific exemption: EPA authorized the use of bifenthrin on a maximum of 7,521 acres of apples, peaches, and nectarines to control the brown marmorated stinkbug. Time-limited tolerances in connection with past actions were established in 40 CFR 180.442(b). This use was effective July 16, 2020 to October 15, 2020.

North Carolina

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Specific exemptions: EPA authorized the use of dinotefuran on a maximum of 4,000 acres of pome and stone fruit to control the brown marmorated stinkbug. Time-limited tolerances in connection with past actions were established in 40 CFR 180.603(b). Since this request proposed a use for which an emergency exemption has been requested for 5 or more previous years (and supported by the IR-4 program) and a registration application or tolerance petition has not been submitted to EPA, in accordance with the requirements at 40 CFR 166.24, a notice of receipt published in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2020 (85 FR 31776) (FRL-10009-75) with the public comment period closing on June 11, 2020. This use was effective July 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020.

EPA authorized the use of flupyradifurone on a maximum of 750 acres of sweet sorghum to control sugarcane aphid. Time-limited tolerances in connection with this action were established in 40 CFR

180.679(b). This use was effective July 24, 2020 to November 15, 2020.

Pennsylvania

Department of Agriculture

Specific exemptions: EPA authorized the use of dinotefuran on a maximum of 24,974 acres of pome and stone fruit to control the brown marmorated stinkbug. Time-limited tolerances in connection with past actions were established in 40 CFR 180.603(b). Since this request proposed a use for which an emergency exemption has been requested for 5 or more previous years (and supported by the IR-4 program) and a registration application or tolerance petition has not been submitted to EPA, in accordance with the requirements at 40 CFR 166.24, a notice of receipt published in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2020 (85 FR 31776) (FRL-10009-75) with the public comment period closing on June 11, 2020. This use was effective July 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020.

Tennessee

Department of Agriculture

Specific exemption: EPA authorized the use of flupyradifurone on a maximum of 750 acres of sweet sorghum to control sugarcane aphid. Time-limited tolerances in connection with this action were established in 40 CFR 180.679(b). This use was effective July 24, 2020 to November 15, 2020.

Texas

Department of Agriculture

Public health exemptions: EPA authorized the uses of 1-octadecanaminium, N,N-dimethyl-N-[3-(trihydroxysilyl)propyl] chloride on non-porous, non-food-contact surfaces at the following sites in Texas: American Airlines aircraft and airport facilities; and Total Orthopedics Sports and Spine facilities, to control the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the causal agent of COVID-19. The uses are effective August 24, 2020 to August 24, 2021.

Virginia

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Specific exemptions: EPA authorized the use of dinotefuran on a maximum of 29,000 acres of pome and stone fruit to control the brown marmorated stinkbug. Time-limited tolerances in connection with past actions were established in 40 CFR 180.603(b). Since this request proposed a use for which an emergency exemption has been requested for 5 or more previous years (and supported by

the IR-4 program) and a registration application or tolerance petition has not been submitted to EPA, in accordance with the requirements at 40 CFR 166.24, a notice of receipt published in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2020 (85 FR 31776) (FRL-10009-75) with the public comment period closing on June 11, 2020. This use was effective July 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020.

West Virginia

Department of Agriculture

Specific exemptions: EPA authorized the use of dinotefuran on a maximum of 5,986 acres of pome and stone fruit to control the brown marmorated stinkbug. Time-limited tolerances in connection with past actions were established in 40 CFR 180.603(b). Since this request proposed a use for which an emergency exemption has been requested for 5 or more previous years (and supported by the IR-4 program) and a registration application or tolerance petition has not been submitted to EPA, in accordance with the requirements at 40 CFR 166.24, a notice of receipt published in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2020 (85 FR 31776) (FRL-10009-75) with the public comment period closing on June 11, 2020. This use was effective July 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020.

B. Federal Departments and Agencies

Agriculture Department

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Quarantine exemptions: EPA authorized the use of thymol on hard, nonporous surfaces associated with aircraft and associated loading equipment used to transport livestock, for disinfection from African swine fever and foot-and-mouth disease viruses. This use is effective September 4, 2020 to September 4, 2023.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: November 25, 2020.

Marietta Echeverria,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

[FR Doc. 2021-02575 Filed 2-8-21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0007; FRL-10019-60]

Benzene, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-ethenyl-, polymer with ethenylbenzene and 2-methyl-1,3-butadiene, sulfonated (Referred to as BIAxAM Polymer); Receipt of Applications for Emergency Exemptions, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received public health exemption requests from the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to use the pesticide benzene, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-ethenyl-, polymer with ethenylbenzene and 2-methyl-1,3-butadiene, sulfonated (referred to as BIAxAM Polymer) (CAS No. 1637665-77-0) to treat nonporous, non-food-contact surfaces associated with the interior of aircraft and airports to control the new novel Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). The applicants propose the use of a new chemical which has not been registered as a pesticide by EPA. EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemptions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 24, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0007, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket (OPP Docket) in the Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPP Docket is (703) 305-5805.

Due to the public health concerns related to COVID-19, the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) and Reading Room is closed to visitors with limited exceptions. The staff continues to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. For the latest status information on EPA/DC services and docket access, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Submit your comments, identified by docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0007, by one of the following methods: