

approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.12. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden.

The Agency is requesting that OMB renew for 3 more years the existing approval for this ICR, which is scheduled to expire on January 31, 1997. A Federal Register notice announcing the Agency's intent to seek the renewal of this ICR and the 60 day public comment opportunity, requesting comments on the request and the contents of the ICR, was issued on June 28, 1996 (61 FR 33732). EPA received one comment on this ICR during the comment period, and has amended the ICR as appropriate and filed the comments as an attachment to the ICR submitted to OMB.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before January 9, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1001.06 and OMB Control No. 2070-0008.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1001.06 and OMB Control No. 2070-0008, to the following addresses:

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE, Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460

And to:

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Review Requested: This is a request to renew a currently approved information collection pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12.

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 1001.06; OMB Control No. 2070-0008.

Current Expiration Date: Current OMB approval expires on January 31, 1997.

Title: Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Exclusions, Exemptions and Use Authorizations.

Abstract: Section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) generally prohibits the manufacture, processing, distribution in commerce and use of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). However, federal regulations exclude certain manufacturing processes from these prohibitions, enabling chemical manufacturers to continue to manufacture essential chemical products, the manufacture of which is accompanied by the inadvertent generation of PCBs as trace

byproducts or impurities. To be eligible for such an exclusion, chemical manufacturers must comply with certain certification, reporting and recordkeeping requirements. These requirements provide the means for EPA to verify that companies indeed generate only trace quantities of PCBs in their products and thus do not present an unreasonable risk of injury to human health or the environment. EPA also uses the data to identify sites for compliance inspections.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR parts 761). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 25 hours per response. The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated to average approximately 5 hours per respondent. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information. No person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are companies that manufacture chemical products, the manufacture of which is accompanied by the inadvertent generation of PCBs as trace byproducts or impurities, and companies that import chemical products that contain PCBs as trace byproducts or impurities.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 176.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,030 hours.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

Changes in Burden Estimates: There is an increase of 105 hours in the total estimated respondent burden as compared with that identified in the information collection request most

recently approved by OMB, from 925 hours currently to an estimated 1,030 hours. This reflects an analysis of the submissions in the past three years, showing that the total number of submissions has been higher than had been anticipated in the most recently approved ICR.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any additional comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted within 30 days, as described above.

Dated: December 3, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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[FRL-5661-2]

Pesticides; Trade Secret Clearance; Submission to OMB; Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: Trade Secret Clearance Justification (EPA ICR # 0613.06; OMB Control No. 2070-0053) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.12. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and includes a copy of the actual data collection instrument.

The Agency is requesting that OMB renew for 3 more years the existing approval for this ICR, which is scheduled to expire within 60 days. A Federal Register notice announcing the Agency's intent to seek the renewal of this ICR and the 60-day public comment opportunity, requesting comments on the request and the contents of the ICR, was issued on July 15, 1996 (61 FR 36875). EPA did not receive any comments on this ICR during the 60 day comment period provided in that notice.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before January 9, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 0613.06.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0613.06, to the following addresses:

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE, Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460

And to:

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Review Requested: This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12.

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 0613.06; OMB Control No. 2070-0053.

Current Expiration Date: December 31, 1996.

Title: Trade Secret Clearance Justification.

Abstract: This information collection activity will affect registrants of pesticide products subject to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. The purpose of the collection is to determine the confidentiality of information submitted to the Agency under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The collection is usually prompted by a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a record which may be entitled to confidential treatment. The collection instrument consists of nine questions codified under 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B. A final determination on the releasability of the requested record is issued by EPA upon evaluation of the business's response.

EPA may not disclose information which is described by FIFRA section 10(d)(1) (A), (B), or (C). Under 40 CFR 2.204(a), EPA may take action to determine whether business information is entitled to confidential treatment when a request for disclosure is received under FOIA, when the Agency anticipates receiving a request under FOIA, or when the Agency wishes to determine if information in its possession is confidential. When determining whether information is entitled to confidential treatment, EPA is required by 40 CFR 2.204(e) to notify the affected business and provide an opportunity for comment. The requirements are mandatory to obtain a benefit.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 21 hours per response. This estimate includes the time needed for: reading collection request; conferring with EPA; gathering resources and coordinating actions;

reviewing information to identify potential confidential portions; processing, compiling, and reviewing claims of confidentiality for accuracy and appropriateness; reporting and substantiating findings; and storing, filing, or maintaining the information. No person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are registrants of pesticide products subject to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 90.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1890 hours.

Frequency of Collection: once per event.

Changes in Burden Estimates: The administering office is fully automated and no longer utilizes contractor support for this ICR. Overall Agency and respondent costs have increased based on rates provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted within 30 days, as described above.

Dated: December 3, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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Science Advisory Board; Emergency Notification of a Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, emergency notice is hereby given that the location of the December 19-20, 1996 meeting of the Integrated Human Exposure Committee (IHEC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) has been changed in order to accommodate the expected attendance by the public. This meeting will review the EPA's draft Exposure Factors Handbook, and was announced in the Federal Register for November 18, 1996 (Volume 61, Number 223, [Page 58683-58684]).

The new location for the meeting is the Hyatt Arlington Hotel, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209. The hotel telephone number is 703-525-1234. Anyone desiring additional

information should contact Ms. Dorothy Clark, Staff Secretary, Science Advisory Board (1400), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-8414, fax (202) 260-7118, or Internet at: clark.dorothy@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: December 3, 1996.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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[PF-676; FRL-5575-8]

Merck Co., Inc.; Notice of Pesticide Petition Filing

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Filing.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the filing of a pesticide petition proposing the renewal/reissuance of regulations establishing tolerances for residues of the pesticide chemical abamectin (avermectin B₁) in or on various agricultural commodities. This notice includes a summary of the petition that was prepared by the petitioner, Merck Co., Inc.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket number PF-676, must be received on or before January 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number PF-676. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in Unit II of this document.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this notice may be claimed