
From Washington

EPA receives petition, approves tolerance

Chevron Chemical Co. has filed a petition with the Environmental Protection Agency seeking to establish a tolerance of 0.6 part per million in safflower meal for an insecticide O,S-dimethyl phosphoromidothioate.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency has approved residue tolerances for the herbicide N-(1-ethylpropyl)-3,4-dimethyl-2,6-dinitrobenzenamine in a variety of agricultural commodities including cottonseed, peanuts, peanut hay, soybeans, soybean forage, soybean hay, and sunflower seed at 0.1 parts per million. Details: *Federal Register*, Tuesday, April 14, 1981, p. 21772.

Change in peanut grades proposal withdrawn

The U.S. Food Safety and Quality Service has withdrawn a proposal to set new classifications for U.S. peanuts. Producers, processors and users were unable to reconcile differences as needed to make the new proposal work, the agency said. Details: *Federal Register*, Friday, May 29, 1981, p. 28859.

Deadline extended for custard, ice cream labeling of FD&C Yellow 5

The Food and Drug Administration has extended to July 1, 1982, from July 1, 1981, the mandatory deadline for ice cream and frozen custard manufacturers to modify labels of products containing FD&C Yellow No. 5. Details: *Federal Register*, Friday, June 12, 1981, p. 31004.

USDA approves crambe feed for cattle

The U.S. Department of Agriculture formally approved use of toasted crambe meal in cattle feedlot rations at a rate not exceeding 4.2% of the total ration. The approval was based on a petition from the USDA Northern Regional Research Center. Details: *Federal Register*, Friday, June 5, 1981, p. 30081.

Pesticide, herbicide actions by EPA

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency is the agency that regulates use of herbicides and pesticides on crops in the United States. Among the actions it has announced during the past month are:

—Extension of a temporary tolerance in cottonseed oil at 0.2 part per million for an insecticide (\pm)cyano(3-phenoxyphenyl)methyl (\pm)-4-(difluoromethoxy)- α -(1-methylethyl)benzeneacetate. See *Federal Register*, Tuesday, June 9, 1981, p. 30494. The tolerance will expire April 10, 1982.

—Established a tolerance in soybeans at 0.2 part per million for a fungicide chlorothalonil (tetrachloroisophthalonitrile) and its metabolite 4-hydroxy-2,5,6-trichloroisophthalonitrile. Details: *Federal Register*, Tuesday, June 9, 1981, p. 30499.

—Published a proposed rule to exempt polyvinyl chloride (film and resin) from tolerance requirements when used as an inert controlled-release dispenser for certain attractants used for insect control in cottonseed. Details: *Federal Register*, Wednesday, June 10, 1981, p. 30662.

—Received petitions from Rohm and Haas Co. seeking to establish a tolerance in cottonseed, cotton and some other crops for a herbicide oxyfluorfen and its metabolites. Details: *Federal Register*, Wednesday, June 10, 1981, p. 30693.