

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 158

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0124; FRL-5331-04-OCSPP]

RIN 2070-AJ49

#### Notification of Submission to the Secretary of Agriculture; Pesticide Product Performance Data Requirements for Products Claiming Efficacy Against Certain Invertebrate Pests

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notification of submission to the Secretary of Agriculture.

**SUMMARY:** This document notifies the public as required by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) that the EPA Administrator has forwarded to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) a draft final rulemaking regulatory document concerning “Pesticide Product Performance Data Requirements for Products Claiming Efficacy Against Certain Invertebrate Pests (RIN 2070-AJ49).” The draft regulatory document is not available to the public until after it has been signed and made available by EPA.

**DATES:** See Unit I. under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0124, is available at <https://www.regulations.gov>. That docket contains historical information and this **Federal Register** document; it does not contain the draft final rule.

Please note that due to the public health concerns related to COVID-19, the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) and Reading Room is open to visitors by appointment only. For the latest status information on EPA/DC services and docket access, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. What action is EPA taking?**

FIFRA section 25(a)(2)(A) requires the EPA Administrator to provide the Secretary of USDA with a copy of any draft final rule at least 60 days before

signing it in final form for publication in the **Federal Register**. The draft final rule is not available to the public until after it has been signed by EPA. If the Secretary of USDA comments in writing regarding the draft final rule within 15 days after receiving it, then the EPA Administrator shall include the comments of the Secretary of USDA and the EPA Administrator’s response to those comments with the final rule that publishes in the **Federal Register**. If the Secretary of USDA does not comment in writing within 15 days after receiving the draft final rule, then the EPA Administrator may sign the final rule for publication in the **Federal Register** any time after the 15-day period.

##### **II. Do any Statutory and Executive Order reviews apply to this notification?**

No. This document is merely a notification of submission to the Secretary of USDA. As such, none of the regulatory assessment requirements apply to this document.

##### **List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 158**

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural and non-agricultural, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 24, 2022.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 180

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0635 and EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0636; FRL-9551-01-OCSPP]

#### Adipic Acid; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This regulation establishes an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of adipic acid (CAS Reg. No. 124-04-9) when used as an inert ingredient (acidification or buffering agent, pH regulator) in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops. Verdesian Life Sciences U.S., LLC, and Fine Agrochemicals Ltd., submitted petitions to EPA under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) requesting the establishment of an exemption from the requirement of a

tolerance for adipic acid. This regulation eliminates the need to establish a maximum permissible level for residues of adipic acid on food or feed commodities when used in accordance with this exemption.

**DATES:** This regulation is effective March 1, 2022. Objections and requests for hearings must be received on or before May 2, 2022 and must be filed in accordance with the instructions provided in 40 CFR part 178 (see also Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

**ADDRESSES:** The dockets for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) numbers EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0635 and EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0636 are available at <https://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.

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#### **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).