

TABLE 52.2670.—EPA APPROVED TERRITORY OF GUAM REGULATIONS—Continued

State citation	Title/subject	Effective date	EPA approval date	Explanation
Chapter 17.1–17.4 .....	Appeal Procedures, Circumvention, Severability, and Effective Date.	12/11/1981	09/30/1982 47 FR 43054.	

(d) EPA approved State source specific requirements.

Name of source	Permit no.	Effective date	EPA approval date	Explanation
none .....				

(e) [Reserved].  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 180**

[OPP–2005–0092; FRL–7709–3]

**Propiconazole; Re-Establishment of Tolerance for Emergency Exemption**

**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 in or on blueberry at 1.0 parts per million (ppm) for an additional 2-1/2 year period. This tolerance will expire and is revoked on December 31, 2007. 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(l)(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 FIFRA section 18.

**DATES:** This regulation is effective April 20, 2005. Objections and requests for hearings must be received on or before June 20, 2005.

**ADDRESSES** To submit a written objection or hearing request follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit III. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP–2005–0092. All documents in the docket are

listed in the EDOCKET index at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, i.e., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in EDOCKET or in hard copy at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrea Conrath, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 308–9356; e-mail address: [conrath.andrea@epa.gov](mailto:conrath.andrea@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. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

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

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 this unit could also be affected. The North American

Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

*B. How Can I Access Electronic Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?*

In addition to using EDOCKET (<http://www.epa.gov/edocket/>), you may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the “**Federal Register**” listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. A frequently updated electronic version of 40 CFR part 180 is available at E-CFR Beta Site Two at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/>.

**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 the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a, as amended by the FQPA (Public Law 104–170), it established a time-limited tolerance for the combined residues of propiconazole and its metabolites in or on blueberry 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 March 28, 2002 (67 FR 14866) (FRL–6828–3), which had the effect of extending the time-limited tolerance for blueberry until December 31, 2003. 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 FIFRA section 18. Such

tolerances can be established without providing notice or period for public comment.

EPA received a request to extend the use of propiconazole on blueberry for this year's growing season due to the continued problems with controlling mummy berry disease (*Monilinia vacinii-corymbosi*) in wild blueberries in Maine, since the cancellation of the fungicide historically used to control this disease. After having reviewed the submission, EPA concurs that emergency conditions exist. EPA has authorized under FIFRA section 18 the use of propiconazole on blueberry for control of mummy berry disease in Maine.

EPA assessed the potential risks presented by residues of propiconazole in or on blueberry. In doing so, EPA considered the safety standard in section 408(b)(2) of the FFDCFA, and decided that the necessary tolerance under section 408(l)(6) of the FFDCFA 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), as well as the final rule published in the **Federal Register** of August 4, 2004 (69 FR 47005) (FRL-7352-1). Based on that data and information considered, the Agency reaffirms that re-establishing the time-limited tolerance will continue to meet the requirements of section 408(l)(6) of the FFDCFA. Therefore, the time-limited tolerance is re-established for an additional 2-1/2 year period.

Although the prior blueberry tolerance has expired and was revoked by operation of law on December 31, 2003, under section 408(l)(5) of the FFDCFA, residues of the pesticide not in excess of the amounts specified in the tolerance remaining in or on blueberry after that date will not be unlawful, provided the pesticide was applied in a manner that was lawful under FIFRA and the application occurred prior to the revocation of the tolerance.

In 2002, the Natural Resource Defense Council and various other parties filed objections with EPA to the time-limited tolerance for propiconazole on blueberries as well as to dozens of other tolerances for 14 pesticides. The objections to the expired blueberry tolerance are now moot. EPA will be issuing a denial of the objections to the propiconazole blueberry tolerance on those grounds in a few weeks in conjunction with its resolution of the objections as to the tolerances for the pesticides not previously addressed. Prior to issuing this tolerance for

propiconazole on blueberries, EPA reviewed the substance of the objections as to the prior propiconazole blueberry tolerance and the arguments made therein do not convince EPA that there are safety concerns as to the re-established blueberry tolerance. A full explanation of EPA's analysis of the objections to the propiconazole blueberry tolerance will be included as part of the document responding to the remaining objections.

This action re-establishes a time-limited tolerance for the combined residues of the fungicide propiconazole and its metabolite determined as 2,4-dichlorobenzoic acid and expressed as the parent compound in or on blueberry. This tolerance will expire and is revoked on December 31, 2007. This action is in response to EPA's granting of an emergency exemption under Section 18 authorizing use of the pesticide on blueberries. Although this blueberry tolerance will expire and is revoked by operation of law on December 31, 2007, under section 408(l)(5) of the FFDCFA, residues of the pesticide not in excess of the amounts specified in the tolerance remaining in or on blueberry after that date will not be unlawful, provided the pesticide was 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 FFDCFA, 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 FFDCFA by the FQPA, EPA will continue to use those procedures, with appropriate adjustments, until the necessary modifications can be made. The new section 408(g) of the FFDCFA 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) of the FFDCFA, as was provided in the old sections 408 and 409 of the FFDCFA. 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 ID number OPP-2005-0092 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 June 20, 2005.

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 (1900L), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001. You may also deliver your request to the Office of the Hearing Clerk in Suite 350, 1099 14th St., NW., Washington, DC 20005. 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) 564-6255.

2. *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 **ADDRESSES**. Mail your copies, identified by docket ID number OPP-2005-0092, 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 20460-0001. In person or by courier, bring a copy to the location of the PIRIB described in **ADDRESSES**. 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. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews**

This final rule establishes a time-limited tolerance under section 408 of the FFDCA. 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 section 408 of the FFDCA, 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 section 408(n)(4) of the FFDCA. 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. Congressional Review Act**

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: April 8, 2005.

**Lois Rossi,**

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■ 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), 346a and 371.

#### **§ 180.434 [Amended]**

■ 2. In § 180.434, amend the item for “blueberry” in the table in paragraph (b) by revising the date “12/31/2003” to read “12/31/2007.”

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#### **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

#### **47 CFR Part 25**

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#### **Auction of Direct Broadcast Satellite Licenses**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.