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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: PP#9F3738: Request For An Exemption From The Requirement Of A Tolerance For the Encapsulating Polymer In Lasso® Micro-Tech® Herbicide. (No MRID number, DEB #5253).

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BACKGROUND

In response to the Agency's request identified in Conclusion 5 of W. T. Chin's 12/1/88 memo in connection with PP#8F3671, the petitioner, Monsanto Company, submitted a cover letter dated 2/10/89 and PP#9F3738 requesting for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for the encapsulating polymer in Lasso® Micro-Tech® Herbicide for corn and grain sorghum (milo). The request and response are restated below, followed by DEB's comment/conclusion.

RECOMMENDATION

TOX considerations permitting, DEB recommends for this exemption to add grain sorghum (milo) to the list of crops under the current exemption, 40 CFR §180.1082. A recommendation for this exemption to add corn under 40 CFR §180.1082 will be made after PP#OF2348 has been satisfactorily reviewed.

DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

EPA's Request (Conclusion No.5 of W. T. Chin's 12/1/89 memo)

"An exemption from the requirement of a tolerance is needed for the encapsulating polymer used in the Lasso® Micro-Tech® formulation and proposed for use on sorghum."

The petitioner's Response

The petitioner submitted a cover letter dated 2/10/89 and PP#9F3738 requesting to add corn and grain sorghum (milo) to the list of crops under the current exemption, 40 CFR §180.1082.

DEB's Comment/Conclusion

1. DEB concludes that the petitioner's request to add grain sorghum (milo) to the list of crops under the current exemption, 40 CFR §180.1082 is appropriate and is reviewed in conjunction with PP#3671/9H5576.
2. Tolerance requests on corn commodities are being reviewed in connection with PP#0F2348. DEB will recommend for this exemption to add corn to the list of crops under the current exemption, 40 CFR §180.1082 after PP#0F2348 has been satisfactorily reviewed.

cc: Circu., R.F., PP#9F3738, PP#8F3671/9H5576, PP#0F2348, W.T.Chin, R.D.Schmitt,
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