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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

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Insecticide/Rodenticide Branch Registration Division

THRU:

R. Bruce Jaeger, Section Head Rev. Sec. # 1/Toxicology Branch

Hazard Evaluation Division TS-769

Subject: 3F2871: Diatomaceous Earth (DE)- Petition to exempt from the requirement of a tolerance as an active ingredient.

Sponsor: BOMA Enterprises Inc.

Williamsport, PA

Caswell #: 734A

Potomac #: P360

CAS RN: 7631-86-9

## Recommendation:

Toxicology Branch has no objection to exempting this material from the requirement of a tolerance as an active ingredient.

A specific exemption under 40 CFR 180.10XX will necessary.

## Bases for the Recommendation:

- 1. DE is exempt from the requirement of a tolerance as a solid diluent and carrier under 40 CFR 180.1001(c), application to crops before and after harvest, and (e), application to animals.
- 2. DE is GRAS under 21 CFR 182.90 - substances migrating from paper and paperboard products.

- 3. DE is cleared under 21 CFR 193.185 for spot and crack and crevice use in food and feed handling establishments.
- 4. DE is cleared under 21 CFR 561.145 for spot, crack and crevice use in feed and feed processing areas
- 5. DE is cleared under 573.340 for treatment of wine at up to 2 pounds per 1,000 gallons of wine. Generally regarded as safe for this use.

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