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Dimethoate Voluntary Cancellations Requested

Action: EPA has received voluntary cancellation requests from five registrants (Cheminova, Inc., BASF, Gowan, Drexel, and Microflo) to modify their dimethoate technical pesticide product labels to remove certain crop uses to address dietary risks. Specifically, the registrants have asked to delete dimethoate uses on **apples, grapes, cabbage, collards, spinach, and head lettuce** because these uses significantly contribute to the potential dietary risks associated with human consumption of those crops.

The registrants also asked to delete uses on **broccoli raab, fennel, tomatillo, lespedeza, and trefoil**, which they have chosen not to support for reregistration. EPA will accept public comment on the proposed voluntary cancellation of these dimethoate uses for 30 days, or until October 10, 2003. Unless substantive comments are received, EPA will issue a cancellation order for these uses after the comment period closes.

Background: Dimethoate is a systemic organophosphate (OP) insecticide registered for use on a variety of fruits, vegetables, grains, and ornamentals, and in forestry. Names include: Cygon, DeFend, Dimethoat, Dimethoat, Dimethoate, Dimethoate (ANSI), Dimetoato, and Dimetoát .

IMPORTANT: In the March 13, 2002, Federal Register, EPA published a cancellation order removing all dimethoate residential uses and certain agricultural uses. The ag use cancelled was for control of 'houseflies'. Retailers are allowed to sell existing stocks of these cancelled use product off their shelves, and pesticide applicators/users may use stocks of dimethoate products until depleted in accord with label provisions (see http://www.epa.gov/oppfod01/cb/csb_page/updates/dimeth-cancel.htm).

EPA is reviewing dimethoate to determine whether it is eligible for reregistration and to make tolerance reassessment decisions. Specifically, the Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision (IRED) document for dimethoate is under development, and is targeted for 2003 release. Although dimethoate also is included in the Agency's cumulative assessment of the OP pesticides, the information in that draft document is considered dated in comparison to the pending dimethoate IRED. The draft OP cumulative risk assessment identified the apple and grape uses of dimethoate significant contributors to potential dietary risk; the IRED would update this assessment with other crops of issue and propose appropriate risk mitigation measures.

For further information: Dimethoate human health and ecological effects risk assessments and related documents are available on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/op/dimethoate.htm> . Source: See <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2002/March/Day-13/p6090.htm>

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