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**MEMORANDUM:**

**SUBJECT:** Biodegradation Data on Alkyl Dimethyl Benzyl Ammonium Chloride (ADBAC) and Didecyl Dimethyl Ammonium Chloride (DDAC) for the Agency's File Record

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**DP Barcode:** D288018

**Case:** 007280

**Submission:** S628472

**Case Type:** Resubmission

**Common Names:** DDAC, Bardac 22 (2250, 2280) ADBAC, Bardac 205M

**Chemical Name:** Didecyl Dimethyl Ammonium Chloride  
Alkyl Dimethyl Benzyl Ammonium Chloride

**EPA Reg. No.:** None

**MRID No.:** 458382-01

**Data Submitter:** Lonza Inc.

**PC Code:** 069149 (DDAC) & 069105 (ADBAC)

**CAS#:** 7173-51-5 (DDAC) & 68424-85-1 (ADBAC)

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## INTRODUCTION:

As a follow-up to previous discussions with the Agency regarding the dissipation of the "quat" active ingredient in Bardac 22C50, Lonza Inc. has submitted the following documents under the MRID Number 458382-01 which summarizes the biodegradation data on the ADBAC and DDAC to place it in the Agency's file record for future use.

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**RASSB's CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The submitted thirty documents under the MRID Number 458382-01 which summarizes the biodegradation data on the Alkyl Dimethyl Benzyl Ammonium Chloride (ADBAC) and Didecyl Dimethyl Ammonium Chloride (DDAC) was not reviewed or accepted and will be placed in the Agency's file record for future use.

cc: Srinivas Gowda/RASSB/AD

Chemical File (069105/069149)/AD

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**DATA EVALUATION RECORD**

STUDY TYPE: Biodegradability of Alkyl Dimethyl Benzyl Ammonium Chloride (ADBAC) and Didecyl dimethyl ammonium chloride (DDAC)

DP BARCODE: D288018

PC CODE: 069105 & 069149

SUBMISSION CODE: S628472

CASE TYPE: Resubmission

TEST MATERIAL: Alkyl Dimethyl Benzyl Ammonium Chloride (ADBAC)  
Didecyl Dimethyl Ammonium Chloride (DDAC)

SYNONYMS: ADBAC Bardac 205M  
DDAC, Bardac 22 (2250, 2280)

CITATION: "Assessment of the Biodegradability of ADBAC and DDAC" by Christopher Lee, Ph.D., Roy F. Weston, Inc., One Weston Way, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380, dated June 1992 (MRID No. 458382-01).

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