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Public comment periods are open on both of the following issues discussed below.

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TOLERANCE REVOCATIONS PROPOSED FOR CERTAIN USES OF 23 PESTICIDES

On April 15, 2002, EPA published a proposed rule to **revoke 153 specific tolerances for residues of 23 pesticide chemicals:** acephate, amitraz, carbaryl, chlorpyrifos, cryolite, disulfoton, ethalfluralin, ethion, ethoprop, fenthion, fluvalinate, methamidophos, metribuzin, oxamyl, phorate, phosalone, phosmet, pirimiphos-methyl, profenofos, propiconazole, tetrachlorvinphos, thiram, and tribufos. These tolerances are being revoked because **they are either no longer needed or are associated with food uses that are no longer current or registered in the United States.** Some of these proposed revocations are based on recommendations made during the reregistration decision process. Information on the specific tolerances proposed for revocation and the reasons is available in the Federal Register which is available on EPA's web site www.epa.gov/fedrgstr. (See www.epa.gov/pesticides/tolerance for status and other information on tolerance reassessment.)

Comments on these proposed tolerance revocations and other changes will be accepted until June 14, 2002, and must be submitted as described in the Federal Register notice. If EPA receives a comment within the 60-day period that indicates interest in retaining a tolerance, EPA will not proceed to revoke the tolerance immediately. EPA will take steps to ensure the submission of any needed supporting data. A tolerance must meet the current safety standard established under the Food Quality Protection Act if it is to be retained.

EPA REASSESES NON-CONTRIBUTING ORGANOPHOSPHATE TOLERANCES

As part of its review of organophosphate and other pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), **EPA has identified the first group of organophosphate tolerances that do not contribute to risk.** EPA considers these tolerances reassessed and is requesting public comment on its approach to identifying other non-contributors. **The 275 organophosphate non-contributor tolerances in this first group make at most a negligible contribution to the cumulative risk from the organophosphate pesticides.** Divided into four categories, these tolerances result in minimal or no detectable residues in food and are expected to

have negligible effects through drinking water. They therefore meet the FQPA safety standard in section 408(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and can be considered reassessed. EPA discusses the basis for this approach to reassessing selected organophosphate tolerances in a Federal Register notice that will be published shortly and lists the reassessed non-contributor tolerances. In addition, since additional tolerances will be appropriate for reassessment based on this type of approach, EPA will be accepting public comment for 30 days from the date of publication of the Federal Register notice on its approach for identifying other non-contributors. The docket number for these comments is OPP-2002-0060. The description of this tolerance reassessment approach and a listing of the reassessed non-contributor tolerances (as well as additional information about individual and cumulative OP risk assessments) will be available May 10 on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/cumulative>

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