ACTION: Extension of comment period on proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Department is extending through January 30, 2006, the period for interested persons to submit comments to its proposed rule on medical oxygen and portable respiration assistive devices.

DATES: Comments must be received by January 30, 2006. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the docket number [OST–2005–22298] by any of the following methods: (1) Federal eRulemaking Portal: *http://www.regulations.gov* (follow the instructions for submitting comments); (2) Web site: *http://dms.dot.gov* (follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site); (3) Fax: 1–202–493–2251; (4) Mail: Docket Management System; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–001; or (5) Hand Delivery: To the Docket Management System; Room PL–401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

You must include the agency name and docket number [OST–2005–22298] or the Regulatory Identification Number (RIN) for this notice at the beginning of your comment. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to *http://dms.dot.gov* including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act section of this document. You may view the public docket through the Internet at *http://dms.dot.gov* or in person at the Docket Management System office at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Blane A. Workie, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, 400 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington DC 29590. Phone: 202–366–9342. TTY: 202–366–0511. Fax: 202–366–7152. E-mail: *blane.workie@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 7, 2005, the Department of Transportation (DOT or Department) issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed to require airlines to provide in-flight medical oxygen without charge, to test certain respiratory assistive devices and to permit their use if safe. *See* 70 FR 53108. The NPRM would apply to certain U.S. and foreign air carriers operating to and from the U.S. The original comment closing date is November 7, 2005.

The Air Carrier Association of America (ACAA), the Air Transport Association (ATA), the National Air Carrier Association (NACA), and the Regional Airline Association (RAA) jointly requested an extension of the comment period to consider ''the enormous technical, operational and cost issues raised by the multiple actions required by the NPRM.'' They requested an extension of more than sixty days to January 30, 2006, at least partially because an extension of sixty days in this rulemaking would place the close of the comment period in the holiday season. This request was supported by comments from the International Air Transport Association (IATA), which further explained that IATA has begun the process of gathering comments from its in-flight, dangerous goods, passenger services, operations, medical and regulatory contacts but that gathering and collating such feedback is a significant task that requires time.

The Department concurs that an extension of the comment period is necessary to allow members of industry sufficient time to analyze the impact of the proposed rule and believes that this extension would result in more thorough comments to the docket than might otherwise be possible without delaying final action in the rulemaking proceeding. We do not anticipate the need for any further extensions. Accordingly, the Department finds that good cause exists to extend the comment period on the proposed rule from November 7, 2005, to January 30, 2006.

Issued in Washington, DC this 17th day of October, 2005, under authority assigned to me by 14 CFR 385.17(c).

Neil Eisner,

Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 158

[OPP–2005–0415; FRL–7734–2]

RIN 2070–AD51

Pesticides; Data Requirements for Biochemical and Microbial Pesticides; Notification to the Secretary of Agriculture

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification to the Secretary of Agriculture.

SUMMARY: This document notifies the public that the Administrator of EPA has forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture a draft proposed rule as required by section 25(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). As described in the Agency's semi-annual Regulatory Agenda, the draft proposed rule updates and revises data requirements for the registration of microbial and biochemical pesticide products to reflect current scientific knowledge and understanding. These data requirements and those already codified in part 158 of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), are intended to provide EPA with data and other information necessary for the registration of biochemical and microbial pesticide products.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket identification (ID) number OPP–2005–0415. 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, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Candace Brassard, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington DC 20460–0001; telephone number: 703–305–6598; e-mail address: *brassard.candace@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. It simply announces the submission of a draft proposed rule to USDA and does not otherwise affect any specific entities. This action may, however, be of particular interest to producers or registrants of a biochemical or microbial pesticide product. This proposal also may affect

any person or company who might petition the Agency for new tolerances for biochemical or microbial pesticides, or hold a pesticide registration with existing tolerances, or any person or company who is interested in obtaining or retaining a tolerance in the absence of a registration, that is, an import tolerance for biochemical or microbial pesticides. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be interested in this action. If you have any questions regarding this action, 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. What Action Is EPA Taking?

Section 25(a)(2) of FIFRA requires the Administrator to provide the Secretary of Agriculture with a copy of any proposed regulation at least 60 days before signing it for publication in the **Federal Register.** The draft proposed rule is not available to the public until after it has been signed by EPA. If the Secretary comments in writing regarding the draft proposed rule within 30 days after receiving it, the Administrator shall include the comments of the Secretary and the Administrator's response to those comments in the proposed rule when published in the **Federal Register.** If the Secretary does not comment in writing within 30 days after receiving the draft proposed rule, the Administrator may sign the proposed regulation for publication in the **Federal Register** anytime after the 30-day period.

III. Do Any Statutory and Executive Order Reviews Apply to This Notification?

No. This document is not a proposed rule, it is merely a notification of submission to the Secretary of Agriculture. As such none of the regulatory assessment requirements apply to this document.

IV. Will This Notification Be Subject to the Congressional Review Act?

No. This action is not a rule for purposes of the Congressional Review Act (CRA), 5 U.S.C. 804(3), and will not be submitted to Congress and the Comptroller General. EPA will submit the final rule to Congress and the Comptroller General as required by the CRA.

List of Subjects in 40 Part 158

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: October 13, 2005.

James Jones,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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