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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Ethion RED: Acute Dietary Exposure Analysis.

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Action Requested

Provide a revised dietary risk analysis to estimate acute dietary exposure and risk from ethion using anticipated residue (AR) estimates supplied by CBRS in citrus juices for the Reregistration Eligibility Decision Document (RED). A previous DRES acute analysis for the RED and is written in a DRES memo (J. Wintersteen memo, 8/17/94). Chronic exposure and risk are also addressed in the previous memo.

Discussion

In a previous ethion dietary exposure analysis in support of the Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED), CBRS recommended for an increase in the tolerance for the citrus fruits group from 2.0 ppm to 5.0 ppm. In the dietary analysis for the RED, acute ARs for pulp and peel of citrus as well as acute ARs for meat and milk were incorporated into the analysis. The analysis resulted in unacceptable MOEs which were below 10. The Agency is generally not concerned when the MOEs resulting from an acute analysis based upon a human toxicity study are above 10. Further refinement of ethion's residues have been provided in a CBRS memo (B. Cropp-Kohlligian memo, 6/29/95).

Toxicological Endpoint:

The NOEL of 0.05 mg/kg/day based upon plasma cholinesterase inhibition in a 21 day oral human study is recommended as the acute toxicological endpoint (M. VanGemert document, 3/14/94). The dog subchronic and chronic studies, which were co-critical, indicate a NOEL of 0.05 mg/kg/day for *brain* cholinesterase inhibition.

Residue Information

Food uses evaluated in this analysis were only the uses of ethion supported in reregistration, that is, a citrus group tolerance in Florida and Texas and meat and milk tolerances. There are numerous other tolerances still registered in 40 CFR §180.173, 185.2750 and 186.2750. CBRS provided anticipated residue (AR) estimates for ethion residues of concern using an available feeding study (MRIDs 00073138 and 00073153) and a proposed feed additive tolerance for residues of ethion in dried citrus pulp (25 ppm) for the determination of ethion acute anticipated residue level estimates for meat and milk. Calculated ethion concentration/reduction factors for citrus peel (6.2x) and citrus pulp (0.02x) were used in conjunction with the proposed tolerance increase (5.0 ppm) to determine the ethion acute anticipated residue level estimates for the citrus group.

Further acute anticipated residues have recently been provided for citrus juices. Since some juices tend to be mixed before consumption and some juices are freshly squeezed by consumers DRES has used two different residue approaches. For juices which are typically mixed, the average anticipated residue for the fruit will be multiplied by the average processing factor for the fruit. Since it is not uncommon to squeeze your own orange or lemon juice, a more conservative anticipated residue, but less conservative than the tolerance level, was calculated by multiplying the highest average residue value found in the field trial study by the average processing factor. The entire list of residues used in the analysis are found on Table 1, "Acute Residues Used in Ethion DRES Analysis".

The following residues are shown in comparison to the tolerance level for citrus.

Commodity	Tolerance	Acute AR
Citrus peel	5.0 ppm	31.0 ppm
Citrus pulp	.5.0 ppm	0.1 ppm
Tangerine juice	5.0 ppm	0.175 ppm
Lemon juice	5.0 ppm	0.224 ppm
Grapefruit juice	5.0 ppm	0.119 ppm
Lime juice	5.0 ppm	0.154 ppm
Orange juice	5.0 ppm	0.231 ppm

The following are the values of average or highest average field trial residue and average processing factor for the citrus group. The acute anticipated residue for the juice is also listed.

Average ant	icipated residue	Average Processing Facto	Acute AR for Juice
grapefruit	1.7 ppm	0.07	0.119 ppm
Lime	2.2 ppm	0.07	0.154 ppm
Tangerine	2.5 ppm	0.07	0.175 ppm
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Orange	3.3 ppm	0.07	0.231 ppm
Lemon	3.2 ppm	0.07	0.224 ppm

Results

Summaries of the acute dietary risk for the subgroups U. S. Population, Infants (<1 year old), Children (1-6 years old), Females(13+ years) and Males (13+ years) are attached as Tables 1 and 2.

Subgroup	High End MOE	Percentile MOE
U.S. Population	7	(98th) 17
Infants (<1 yr)	3	(95th) 13
Children (1-6)	3	(97th) 10
Females (13+)	10	(98th) 25
Males (13+)	13	(95th) 50

Acute Exposure:

The DRES detailed acute analysis estimates the distribution of single-day exposures for the overall U.S. population and certain subgroups. The analysis evaluates individual food consumption as reported by respondents in the USDA 1977-78 Nationwide Food Consumption Survey (NFCS) and accumulates exposure to the chemical for each commodity. Each analysis assumes uniform distribution of ethion in the commodity supply.

The Margin of Exposure (MOE) is a measure of how close the exposure comes to the NOEL (the highest dose at which no effects were observed in the laboratory test), and is calculated as the ratio of the NOEL to the exposure (NOEL/exposure = MOE). Since the toxicological effects to which exposure is being compared in this analysis are plasma and brain cholinesterase inhibition, all DRES subgroups are of concern. For substances whose acute NOEL is based on human studies, the Agency is not generally concerned unless the

high end MOE is below 10. The percent of the population that are considered consumers in the analysis ranged from 100% for the U.S. population to 89% for infants.

Although percent of crop treated is not incorporated into the acute analysis some information was provided by BEAD for the RED regarding citrus treated with ethion. The percent of crop treated estimated annual usage for 1990-1993 for oranges and grapefruit processed fruit was 75-85%. Also, the percent of crop treated for fresh fruit, again for 1990-1993, ranged from 97% for limes, 60% for oranges, 67% for grapefruit and an overall 56% for total citrus. Although DRES makes a conservative assumption in the acute analysis that 100% of the citrus and meat and milk are treated with ethion, the actual usage data seems to indicate that the use of ethion is very high in the citrus market and our assumption may not be much of an overestimate.

The results of this analysis indicate that ethion in the diet represents a risk of concern in all subgroups except Males (13+ years). However, the MOEs are acceptable at the 95th percentile. Since the toxicological endpoint appears to be both plasma and brain cholinesterase inhibition and the residues used in the analysis are very refined it is perhaps most appropriate to consider the most highly exposed individual in the population for regulatory purposes instead of some lesser percentile.

Attachments

cc: DRES; Caswell 427; RD (PM 13, R. Forrest); CBRS (B. Kohlligian)

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