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Subject: Clarification of Emergency Exemptions & Re-established Tolerances

<u>Prior posting to NJinPASFruit 2/20/02</u>: EPA's announcement of re-established tolerances in support of Section 18 emergency exemptions for several pesticides for use on fruit.

Consequently Tom Kacsorski (NJDEP) provided that New Jersey has no pending requests to EPA for Section 18's related to these particular tolerances. EPA's re-establishment of these tolerances was a little puzzling.

In clarification, EPA provides:

Tolerances for propyzamide in cranberry (dodder), imidacloprid for blueberry (blueberry aphid and oriental beetle), and fludioxonil on apricots, nectarines, peaches, and plums (brown rot, gray mold rot, and Rhizopus rot) were re-established for New Jersey for the following reasons:

- support of existing 2001 Section 18's with expired tolerances
- applications already received from other States for exemptions
- lack of registered pesticides for these problems

This does not extend the existing exemptions beyond their current 2001 expiration dates.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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