

C. Response to Comments

EPA received one comment to the notice of filing from March 22, 2022, which opposed the use of linuron on any food. The commenter expressed a general opposition to the use of "toxic chemicals" on food. The Agency understands the commenter's concerns and recognizes that some individuals believe that certain pesticide chemicals should not be permitted in our food. However, the existing legal framework provided by section 408 of the FFDCA states that tolerances may be set when the pesticide meets the safety standard imposed by that statute. The Agency is required by section 408 of the FFDCA to estimate the risk of the potential exposure to these residues. EPA has concluded, based on data submitted in support of the petition and other reliable data, that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result from aggregate human exposure to linuron residues from use on alfalfa. Testing requirements for pesticide tolerances have been specified by rulemaking after allowing for notice and comment by the public and peer review by appropriate scientific bodies. See 40 CFR part 158 for further information.

V. Conclusion

Therefore, tolerances are established for residues of linuron in or on alfalfa, forage and alfalfa, hay at 1 and 3 ppm.

VI. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

This action establishes tolerances under FFDCA section 408(d) in response to a petition submitted to the Agency. 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 action has been exempted from review under Executive Order 12866, this action is not subject to Executive Order 13211, entitled "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use" (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001), or Executive Order 13045, entitled "Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks" (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997). This action does not contain any information collections subject to OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), 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). Since tolerances and exemptions that are established on the basis of a petition under FFDCA section 408(d), 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.

This action directly regulates growers, food processors, food handlers, and food retailers, not States or tribes, nor does this action alter the relationships or distribution of power and responsibilities established by Congress in the preemption provisions of FFDCA section 408(n)(4). As such, the Agency has determined that this action will not have a substantial direct effect on States or tribal governments, on the relationship between the national government and the States or tribal governments, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government or between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. Thus, the Agency has determined that Executive Order 13132, entitled "Federalism" (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999), and Executive Order 13175, entitled "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments" (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), do not apply to this action. In addition, this action does not impose any enforceable duty or contain any unfunded mandate as described under Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.).

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 (NTTAA) (15 U.S.C. 272 note).

VII. Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), 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 the rule in the Federal Register. This action 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: November 7, 2023.

Charles Smith,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, for the reasons stated in the preamble, EPA is amending 40 CFR chapter I as follows:

PART 180—TOLERANCES AND EXEMPTIONS FOR PESTICIDE CHEMICAL RESIDUES IN FOOD

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

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

■ 2. In § 180.184, amend the table in paragraph (a) by:

- a. Adding a heading for the table; and
■ b. Adding in alphabetical order the entries "Alfalfa, forage" and "Alfalfa, hay".

The additions read as follows:

§ 180.184 Linuron; tolerances for residues.

(a) \* \* \*

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (a)

Table with 2 columns: Commodity, Parts per million. Rows include Alfalfa, forage (1) and Alfalfa, hay (3).

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 538

[GSAR Case 2022-G514; Docket No. 2023-0009; Sequence No. 1]

RIN 3090-AK58

General Services Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); Standardizing Federal Supply Schedule Clause and Provision Prescriptions; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).
ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: On January 12, 2024, GSA published a final rule amending the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to clarify when GSAR clauses apply to Federal Supply Schedule contracts. Some text inadvertently appeared in a section revision. This correction removes that text.

DATES: This correction is effective February 12, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Adina Torberntsson, Procurement Analyst, at 720-475-0568 or [gsarpolicy@gsa.gov](mailto:gsarpolicy@gsa.gov), for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202-501-4755 or [gsaregsec@gsa.gov](mailto:gsaregsec@gsa.gov). Please cite GSAR Case 2022-G514.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** GSA is making a correction to a paragraph in the revision of 48 CFR 538.238-73 published in a final rule on January 12, 2024. The words “the Handicapped.” erroneously appeared in paragraph (b)(1) of the section.

#### Correction

In FR Doc. 2024-00519 appearing on page 2173 in the issue of January 12, 2024, make the following correction:

#### 552.238-73 [Corrected]

■ On page 2173, in the second column, paragraph (b)(1) in revised section 552.238-73 is corrected by removing “the Handicapped.” following the first sentence.

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Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration.

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

48 CFR Parts 701, 702, 704, 705, 706, 715, 719, 725, 731, 742, 750, and 752

RIN 0412-AA88

### U.S. Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulation; Administrative Updates

**AGENCY:** U.S. Agency for International Development.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is issuing this direct final rule revising the Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR) to maintain consistency with Federal and agency regulations, remove obsolete material and internal agency procedures, and make editorial amendments to clarify the regulation.

**DATES:** This rule is effective May 22, 2024, without further action, unless significant adverse comments are received by February 22, 2024. If significant adverse comment(s) are received, USAID will publish a timely withdrawal of those portion(s) of the rule in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, identified by your name, company name (if any), and the Regulatory Information Number (RIN) 0412-AA88 for this rulemaking via the following method:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for sending comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and RIN for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. We recommend that you do not submit information that you consider Confidential Business Information (CBI) or any information that is otherwise protected from disclosure by statute. If your comment cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, please email the point of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lyudmila Bond, 202-916-2622, [policymailbox@usaid.gov](mailto:policymailbox@usaid.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Public Participation

USAID is publishing this revision as a direct final rule as the changes are conforming and administrative amendments and the agency does not anticipate any significant adverse comments. This rule will be effective on the date specified in the **DATES** section above without further notice unless significant adverse comment(s) are received by the date specified in the **DATES** section above.

USAID will only address comments that explain why the rule would be inappropriate, ineffective, or unacceptable without a change. USAID may not consider comments that are insubstantial or outside the scope of the rule.

If significant adverse comments are received on the direct final rule, USAID will publish a timely partial withdrawal in the **Federal Register** informing the public what sections of the rule will not take effect. Any portions of the direct final rule for which no significant adverse comments are received will become final after the designated period.

Additionally, USAID is publishing a separate document in the “Proposed Rules” section of this **Federal Register** that will serve as the proposal to approve AIDAR revisions for which significant adverse comments may be received. In this case, USAID will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. USAID will not institute a second comment period on this action.

Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

## II. Background

This direct final rule is part of the AIDAR rewrite initiative, in which all parts of the regulation were reviewed and updated to: make editorial amendments to clarify the regulation, include previously implemented policy, and delete outdated information and agency internal guidance from the regulation. This rule incorporates updates to the AIDAR parts 701, 702, 704, 705, 706, 715, 719, 725, 731, 742, 750, and 752.

The following changes are implemented by this direct final rule:

• AIDAR 701.303, 701.470, 701.601, 701.602-1, 702.170, 704.2105 [new section], 704.5 [new subpart], 705.102, 705.202, 706.302-70, 715.602, 715.604, 719.271-6, 725.170, 725.403, 731.771, 731.773, 742.770, 750.000, 750.7101, 750.7102, 750.7103, 750.7104, 750.7105, 750.7106-1, 750.7106-2, 750.7106-3, 750.7107, 750.7108, 750.7109-1, 750.7109-3, 750.7110, 752.202-1, 752.222-70, 752.222-71, 752.225-9 [redesignated as 752.225-11], 752.225-70, 752.227-14, 752.231-71, 752.7018, 752.7019, 752.7021, 752.7022, 752.7023, 752.7024, 752.7028, and 752.7032, are revised for clarity, to maintain consistency with Federal and agency regulations, to update references to current agency procedures, to remove outdated information and internal agency guidance, and, where applicable, to correct errors and omissions. Additional background and specific highlights of changes include:

• AIDAR sections 701.601(c)(2), 719.271-6(a)(4), 752.202-1(c) (Alternate 71), 752.7018, 752.7019, 752.7021, 752.7022, 752.7023, and 752.7024 are being removed (and in most instances reserved) as USAID no longer has a separate Participant Training program; therefore, the sections, paragraphs, and clauses referring to it are obsolete.

• Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year (FY) 2019 prohibits agencies after August 13, 2019, from entering into a contract (or extending or renewing a contract) with an entity that procures or obtains any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain NDAA for FY 2019 prohibits executive agencies from entering into a contract (or extending or renewing a