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'Minimal Risk' Section created by EPA :

EPA is adding a new section which lists the **pesticide chemicals that are exempted from the requirement of a tolerance** based on the Agency's determination that these chemicals are of **minimal risk.** The pesticide chemicals listed in the new section include both active and inert ingredients. Development of the new section will be accomplished over time in a multi-step process. As the first step, the existing tolerance exemptions for commonly consumed food commodities, animal feed items, and edible fats and oils are recodified in the newly created section, albeit in a different format. This new format provides greater clarification in defining a minimal risk pesticide chemical as well as increasing the number of substances that are currently considered to be minimal risk.

With the creation of the new section, the **existing tolerance exemptions (in other sections of the CFR) for these chemical substances are no longer necessary.** Therefore, this document revokes the tolerance exemptions for 40 inert ingredients. The Agency is acting on its own initiative. The following 40 tolerance exemptions are revoked:

1. In 40 CFR 180.1001 (c): Almond shells; apple pomace; citrus meal; cocoa shells; coconut oil; corn cobs; corn meal; corn oil; cornstarch; corn syrup; cottonseed oil; dextrose; fish oil; grape pomace, dried; lard; lactose; molasses; oatmeal; oats; orange pomace; peanut shells; rice bran; soybean oil; starch (potato, tapioca, and wheat); and sucrose.
2. In 40 CFR 180.1001 (d): Cinnamon; clove; coffee; corn; corn gluten meal, hydrolyzed; fenugreek; low erucic acid rapeseed oil, conforming to 21 CFR 184.1555(c) (CAS Reg. No. none); oat hulls; wheat; and wheat flour.
3. In 40 CFR 180.1001 (e): Corn syrup; dextrose, and sucrose.

Objections and requests for hearings, identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0030, must be received on or before July 23, 2002.

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