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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): The pesticide ingredients Humic Acid – specifically sodium salt and potassium salt with Humic Acid as an ingredient.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any US trading partners.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Humates; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance, available in English, 5 pages.
6.	Description of content: The Agency is proposing, on its own initiative, to amend the existing tolerance exemption for Humic Acid, sodium salt to include Humic Acid, potassium salt and Humic Acid. Such Humate materials would be used as inert ingredients in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA).
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: not applicable
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: DOCID: fr13jn03-31, <u>Federal Register</u> : 13 June 2003 (Volume 68, Number 114) Page 35349-35354; http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2003/June/Day-13/p14881.htm ; available in English
10.	Proposed date of adoption: not applicable
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: not applicable

12. Final date for comments: 14 July 2003

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ **National notification authority,** ☐ **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. opp-docket@epa.gov
Note: Identify docket name "OPP-2003-0182" in subject line of your response.

13. Texts available from: ☐ **National notification authority,** ☒ **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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