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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 29 May 2002, has been received from the United States.

Pesticides; Tolerance Exemptions for Minimal Risk Active and Inert Ingredients

EPA is adding a new section which lists the pesticide chemicals that are exempted from the requirement of a tolerance based on the Agency's determination that these chemicals are of "minimal risk." The pesticide chemicals listed in the new section include both active and inert ingredients. Development of the new section will be accomplished over time in a multi-step process. As the first step, the existing tolerance exemptions for commonly consumed food commodities, animal feed items, and edible fats and oils are re-codified in the newly created section, albeit in a different format. This new format provides greater clarification in defining a minimal risk pesticide chemical as well as increasing the number of substances that are currently considered to be minimal risk. With the creation of the new section, the existing tolerance exemptions (in other sections of the CFR) for these chemical substances are no longer necessary. Therefore, this document revokes the tolerance exemptions for 40 inert ingredients. The Agency is acting on its own initiative.

This final rule is effective on 24 May 2002. Objections and requests for hearings must be received on or before 23 July 2002.

The full text of this addendum as well as the full text of the original notification, including instructions for submitting comments, are available from the address below.

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