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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticide Registration Review; Proposed Interim Decisions for the Rodenticides; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's proposed interim registration review decisions and opens a 75-day public comment period on the proposed interim decisions for the following rodenticides: Brodifacoum, bromadiolone, bromethalin, chlorophacinone, cholecalciferol, difenacoum, difethialone, diphacinone (and its sodium salt), strychnine, warfarin (and its sodium salt), and zinc phosphide.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 75 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0750, and the specific case number for the chemical substance related to your comment, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *https://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at https://www.epa.gov/dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For pesticide specific information*, please contact the Chemical Review Manager for the pesticide of interest identified in Table 1 in Unit IV.

For general information on the registration review program, contact: Melanie Biscoe, Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental

Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; email address: *biscoe.melanie@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, farm worker, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the Chemical Review Manager for the pesticide of interest identified in Table 1 in Unit IV.

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI*. Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information on a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments*. When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at: *https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets*.

3. *Environmental justice*. EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low-income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and

policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticides discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. Background

Registration review is EPA's periodic review of pesticide registrations to ensure that each pesticide continues to satisfy the statutory standard for registration, that is, the pesticide can perform its intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment. As part of the registration review process, the Agency has completed proposed interim decisions for all pesticides listed in Table 1 in Unit IV. Through this program, EPA is ensuring that each pesticide's registration is based on current scientific and other knowledge, including its effects on human health and the environment.

III. Authority

EPA is conducting its registration review of the chemicals listed in the Table 1 in Unit IV pursuant to section 3(g) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Procedural Regulations for Registration Review at 40 CFR part 155, subpart C. Section 3(g) of FIFRA provides, among other things, that the registrations of pesticides are to be reviewed every 15 years. Under FIFRA, a pesticide product may be registered or remain registered only if it meets the statutory standard for registration given in FIFRA section 3(c)(5) (7 U.S.C. 136a(c)(5)). When used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized practice, the pesticide product must perform its intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on the environment; that is, without any unreasonable risk to man or the environment, or a human dietary risk from residues that result from the use of a pesticide in or on food.

IV. What action is the Agency taking?

Pursuant to 40 CFR 155.58, this notice announces the availability of EPA's proposed interim registration review decisions for the rodenticides shown in Table 1 and opens a 75-day public comment period on the proposed interim registration review decisions.

Table 1. Rodenticides with Proposed Interim Decisions

Registration Review Case Name and Number	Docket ID Number	Chemical Review Manager and Contact Information
Brodifacoum Case Number 2755	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0767	Steven R. Peterson *OPPRodenticidesInquiries@epa.gov* (202) 566-2218
Bromadiolone Case Number 2760	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0768	Steven R. Peterson *OPPRodenticidesInquiries@epa.gov* (202) 566-2218
Bromethalin Case Number 2765	EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0077	Kent Fothergill *OPPRodenticidesInquiries@epa.gov* (202) 566-1943
Chlorophacinone Case Number 2100	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0778	Steven R. Peterson *OPPRodenticidesInquiries@epa.gov* (202) 566-2218
Cholecalciferol Case Number 7600	EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0139	Kent Fothergill *OPPRodenticidesInquiries@epa.gov* (202) 566-1943
Difenacoum Case Number 7630	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0769	Steven R. Peterson *OPPRodenticidesInquiries@epa.gov* (202) 566-2218
Difethialone Case Number 7603	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0770	Steven R. Peterson *OPPRodenticidesInquiries@epa.gov* (202) 566-2218
Diphacinone (and its sodium salt) Case Number 2205	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0777	Steven R. Peterson *OPPRodenticidesInquiries@epa.gov* (202) 566-2218
Strychnine Case Number 3133	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0754	Shrestha, Srijana *OPPRodenticidesInquiries@epa.gov* (202) 566-2329
Warfarin (and its sodium salt) Case Number 0011	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0481	Steven R. Peterson *OPPRodenticidesInquiries@epa.gov* (202) 566-2218
Zinc Phosphide Case Number 0026	EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0140	Anna Senninger *OPPRodenticidesInquiries@epa.gov* (202) 566-2216

The registration review docket for a pesticide includes earlier documents related to the registration review case. For example, the review opened with a Preliminary Work Plan, for public comment. A Final Work Plan was placed in the docket following public comment on the Preliminary Work Plan.

The documents in the dockets describe EPA's rationales for conducting additional risk assessments for the registration review of the rodenticides included in Table 1 in Unit IV, as well as the Agency's subsequent risk findings and consideration of possible risk mitigation measures. These proposed interim registration review decisions are supported by the rationales included in those documents. Following public comment, the Agency will issue interim or final registration review decisions for the rodenticides listed in Table 1 in Unit IV.

The registration review final rule at 40 CFR 155.58(a) provides for a minimum 60-day public comment period on all proposed interim registration review decisions. This comment period is intended to provide an opportunity for public input and a mechanism for initiating any necessary amendments to the proposed interim decision. All comments should be submitted using the methods in **ADDRESSES** and must be received by EPA on or before the closing date. These comments will become part of the docket for the pesticides included in Table 1 in Unit IV. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. The Agency will carefully consider all comments received by the closing date and may provide a "Response to Comments Memorandum" in the docket.

Background on the registration review program is provided at: *https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-reevaluation*.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq*.

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