DATA EVALUATION RECORD
HONEY BEE - FIELD TESTING FOR POLLINATORS, §141-5 or 850.3040

1. **CHEMICAL:** Clothianidin (TI-435) PC Code No.: 044309

2. **TEST MATERIAL:** TI-435 FS 600 Purity: 607.2 g/L (test substance) or 60.72%

3. **CITATION:**

Author:	Ch. Maus and R. Schöning
Title:	Residues of TI-435 FS 600 and its Relevant Metabolites in Nectar, Blossoms, and Pollen of Summer Rape from Dressed Seeds and Effects of These Residues on Foraging Honeybees (Test Location: Farmland "Laacher Hof")
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6. **STUDY PARAMETERS:**

Scientific Name of Test Organism: *Apis mellifera*
Definitive Study Duration: 17 days

7. **CONCLUSIONS:** This field study determined the residue levels of TI-435 in the nectar of seed-treated rape plants. The TI-435 treated rape seeds were treated at an application rate of 1056 g a.i./100 kg seed (1 lb ai/100 lb seed or 0.025 lb ai/A) on 5/2/00 (plant date). The treatment exposure levels from the samples, indicated below, were a result of levels found in samples taken during the first week of July, 2000, over 2 months after the seed treatment application of TI-435 FS 600.

nectar from rape flowers: 2.8 µg ai/kg and 3.0 µg ai/kg (sampled 7/6/00 and 7/7/00, respectively)

There were no TI-435 levels of detection in the control. The metabolites of TI-435, TZMU and TZNG, were not detected in any of the nectar samples taken. Sampling of pollen from honeybees and from beehives was not feasible because bees could not collect appropriate pollen quantities due to the bad weather conditions, hence no residue analysis of the test material and metabolites were performed on the pollen. Approximately 20 g of each, male and female blossoms were sampled from summer rape plants on 7/11/2000. However, these blossoms were not analyzed since nectar analysis was considered to be sufficient to detect residues of the test material. This was a deviation of the original study plan (p. 22 of study).

Honey bee mortality in the controls was higher in the treatment exposed honey bees however there was not a significant difference based on visual inspection of the data. Furthermore, there were no significant effects of TI-435 on the weight development of the beehives or foraging activity based on visual inspection of the data. It should be noted that with the exception of the residue samples found in the rape nectar, the results from other parameters measured (i.e., bee foraging behavior and the weight development of the beehives) are questionable due to the adverse weather conditions during the sampling period. There appeared to be an unusual amount of rainfall (5.7 inches in July, 2000) during the sampling period which would have restricted normal bee flight and foraging activity. It is also not clear whether or not the colonies used in this study were queen right. From the explanation provided on page 7 of this study, dealing with the hive preparation of the colonies used, it could readily be assumed that the colonies used in this study were queenless. The use of queenless, undersized colonies (2,000 - 3,000 workerbees)[1] would have provided additional factors that would make the results from the parameters measured

[1] Normal honey bee colony size is approximately 50,000 bees (Pacific Northwest Extension.1993).

questionable.

This toxicity study is scientifically sound, in that it determined the residue levels of TI-435 and its relevant metabolites in the nectar of seed-treated summer rape plants. The study is classified as Supplemental because this study was conducted without a prior agreed upon protocol between the registrant and the Agency as required by guideline 141-5. The information that it provides, however, may be useful for risk assessment purposes.

8. ADEQUACY OF THE STUDY:

A. Classification: Supplemental

B. Rationale: These studies are only required on a case-by-case basis. A protocol was not approved by EPA for this insect field study as required by the guideline.

C. Repairability: None

9. GUIDELINE DEVIATIONS:

- This study was conducted without a prior agreed upon protocol between the registrant and the Agency.

10. SUBMISSION PURPOSE: This study was submitted to evaluate the exposure and residual toxicity of TI-435 FS 600 to honey bees under field conditions.

11. MATERIALS AND METHODS:

A. Test Organisms

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Species: Species of concern (*Apis mellifera*)	*Apis mellifera*
Age at beginning of test:	Commercial colonies with all life-stages present

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Supplier	Mr. Josef Gilli, Reinatzstrasse 25, 53925 Kall
All bees from the same source?	Yes

B. Test System

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Cage size adequate?	Small beehives (~2000-3000 honeybees) were caged on flowering rape plots using 10 x 5 x 3 m^3 tents. Tents consisted of an aluminum frame covered by gauze material (2 x 2 mm^2 mesh size).
Lighting:	Percent cloudy skies ranged from 95-100% during the study period (7/4 through 7/20/2000).
Temperature:	Month of July, 2000- minimum air temp: 10-15.6°C, maximum air temp: 16.3-27.4°C, soil temperature: 13.9-20.6°C
Relative humidity:	Not reported
Precipitation:	A total of 145.7 mm (5.7 inches) of rain was recorded during the month of July 2000 (p. 9). The average monthly rain during three months before July 2000 was 52.7 mm per month (2.1 inches/month).
Wind speed:	Ranged from calm to moderate to squally (p. 10) between July 4-20, 2000.

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Site Characterization:	• The trial site was located at Bayer AG's experimental farmland "Laacher Hof", approximately 3 km south of Monheim (Germany, NRW, 41 m above sea level) • The control plot was field number 711 and the treatment plot was field number 717. The exact location and plot history are documented in the raw data (not included in the study report).

C. Test Design

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Range finding test?	No
Reference toxicant tested?	No, a reference compound was not specified for this type of material and use pattern (p. 6).
Study Plots:	• There was one treatment and one control plot planted on the trial site. • Each plot was 9.6 x 55 m^2 (31.5 x 180.4 feet), with a between-row distance of 21.6 cm (8.5 inches) and a 5.5 cm (2.2 in.) in-row (seed to seed) drilling distance. • Test plots were adjacent to similar test plots which were cultivated with either maize or sunflower plants. • Test plots were not treated with TI-435 before the study.

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Additional Protection Treatments:	Plots were treated with Butisan S (metazachlor) (herbicide) on 5/5/00 and additionally with E605 (parathion) (210 mL/ha) on 5/12/00 and 5/16/00 because rape plants were infested by flea beetles.
Method of administration:	• Bees were exposed to summer rape plants grown from either TI-435-free or TI-435 FS 600-dressed summer rape seeds (607.2 g a.i.TI-435/L or 60.72%). • Rape seeds (variety: "Lisonne", summer rape) were dressed at the Bayer Agricultural Research Centre at Monheim on 4/12/00 with TI-435 FS 600 at a rate of 1056 g a.i./100 kg seed (1 lb ai/100 lb seed) (nominal 1667 mL product/dt); treatment rate = 28.4 g a.i./ha (0.025 lb ai/A). Seed from the treatment and control groups were also treated with a standard fungicide (thiram) (Tutan FS 500 @ 800 mL/100 kg seed). • The control plot was drilled with untreated rape seed and the treatment plot was drilled with seeds dressed with test substance at a drilling rate of 2.69 kg/ha (840,000 seeds/ha) on 5/2/00. • At the time of full rape blossom, bees were caged onto plots inside tents of 10 x 5 x 3 m^3 in the control and treatment plots (one beehive/tent/plot).

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Analytical determination of test substance on dressed seeds:	The dressing rate was reportedly determined analytically to be 1056 g a.i./100 kg seed (1 lb ai/100 lb seed)(p. 6); however, no further information was provided.
Definitive Test Sufficient number of time periods to yield statistically sound data.	Colonies were monitored 17 days between July 4-20, 2000.
Controls: Negative control and/or diluent/solvent control	There was a negative control plot.
Number of colonies per group:	One colony (small beehive~2000-3000 bees) per treatment and control group.
Solvent: Distilled water or the following solvents: acetone, dimethylformamide, triethylene glycol, methanol, ethanol.	N/A
Feeding:	Each hive was supplied with 200 mL of 1:1 water-sugar solution on 7/19/00 and 7/20/00 to prevent bees from starving, as the density of rape blossoms was low toward the end of the biological part of the study and nectar production was too poor (reportedly due to inclement weather conditions) to guarantee the existence of appropriate food resources for bees.
Observation (sampling) period and methods:	• Sampling of nectar, flowers and honeybees, and behavioral observations were performed between 7/4-7/20/00. • Residue analysis was conducted from 9/13-9/25/00.

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Sampling Procedures: Bees: Nectar from honey bulbs, pollen from pollen pockets	• At Days 8 and 16 after hive installment, about 100 to 200 bees total were sampled with glass tubes while foraging on the summer rape plants to obtain nectar from bee honey bulbs (stomachs) and pollen from bees; sampled honeybees were killed by freezing (dry ice). This method proved to be less efficient than other sampling methods, so no further processing of honeybees was conducted. • Sampling of pollen from honeybees and from beehives was not feasible because bees could not collect appropriate pollen quantities due to the bad weather conditions.
Plants: Nectar from flowers and flowers	• On Days 4 (7/7/2000) and 9 (7/12/2000) (control) and Days 3 (7/6/2000) and 4 (7/7/2000) (treatment), nectar from rape plants was sampled (0.5 mL minimum sample volume) directly from flowers with micro-capillaries. Sampled flowers were protected from other nectar-feeding insects by small gauze-covered tents (2 x 2 m^2). • Approximately 20 g of each, male and female blossoms were sampled from summer rape plants on 7/11/2000.
Storage conditions:	Dry ice in the field, then refrigerated at -20°C until residue analysis
Same procedure for all treatment groups:	Yes

12. REPORTED RESULTS:

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Quality assurance and GLP compliance statements were included in the report?	Yes
Control performance:	Control mortality exceeded treatment mortality. A total of 206 honeybees died in the control group and 119 bees in the treatment group.
Raw data included?	Raw data were provided for weight development of the beehives, foraging activity, and mortality.
Signs of toxicity (if any) were described?	Foraging intensity was measured on eight days (Days 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, and 15 after 1st exposure). Behavioral anomalies(exaggerated motility, discoordinated movements, and apathy) were noted when observed, but no data was provided. Mortality was recorded daily.

Mortality (# of dead bees per colony)[a]

Group	Days After 1st Exposure								Total Mortality
	1	2	3	6	8	10	13	15	
Control	4	14	20	31	33	9	36	59	206
28.4 g a.i. TI-435/ha (0.025 lb ai/A)	8	10	10	13	17	7	14	40	119

a. In front of the hive colonies, linen sheets approximately 60 X 50 cm were placed on the ground to sample the dead bees which were removed from the beehives during the time while colonies were confined within the tent cages. In addition, the number of dead honeybees around the tent edges was counted (and the dead bees subsequently removed) as an indicator whether a higher number of bees tried to leave the tent or failed to return to the hive. Also, any conspicuous numbers of dead bees in the study plots was recorded but no formal counts were made (p. 10).

Foraging Activity (total # of bees foraging during 1 min within 1 m^2 at two assessment areas)

Group	Days After 1st Exposure								Total
	1	2	3	6	8	10	13	15	
Control	4	10	21	4	11	0	2	2	54
28.4 g a.i. TI-435/ha (0.025 lb ai/A)	5	11	18	5	10	0	3	1	53

Weight Development of the Beehives(g)

Group	Hive Weight		
	Study Initiation	Study Termination	Difference (%)
Control	7860	7650	-2.7
28.4 g a.i. TI-435/ha (0.025 lb ai/A)	7270	7090	-2.5

Residue Analysis of Rape Nectar[a]

Group	Type of Residue (µg/kg)		
	TI-435 (active ingredient)	TZMU (metabolite)	TZNG (metabolite)
Control			
A	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
B	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
28.4 g a.i. TI-435/ha (0.025 lb ai/A)			
A	2.8	<LOQ	n.d.
B	3.0	n.d.	n.d.

[a] Limit of quantitation (LOQ): 1 µg/kg; Limit of detection: 0.3 µg/kg
n.d.=Amount below limit of detection.

Reported Statistical Results: No behavioral impacts or increased mortality was observed on bees observed at hives. Statistical analysis was not necessary.

13. VERIFICATION OF STATISTICAL RESULTS:

It could be visually determined that there were no significant effects of TI-435 on bee behavior or mortality. Furthermore, statistical analyses could not be conducted, due to only one replicate hive per treatment level.

14. REVIEWER'S COMMENTS:

None

15. REFERENCES:

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