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Subject: Tributyltin Antifoulant Voluntary Cancellations

We are posting this to the network as it doesn't quite fit any of our listservs....

Action: EPA has received requests for **voluntary cancellation or termination of use from the two registrants** that hold the manufacturing use product registrations for **tributyltin (TBT) products used to formulate antifouling paints**. Specifically, Atofina Chemicals and Crompton Corporation have indicated that they will not sell stocks of TBT antifoulants after November 30, 2003. (Note: it will follow that antifouling paint manufacturers will request voluntary cancellations as well.) EPA provides that the requests are being made for economic reasons and in consideration of the development of efficacious alternatives, which should prove safer for marine life.

Background: Trade names include Alumacoat, Bioclean, FloTin, Fungitrol, TinSan, Ultrafresh, and Vikol. Much of the concern over the use of tributyltin stems from its use as a marine antifouling in paints. It is slowly released from the paint on the hull of the boat into the adjoining water hindering the growth and attachment of a variety of organisms to the boat. Extoxnet provides that tributyltin concentrations in harbors and bays in Britain, France and the United States were high enough to significantly affect oyster and mussel production.

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<http://www.epa.gov/fedreg/EPA-PEST/2003/December/Day-05/index.html>. It is assumed that a TBT RED will be released to the EPA Reregistration webpage @ <http://cfpub.epa.gov/oppref/rereg/status.cfm?show=rereg> as TBT is listed in the table but has no hot links. See also EPA Pesticide Program Update from EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs 12/5/03 and Extoxnet Pesticide Information Profile for TBT @ <http://pmep.cce.cornell.edu/profiles/extoxnet/pyrethrins-ziram/tributyltin-ext.html>.

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