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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Dietary Exposure Analysis for the Proposed Use of Nicosulfuron (Accent) on Corn, PP#9F3763.

FROM: James P. Kariya *Kariya*  
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HED/SACB (H7509C)

TO: Robert Taylor, PM-25  
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Registration Division (H7505C) *Robert Taylor*

Action Requested

Estimate the risk of adverse health effects from dietary exposure to Accent through the proposed use on corn.

Discussion

1. Toxicology Endpoint: The routine chronic DRES analysis used a reference dose (RfD) of 1.25 mg/kg body weight/day, based upon a NOEL of 125 mg/kg body weight/day and an uncertainty factor of 100 from a 1-year feeding study in dogs. Effects of concern include decreased gain in body weight, and increased relative liver and kidney weights. The RfD was approved by the HED reference dose committee on 6-14-90, but has not been reviewed by the EPA RfD Committee.

2. Residue Information: There are no published tolerances for Accent. The current analysis includes only the proposed tolerance on corn grain (0.1 ppm). Since there is no human consumption of corn forage, corn fodder, or corn silage, the proposed tolerances on these commodities have not been used.

The Dietary Exposure Branch concluded that tolerances for milk, meat, fat, or meat by-products are not needed (memo, J.B. Stokes to R. Taylor, 6-13-90, page 2), so these commodities are not included in the DRES run.

A summary of the residue information used in the analysis is attached as Table 1.

3. Exposure Analysis: The DRES chronic exposure analysis uses tolerance level residues and 100 per cent crop treated to estimate

the Theoretical Maximum Residue Contribution (TMRC) for the overall U.S. population and 22 population subgroups. Results of the DRES analysis are given in Table 2.

4. Comments: Given the assumptions listed in section 2 above, the proposed tolerance on corn grain is likely to lead to exposures that are well below 1/100th of 1 percent of the RfD (the level below which no effects are likely to occur if exposure occurs continuously for a lifetime). Risk is likely to be even less if, as noted in the DEB memo (J.B. Stokes to R. Taylor, 6-13-90, page 10) the levels in corn are below 0.05 ppm rather than the 0.1 ppm level assumed for this DRES run. Finally, please note that this DRES analysis assumed a concentration factor of 1.5 for corn sugar, which may also lead to an overestimate of the risk.

Although the risk of effects from chronic exposure appears to be negligible, and although there is no reason to believe that Accent causes effects through acute exposures, it should be noted that this substance has not been rated for its carcinogenic potential. Therefore, no conclusion can be made at this time concerning the presence, absence, or degree of risk of carcinogenicity.

Attachments

cc: DRES (Kariya), DEB (Loranger), Caswell #359J, G. Ghali

Table 1.

TOLERANCE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM ROUTINE CHRONIC ANALYSIS

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CHEMICAL INFORMATION		STUDY TYPE	EFFECTS	REFERENCE DOSES	DATA GAPS/COMMENTS	STATUS
Accent (IN V9360-7) Caswell #359J CAS No. 111991-09-4 A.I. CODE: 129008 CFR No. 180.		1yr feeding- dog NOEL= 125.0000 mg/kg 5000.00 ppm LEL= 500.0000 mg/kg 20000.00 ppm ONCO: Pending.	Decreased body wt gain; increased relative liver & kidney weights. Onco classification pending submission of historical control information.	ADI UF -->100 OPP RfD= 1.250000 EPA RfD= 0.000000	No data gaps.  Does not require Developmental Peer Review.	RfD/PR complete 06/14/90.

LISTING OF EXPOSURE BY RAC FOR: U.S. POPULATION - 48 STATES

FOOD CODE	FOOD NAME	-----TOLERANCE (PPM)-----		--EXISTING TOLERANCES--		-NEW & PENDING TOLERANCES-	
		NEW	PENDING	TMRC (UG/KG/DAY)	%RfD	TMRC (UG/KG/DAY)	%RfD
24002EA	CORN, GRAIN-ENDOSPERM	0.10000				0.016540	0.0013
24002HA	CORN, GRAIN-BRAN	0.10000				0.000000	0.0000
24002SA	CORN SUGAR	0.10000				0.014575	0.0011
270020A	CORN, GRAIN-OIL	0.10000				0.002280	0.0001
CROP GROUP TOTALS FOR CEREAL GRAINS:							
GRAND TOTAL TMRC:	0.033395	GRAND TOTAL % OF THE RfD:	0.0027	0.000000	0.0000	0.033395	0.0026

POPULATION SUBGROUP TOTALS

POPULATION TOTAL TMRC	0.033395	POPULATION TOTAL % OF THE RfD	0.0026
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POPULATION SUBGROUP	TOTAL TMRC (MG/KG BODY WEIGHT/DAY)		NEW TMRC AS PERCENT OF RFD	DIFFERENCE AS PERCENT OF RFD	EFFECT OF ANTICIPATED RESIDUES
	CURRENT TMRC*	NEW TMRC**			
U.S. POPULATION - 48 STATES	0.000000	0.000033	0.002672	0.002672	
U.S. POPULATION - SPRING SEASON	0.000000	0.000032	0.002598	0.002598	
U.S. POPULATION - SUMMER SEASON	0.000000	0.000034	0.002729	0.002729	
U.S. POPULATION - FALL SEASON	0.000000	0.000034	0.002727	0.002727	
U.S. POPULATION - WINTER SEASON	0.000000	0.000033	0.002632	0.002632	
NORTHEAST REGION	0.000000	0.000024	0.001898	0.001898	
NORTH CENTRAL REGION	0.000000	0.000030	0.002415	0.002415	
SOUTHERN REGION	0.000000	0.000041	0.003242	0.003242	
WESTERN REGION	0.000000	0.000039	0.003103	0.003103	
HISPANICS	0.000000	0.000060	0.004760	0.004760	
NON-HISPANIC WHITES	0.000000	0.000030	0.002363	0.002363	
NON-HISPANIC BLACKS	0.000000	0.000046	0.003710	0.003710	
NON-HISPANIC OTHERS	0.000000	0.000030	0.002391	0.002391	
NURSING INFANTS (< 1 YEAR OLD)	0.000000	0.000032	0.002538	0.002538	
NON-NURSING INFANTS (< 1 YEAR OLD)	0.000000	0.000098	0.007817	0.007817	
FEMALES (13+ YEARS, PREGNANT)	0.000000	0.000023	0.001871	0.001871	
FEMALES 13+ YEARS, NURSING	0.000000	0.000021	0.001678	0.001678	
CHILDREN (1-6 YEARS OLD)	0.000000	0.000087	0.006927	0.006927	
CHILDREN (7-12 YEARS OLD)	0.000000	0.000063	0.005008	0.005008	
MALES (13-19 YEARS OLD)	0.000000	0.000038	0.003063	0.003063	
FEMALES (13-19 YEARS OLD, NOT PREG. OR NURSING)	0.000000	0.000031	0.002494	0.002494	
MALES (20 YEARS AND OLDER)	0.000000	0.000021	0.001674	0.001674	
FEMALES (20 YEARS AND OLDER, NOT PREG. OR NURS)	0.000000	0.000018	0.001460	0.001460	

\*Current TMRC does not include new or pending tolerances.  
 \*\*New TMRC includes new, pending, and published tolerances.