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MEMORANDUM

Subject: PP#s 7F04910, 8F04997 - AgrEvo USA Company has Requested a Section 3 Registration for use of Glufosinate Ammonium (Liberty™ and Rely®) on Potatoes, Transgenic Sugar Beets and Transgenic Canola. **Evaluation of Residue Data and Analytical Methods.** DP Barcodes D257629, D257628. Chemical # 128850. Case #s 289177, 290273. Submission #s S529287, S545114

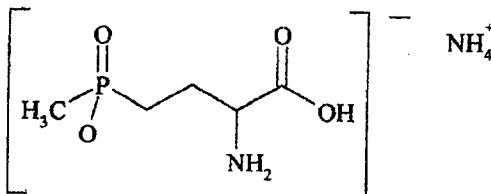
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AgrEvo USA Company has requested a Section 3 registration for use of glufosinate ammonium on potatoes, transgenic sugar beets and transgenic canola. Review of the metabolism studies were initially conducted by Dynamac. The Dynamac review has undergone secondary review by RAB1 and has been revised to reflect current division policies.

glufosinate ammonium (ammonium-DL-homoalanin-4-yl(methyl) phosphinate)



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**BACKGROUND**

Glufosinate-ammonium is a racemic mixture of the D- and L-isomers; only the L-isomer is herbicidally active. The compound is a non-selective herbicide and acts as a inhibitor of glutamine synthetase which leads to poisoning of the plant by ammonia. Glufosinate-ammonium is currently registered for use on both transgenic and non-transgenic crops. Transgenic plants contain a gene (phosphiothrion-acetyl-transferase ) which enables the plant to metabolize the herbicidally active moiety of glufosinate-ammonium into a N-acetyl glufosinate (2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid; which is not herbicidally active). This metabolite is found only in transgenic plants. The petitioner is proposing the establishment of permanent tolerances for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico butanoic acid and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents in/on the following commodities:

Beet, sugar, root .....	0.7 ppm
Beet, sugar, tops (leaves) .....	1.3 ppm
Beet, sugar, molasses .....	5.0 ppm
Canola, seed .....	0.4 ppm
Canola, meal .....	2.0 ppm
*Potato .....	0.4 ppm
*Potato, processed .....	1.0 ppm
*Potato, flakes .....	1.3 ppm

*\* tolerance for combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid (non-transgenic crop)*

Time-limited tolerances, with an expiration date of July 13, 1999, have been established for residues of glufosinate-ammonium and its metabolite, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid, in/on almond hulls, apples, grapes, the tree nuts group, eggs, milk, and the fat, meat, and meat byproducts of ruminants and poultry [40 CFR §180.473(a)]. An import tolerance with an expiration date of January 18, 2000 has been established for combined residues of glufosinate-ammonium and its metabolite, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid, expressed as glufosinate acid equivalents, in/on bananas [40 CFR §180.473(b)]. Time-limited tolerances, with an expiration date of July 13, 1999, have been established for residues of glufosinate-ammonium and its metabolites, 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid, in/on aspirated grain fractions, field corn grain, forage, and stover, soybeans, and soybean hulls derived from transgenic field corn and transgenic soybeans [40 CFR §180.473(c)]. A Section 18 request from Wisconsin for use of glufosinate ammonium on transgenic sweet corn has been approved (4.0 ppm tolerance established for residues of glufosinate-ammonium and its metabolites, 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate acid equivalents). Tolerances were established on a time-limited basis due to a lack of a carcinogenicity study.

*The following terms are used interchangeably throughout this document:*

*glufosinate ammonium = HOE 039866*

*N-acetyl glufosinate = 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid, HOE 099730, HOE 085355*

*3-methylphosphinico propionic acid = HOE 061517, MP-propionic acid*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF CHEMISTRY DEFICIENCIES**

- Revised Section B (Liberty™ and Rely®)
- Revised Section F (transgenic canola, transgenic sugar beet and potato)
- Storage Stability for Sugar Beet Processed Commodities (3 months)
- Analytical Chemistry Branch Validation of Proposed Tolerance Enforcement Methods
- Description of GC/MS Confirmatory Method

**CONCLUSIONS****OPPTS GLN 830 Series: Product Properties**

1. Product chemistry data for glufosinate ammonium has been submitted, reviewed and found acceptable. No additional product chemistry data is necessary for this petition (PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 14-Oct-1988 and 8-Aug-1990).

**OPPTS GLN 860.1200: Directions for Use**

- 2a. The sugar beet portion of the Liberty™ Herbicide label should be amended to indicate in the "Special Notes" section that the maximum single application rate is 42 fluid ounces/acre (0.48 lbs ai/acre).
- 2b. The maximum seasonal application rate for canola is listed as 0.77 lbs ai/acre in the application timing section and 0.73 lbs ai/acre in the special notes section (0.77 lbs ai/acre will be assumed to be correct). The petitioner indicated that only the spring variety of canola has been genetically modified for tolerance to glufosinate ammonium. In Region 2, canola is only planted in the winter months (winter variety of canola) due to the unfavorable climate for canola in the summer. Therefore, the petitioner is not requesting registration of transgenic canola in Region 2. The canola portion of the Liberty™ Herbicide label should be amended to indicate in the "Special Notes" section that use of this product on transgenic canola in Region 2 is prohibited.
- 2c. Both the Rely® Herbicide and Liberty™ Herbicide labels should be amended to indicate a 120 day plant back interval for all crops except wheat where a 70 day plant back interval is appropriate.

**OPPTS GLN 860.1300: Nature of the Residue - Plants**

- 3a. **Sugar Beet:** The qualitative nature of glufosinate ammonium residues in transgenic sugar beets is adequately understood. Total radioactive residues (TRR) were 2.05 ppm in tops and 0.93 ppm in roots harvested 146 days following the last of 2 applications of [<sup>14</sup>C]glufosinate-ammonium at 0.54 lbs ai/acre (total application rate 1.07 lbs ai/acre, 1.1x the maximum proposed single and seasonal application rates). Samples of sugar beet commodities were also collected at shorter preharvest intervals (PHIs); TRR were 20.08 ppm in tops and 2.01 ppm in roots collected 1 hour after the second application and were 12.26 ppm in tops and 6.75 ppm in roots collected 21 days after the second application.

In sugar beet tops and roots (all PHIs), 93-98% of the TRR was identified. The N-acetyl glufosinate metabolite was the major residue in all sugar beet top and root samples (55.2-67.9% TRR), except 0-day PHI tops where glufosinate ammonium accounted for 84.6% of the TRR (N-acetyl glufosinate accounted for 13.4% of the TRR). Glufosinate-ammonium accounted for 19.1-41.8% of the TRR in all other sugar beet top and root samples. 3-Methylphosphinico propionic acid was identified at low levels in all sugar beet samples (0.4-6.0% TRR). One additional metabolite, 2-methylphosphinico acetic acid, was identified in 146 day PHI tops at 0.07% TRR.

The current tolerance expression for commodities derived from transgenic crops includes the major residues identified in the sugar beet metabolism study and is adequate for commodities derived from transgenic sugar beet. The residues of concern in/on transgenic sugar beets are glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate.

- 3b. **Canola:** Total radioactive residues (TRR) were 0.021-0.064 ppm in foliage, 0.134-0.220 ppm in roots, 0.076-0.263 ppm in hulls, and 0.045-0.109 ppm in seed harvested 120 days (at maturity) following a single application of [<sup>14</sup>C]glufosinate-ammonium at 0.67 lbs ai/acre (0.9x the maximum proposed seasonal rate). Samples of canola commodities were also collected at shorter PHIs; TRR were 144,578 ppm in the entire plant collected at 1-hour PHI, and were 3.207 and 5.343 ppm in foliage, and 3.807 and 5.192 ppm in roots collected at 21-day PHI.

In the whole plant harvested 1 hour posttreatment, the parent accounted for the majority of the radioactivity (72.9% TRR, 105.4 ppm); N-acetyl-glufosinate was identified at 18.2% of the TRR (26.3 ppm). In foliage harvested 21 days posttreatment, the major residue was N-acetyl-glufosinate (60.2% TRR, 3.22 ppm); the parent was present at 20.7% of the TRR (1.11 ppm) and a small amount of 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid was identified (6.7% TRR, 0.358 ppm).

In mature canola seed and hulls (0.109 ppm and 0.263 ppm, respectively), 40-58% of the TRR was identified (the remainder of the extracted radioactivity was described as unknown metabolites equivalent to the LOD). Glufosinate-ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid were the major residues identified, accounting for 5.0-44.8% of the TRR (0.007-0.118 ppm). The N-acetyl-glufosinate metabolite was a minor residue accounting for 1.1-13.9% of the TRR (0.001-0.037 ppm). In canola seed, radioactive residues associated with water-soluble polysaccharides and/or proteins accounted for 12.4% of the TRR (0.014 ppm).

The submitted study is marginally adequate to describe the nature of the residue in glufosinate tolerant canola. The test substance was applied at less than 1x the maximum proposed seasonal rate which resulted in low levels of radioactivity in canola seed, making identification of residues difficult. The storage interval prior to analysis and extraction of whole plant and canola foliage (19 months) were not within the validated time interval (12 months). Seed and hull samples were analyzed using HPLC systems 1 and 2 (whole plant and foliage samples analyzed by system 1 only). Different levels of parent, N-acetyl glufosinate and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid were observed depending on which system was used. No explanation for this difference was provided. Since adequate metabolism studies on the transgenic varieties of field corn and soybeans have been previously submitted (D211531 and D219069, M. Rodriguez, 7-Mar-1996) and the results from the canola study do not significantly differ from these studies, no additional data pertaining to the metabolism of glufosinate-ammonium in transgenic canola are required. The residues of concern in/on transgenic canola are glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate.

- 3c. **Potato:** The nature of the residue is considered to be understood in genetically unaltered lettuce, soybeans, corn, apples and wheat. After application of <sup>14</sup>C glufosinate ammonium to the nutrient medium (water or soil) in which these crops were grown, only one labeled metabolite could be identified, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid (parent was not found). HED concluded that the residues to be regulated in commodities derived from genetically unaltered lettuce, soybeans, corn, apples and wheat are glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid (PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 8-Aug-1990).

A metabolism study has not been performed on a root vegetable (potato). Since the metabolism of glufosinate ammonium is consistent in four diverse crops groups (lettuce [leafy vegetable], soybeans [legume vegetable], wheat [cereal grain] and apple [fruit]) the nature of glufosinate ammonium residues in potatoes will be considered to be understood. The residues of concern in/on potatoes are glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid.

**OPPTS GLN 860.1300: Nature of the Residue - Animals**

4. The nature of glufosinate ammonium residues in lactating goats and hens is considered to be understood. It was shown that glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite (3-methylphosphinico propionic acid) are largely excreted and do not accumulate to any great degree in animal tissues. The only identifiable compounds in feces, urine, milk, eggs and tissues were the parent and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid. HED concluded that the residues of concern in commodities derived from ruminants and poultry are glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid (PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 8-Aug-1990).

Transgenic field corn, soybeans, canola and sugar beets contain a second metabolite, N-acetyl glufosinate, which may lead to secondary residues of this compound in animal commodities. Feeding studies conducted on dairy cows and laying hens were submitted and reviewed as part of glufosinate ammonium registration on transgenic field corn and soybeans. In these studies, dairy cows and hens were fed a diet consisting of glufosinate ammonium and N-acetyl glufosinate. It was determined, that the tolerance expression for poultry (new tolerance as a result of registration on transgenic soybeans and transgenic field corn) should include glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid (N-acetyl glufosinate should not be included; D232571, M. Rodriguez). Additionally, it was determined that the currently established egg, milk, and fat, meat, and meat byproducts tolerances on cattle, goats, hogs, horses, poultry, and sheep were adequate (D211531 and D219069, M. Rodriguez, 7-Mar-1996).

**OPPTS GLN 860.1340: Residue Analytical Method**

- 5a. Analytical methodology is available in PAM II for determination of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid in genetically unaltered apples, bananas, grapes and tree nuts (HRAV-5A) and in milk, eggs and the tissues of ruminants and poultry (HRAV-12, also called BK/01/95). Method HRAV-5A employs extraction of glufosinate ammonia and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid from a 25 gram homogenized sample with water. The aqueous extract is filtered and subjected to anion-exchange chromatography for removal of interfering compounds. The residues are eluted from the resin with formic acid and derivatized by refluxing with trimethylorthoacetate. The derivatized residues are cleaned up on a silica gel column and quantified by GC/FPD. Concentrations are expressed in terms of glufosinate free acid equivalents. Method HRAV-12 (used to determine residue levels in animal matrices) is similar to the plant method except for an addition step. Water extracts of tissues are diluted with acetone to precipitate protein, centrifuged and then subjected to anion ion-exchange chromatography.
- 5b. In transgenic crops a second metabolite, N-acetyl glufosinate, is present. Since glufosinate ammonium and N-acetyl glufosinate are derivatized to the same compound, HRAV-5A does not distinguish between these two compounds. A second method, AE-24, was developed for individual determination of the three compounds regulated in commodities derived from transgenic crops. Method AE-24 is a modification of HRAV-5A in that following anion exchange, cation exchange is performed. Two fractions are collected from the cation ion exchange column. One fraction contains N-acetyl glufosinate and MP propionic acid and the second fraction contains glufosinate ammonium. Each fraction is derivatized by refluxing with trimethylorthoacetate, cleaned up on a silica gel column and quantified by GC/FPD. All compounds are quantified in terms of glufosinate free acid equivalents.
- 5c. Several variations of these two methods were used for quantitation of residues in the submitted field trials; all of which are adequate for data gathering purposes. Two of these methods, BK/04/95 (used for quantitation of residues in/on transgenic sugar beet commodities) and HRAV-24 (used for quantitation of residues in/on transgenic canola commodities), were submitted to the Analytical

Chemistry Branch (ACB) for Petition Method Validation (D254830, T. Bloem, 1-Apr-1999). Method BK/04/95 is similar to the current analytical enforcement method HRAV-5A but with modifications for application to a root crop. Method HRAV-24, which employs the cation exchange fractionation procedure (cation exchange procedure has not undergone Agency validation), was submitted to ACB for validation.

- 5d. Given that the registrant has provided concurrent fortification data to demonstrate that BK/04/95 and HRAV-24 are adequate for data collection purposes and these methods are a modification of the current tolerance enforcement method, HED concludes that they are suitable enforcement methods to support tolerances associated with a conditional registration on potatoes, transgenic sugar beets and transgenic canola. As a condition of the registration, HED will require a successful petition method validation and the registrant will be required to make any necessary modifications to the method resulting from petition method validation. Additionally, a complete description of the GC/MS confirmatory technique should be submitted by the petitioner.

#### **OPPTS GLN 860.1360: Multiresidue Method**

6. Glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate were not quantitatively recovered from any of the FDA Multiresidue Testing Protocols. This information has been forwarded to FDA (PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 14-Aug-1988; PP#5F4578, M. Rodriguez, 10-Oct-1995).

#### **OPPTS GLN 860.1380: Storage Stability Data**

7. The submitted storage stability study indicates that glufosinate ammonium, N-acetyl glufosinate and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid are stable in transgenic sugar beet tops and roots for 24 months.

Previously submitted and reviewed storage stability data indicate that glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid are stable for 24 months in apples, corn grain and soybeans (PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 8-Aug-1990). Additional storage stability data indicate that glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate are stable for 12 months in transgenic soybean seed, forage and hay; for 3 months in soybean oil and meal; for 6 months in transgenic corn grain, fodder and forage; and for 3 months in eggs, liver, kidney and muscle (D211531 and D219069, M. Rodriguez, 7-Mar-1996).

#### **OPPTS GLN 860.1480: Meat/Milk/Poultry/Eggs**

8. Two dairy cow and two poultry feeding studies have been previously submitted, reviewed and determined to be adequate: (1) dairy cows and poultry feed a diet containing a 3:1 mixture of glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid (PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 8-Aug-1990) and (2) dairy cows and poultry feed a diet containing 15% glufosinate ammonium and 85% N-acetyl glufosinate (D211531 & D211531, M. Rodriguez, 7-Mar-1996). Two feeding studies were performed on dairy cows and poultry due the different residues present in transgenic (principally N-acetyl glufosinate followed by glufosinate ammonium) and non-transgenic crops (principally 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid). Since the majority of the dietary burden to ruminants and poultry originates from transgenic crops, the feeding studies performed with N-acetyl glufosinate and glufosinate ammonium will be considered representative.

Considering all registered and proposed crops the maximum theoretical dietary burden is 14.55 ppm for beef cattle (aspirated grain fractions, corn field forage, cannery waste), 14.22 ppm for dairy cattle (aspirated grain fractions, corn field forage, cannery waste, molasses), 2.62 ppm for poultry (soybean

hulls, soybean meal, soybean seed, canola meal) and 8.07 ppm for swine (aspirated grain fractions, canola meal, potato culls). Using these dietary burdens and the feeding studies performed with N-acetyl glufosinate and glufosinate ammonium, no adjustment in ruminant and poultry tolerances are necessary.

#### OPPTS GLN 860.1500: Crop Field Trials

- 9a. **Canola:** The petitioner has requested a canola seed tolerance of 0.4 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate. The petitioner indicated that only the spring variety of canola has been genetically modified for tolerance to glufosinate ammonium. In Region 2, canola is only planted in the winter months (winter variety of canola) due to the unfavorable climate for canola in the summer. Therefore, the petitioner is not requesting registration for application of glufosinate ammonium to transgenic canola in Region 2.
- 9b. Two canola field trial studies conducted in Canada were submitted (MRID 443586-08 & -09). The field portion of MRID 443586-08 was not conducted according to GLP standards. The deficiencies which lead to nonconformance were not provided. Information pertaining to the application date, method, equipment, volume, timing and rate were provided. Therefore, the factors that lead to nonconformance with GLP standards will be considered minor and the study is acceptable. The field trial data conducted as part of MRID 443586-09 is also acceptable.

The combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate in/on transgenic canola seed following a single application of glufosinate ammonium at 0.9x or 1.3x the maximum proposed seasonal use rate ranged from <0.15 - <0.336 ppm (treated at 3-7 leaf stage; PHI = 57 - 83 days).

- 9c. According to Table 5 of OPPTS GLN 860.1500, a total of 8 trials conducted in Regions 2 (n=1, not necessary for this petition), 5 (n=2), 7 (n=2) and 11 (n=3) are suggested. The Canadian field trial data submitted with this petition can be applied to the following Regions (HED SOP 98\_2); Region 7 (n=2) and Region 14 (n=12; Region 14 is unique to Canada). The issue of how to apply canola field trial data from Region 14 to a US Registration was brought to Chem SAC. B. Schneider gathered information on canola production in the US and Canada and concluded that the majority of US canola is grown in ND, MN, MT, WA and SD. Generally within these states the northern most counties are the highest producing areas of the state. The canola production in Region 11 has decreased and increased in Regions 5 and 7 since the guidelines were written. The SAC agreed on accepting the Canadian canola field trials for glufosinate ammonium due to the similarities between the US canola production areas and Region 14 (Minutes of 17-Jun-1999 ChemSAC meeting). Geographical distribution of the submitted field trials is adequate for establishment of a tolerance in/on canola. HED concludes that based on the submitted field trial data, the petitioners proposed tolerance of 0.4 ppm is appropriate.
- 9d. **Sugar Beet:** The petitioner has requested a sugar beet top tolerance of 1.3 ppm and a sugar beet root tolerance of 0.7 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.
- 9e. The two submitted sugar beet field trial studies are adequate (MRIDs 443586-02 and -03). The combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate in/on transgenic sugar beet tops and roots treated with Liberty™ Herbicide at 1.1x - 1.5x the maximum proposed seasonal use rate ranged from <0.10 -1.30 ppm (tops) and <0.10 -



<0.830 ppm (roots). Pre-harvest intervals ranged from 41 - 139 days. Only 4 of the 14 field trials had a pre-harvest interval less than 80 days (label specifies a PHI = 60 days). The label indicates that the product may be applied from the cotyledon to 10 leaf stage of the sugar beet. The final application for all field trials was either at the 8 or 10 leaf stage and samples were harvested when the crop reached maturity. Since crop harvest was governed by crop development and the increased PHIs were counteracted in some cases by application rates 1.5x the maximum proposed rate, HED concludes that the field trial data are acceptable. Geographical distribution of the submitted field trials is adequate for establishment of a tolerance in/on sugar beets.

- 9f. HED concludes that based on the submitted field trial data, the appropriate tolerance in/on sugar beet tops and roots, as result of the application of glufosinate ammonium as defined in this petition, is 1.5 ppm and 0.9 ppm, respectively. The petitioner must submit a revised Section F proposing a 1.5 ppm tolerance in/on sugar beet tops and a 0.9 ppm tolerance in/on sugar beet roots for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.
- 9g. *Potato*: The petitioner has requested a potato tolerance of 0.4 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.
- 9h. The submitted potato field trial study is adequate (MRID 44583901). The combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid in/on potatoes treated with Rely® Herbicide at 1.1x the maximum proposed seasonal use rate (PHI = 9-10 days) ranged from <0.10 - <0.667 ppm. Geographical distribution of the submitted field trials is adequate for establishment of a tolerance in/on potatoes.
- 9i. HED concludes that based on the submitted field trial data, the appropriate tolerance in/on potatoes, as result of the application of glufosinate ammonium as defined in this petition, is 0.8 ppm. The petitioner must submit a revised Section F proposing a 0.8 ppm tolerance in/on potatoes for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.

#### OPPTS GLN 860.1520: Processed Food/Feed

- 10a. *Canola*: The petitioner has requested a canola meal tolerance of 2.0 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.
- 10b. The submitted canola processing study is adequate (MRID 44358610). Canola seed harvested 70 days after treatment with glufosinate ammonium at 0.67, 1.3 or 3.3 lbs ai/acre/application (0.9x, 1.7x and 4.3x the maximum seasonal application rates; treated at 4-6 leaf stage) was processed into meal, oil and soapstock. The combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate did not concentrate in oil or soapstock but did concentrate 3.4x and 2.9x in toasted meal (average 3.2x).

The highest field trial for canola seed was <0.336 ppm (Indian Head, Sk; MRID 44358609). The maximum combined glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate residue expected in/on transgenic canola meal, based on the highest field trial and the 3.2x concentration factor, is 1.1 ppm.

- 10c. HED concludes that the appropriate tolerance in/on canola meal, as a result of the application of glufosinate ammonium to canola as defined in this petition, is 1.1 ppm. The petitioner must submit a revised Section F proposing a canola meal tolerance of 1.1 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites N-acetyl glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.
- 10d. **Sugar Beet:** The petitioner has requested a sugar beet molasses tolerance of 5.0 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.
- 10e. Sugar beets treated three times with Liberty™ Herbicide (2-leaf stage, 6-leaf stage and 8-leaf stage) at 2.5 - 2.7 lbs ai/acre/application (total applied 7.9 lbs ai/acre; 8.3x the maximum proposed seasonal application rate) were harvested 136 days after the final treatment and processed into pulp, molasses and sugar. The combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate did not concentrate in pulp or sugar but did concentrate 6.8x in molasses. Unprocessed sugar beet samples were stored for 5 months prior to analysis (adequate storage stability study covers this interval). Processed samples were stored for 3 months prior to analysis. No storage stability data for sugar beet pulp, molasses or sugar have been submitted.

The highest average field trial (HAFT) for sugar beet roots was 0.719 ppm (Fayette, OH; MRID 44358603). The maximum combined glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate residue expected in sugar beet molasses, based on the HAFT and the 6.8x concentration factor, is 5.0 ppm.

- 10f. HED will not be opposed to conditional registration of glufosinate ammonium on transgenic sugar beets. Unconditional registration may be granted upon validation of the three month storage interval for the processed commodities (sugar, pulp and molasses). Pending submission and evaluation of this data, HED concludes that the petitioners proposed sugar beet molasses tolerance of 5.0 ppm is appropriate.
- 10g. **Potato:** The petitioner has requested a potato flake tolerance of 1.3 ppm and a processed potato tolerance of 1.0 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.
- 10h. The submitted potato processing study is adequate (MRID 44358612). Potatoes harvested 9 days after a single treatment with glufosinate ammonium at 2.0 lbs ai/acre (5.3x the maximum proposed single and seasonal application rate) were processed into chips, flakes and peel. The combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid did not concentrate in the peel but did concentrate 2.3x in potato chips and 3.0x in potato flakes.
- The HAFT for potatoes was 0.662 ppm (Lee, FL; MRID 44583901). The maximum combined glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid residue expected in potato flakes, based on the HAFT and the 3.0x concentration factor, is 2.0 ppm. The maximum combined glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid residue expected in potato chips, based on the HAFT and the 2.3x concentration factor, is 1.6 ppm.
- 10i. HED concludes that the appropriate tolerance in/on potato chips and potato granules/flakes, as a result of the application of glufosinate ammonium to potatoes as defined in this petition, is 1.6 ppm and 2.0 ppm, respectively. The petitioner must submit a revised Section F proposing a potato chip tolerance of 1.6 ppm and a potato granule/flake tolerance of 2.0 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.

**OPPTS GLN 860.1850 & 860.1900: Confined/Field Accumulation in Rotational Crops**

11. The submitted label indicates a 120 day plant back interval for wheat only. The label should be amended to indicate a 120-day plant back interval for all crops except wheat where a 70-day plant back interval is appropriate.

**Other Considerations**

13. Codex currently has MRLs for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents in/on potatoes and sugar beets at 0.5 and 0.05 ppm, respectively (no MRLs established for canola). Canada currently has MRLs for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid in/on potatoes and canola at 0.4 ppm and 3.0 ppm, respectively (no MRLs established for sugar beets). No glufosinate ammonium MRLs have been established in/on potatoes, sugar beets or canola in Mexico.

The Canadian MRL for canola seed is greater than two times the appropriate US tolerance for canola seed; therefore, harmonization is not possible. Since the appropriate US tolerance for sugar beets and potatoes are greater than the Canadian and Codex MRLs, harmonization is not possible.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

HED will not be opposed to conditional registration of glufosinate ammonium on transgenic sugar beets. Unconditional registration may be granted upon submission and evaluation of the information specified in conclusions 2a, 2c, 5d, 9f and 10f. HED concludes that the following tolerances for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium, N-acetyl glufosinate and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents, as a result of the application of glufosinate ammonium to transgenic sugar beets as defined in the petition, are appropriate:

Sugar Beet, Top .....	1.5 ppm
Sugar Beet, Root .....	0.9 ppm
Sugar Beet, Molasses .....	5.0 ppm

HED will not be opposed to conditional registration of glufosinate ammonium on transgenic canola. Unconditional registration may be granted upon submission and evaluation of the information specified in conclusions 2b, 2c, 5d and 10c. HED concludes that the following tolerances for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium, N-acetyl glufosinate and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents, as a result of the application of glufosinate ammonium to transgenic canola as defined in this petition, are appropriate:

Canola Seed .....	0.4 ppm
Canola, Meal .....	1.1 ppm

HED will not be opposed to conditional registration of glufosinate ammonium on potatoes. Unconditional registration may be granted upon submission and evaluation of the information specified in conclusions 2c, 5d, 9i and 10i. HED concludes that the following tolerances for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents, as a result of the application of glufosinate ammonium to potatoes as defined in this petition, are appropriate:

Potato .....	0.8 ppm
Potato, chip .....	1.6 ppm
Potato, granules/flakes .....	2.0 ppm

A human-health risk assessment will be prepared as a separate document.

**DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS**

**OPPTS GLN 830 Series: Product Properties**

Product chemistry data for glufosinate ammonium has been submitted, reviewed and found acceptable. No additional product chemistry data is necessary for this petition (PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 14-Oct-1988 and 8-Aug-1990).

The active ingredient in the technical and formulated products is identified as glufosinate ammonium and concentrations are reported in terms of the racemic mixture.

**OPPTS GLN 860.1200: Directions for Use**

The petitioner is requesting registration of Liberty™ Herbicide (18.19% glufosinate ammonium; 1.67 lbs ai/US gallon; EPA Reg. No. 45639-199) for use on the transgenic varieties of sugar beet and canola and Rely® Herbicide (11.33% glufosinate ammonium; 1.00 lbs ai/US gallon; EPA Reg. No. 45639-187) for use in potato vine dessication. Both products are water-soluble and applied as a foliar spray. The Liberty™ label indicates that a 120 day interval from the last application is required prior to planting wheat and grazing treated crop or cut for hay is prohibited.

*Sugar Beets:* Applications of Liberty™ Herbicide may be made from the cotyledon stage up to the 10 leaf stage. Maximum recommended single application rate is 0.48 lbs ai/acre. A maximum of 0.95 lbs ai/acre can be applied per season. Application can be made with ground (controlled droplet application equipment or air assisted spray equipment; minimum of 10 gallons of water/acre) or aerial (minimum of 5 gallons of water/acre) equipment. The label specifies a 60 day pre-harvest interval (PHI).

*Canola:* Applications of Liberty™ Herbicide may be made from the cotyledon stage up to the early bolting stage (at this stage the plant has at least 6 leaves). A maximum of two applications per season is allowed with the total seasonal rate not to exceed 0.77 lbs ai/acre. Application can be made with ground (controlled droplet application equipment or air assisted spray equipment; minimum of 10 gallons of water/acre) or aerial (minimum of 5 gallons of water/acre) equipment. The label specifies a 65 day PHI.

*Potato:* Application of Rely® Herbicide is recommended at the beginning of natural vine senescence. The product is to be applied at a rate of 0.375 lbs ai/acre in 20-100 gallons of water per acre with ground equipment or in 5-10 gallons of water per acre with aerial equipment. The label specifies a 9 day PHI. Potatoes grown for seed stock are not to be treated.

**Conclusion:** The sugar beet portion of the Liberty™ Herbicide label should be amended to indicate in the "Special Notes" section that the maximum single application rate is 42 fluid ounces/acre (0.48 lbs ai/acre).

The maximum seasonal application rate for canola is listed as 0.77 lbs ai/acre in the application timing section and 0.73 lbs ai/acre in the special notes section (0.77 lbs ai/acre will be assumed to be correct). The petitioner indicated that only the spring variety of canola has been genetically modified for tolerance to glufosinate ammonium. In Region 2, canola is only planted in the winter months (winter variety of canola) due to the unfavorable climate for canola in the summer. Therefore, the petitioner is not requesting registration of transgenic canola in Region 2. The canola portion of the Liberty™ Herbicide label should be amended to indicate in the "Special Notes" section that use of this product on transgenic canola in Region 2 is prohibited.

Both the Rely® Herbicide and Liberty™ Herbicide labels should be amended to indicate a 120 day plant back interval for all crops except wheat where a 70 day plant back interval is appropriate.

OPPTS GLN 860.1300: Nature of the Residue - Plants

SUGAR BEETS

**MRID 44358601: C<sup>14</sup>-Labeled Glufosinate-ammonium (Hoe 039866) Metabolism in Genetically Modified Sugar Beets (*Beta vulgaris ssp vulgaris var altissima*) After Two Applications of C<sup>14</sup>-Glufosinate-Ammonium at a Rate of 600 g ai/ha Each:** The in-life and analytical phases of the study were conducted by Hoechst Schering AgrEvo GmbH (Frankfurt, Germany). 3,4[C<sup>14</sup>]Glufosinate-ammonium (specific activity 52,413 dpm/μg, radiochemical purity 98.3%) was applied to transgenic sugar beets as a foliar spray 35 and 57 days after planting at 600 g ai/ha (0.54 lbs ai/acre, 1.1x proposed maximum single application rate); the total application rate was 1.2 kg ai/ha (1.07 lbs ai/acre; 1.1x the proposed maximum seasonal rate). Samples were collected 0, 8, and 15 days following the first application, 0 and 21 days following the second application, and at maturity (146 days following the second application). The plants were divided into leaves (tops) and beets (when formed). Leaves were rinsed with water and the water rinse collected

*Extraction and Characterization of Residues:* The root and rinsed leaves were homogenized. Radioactivity in rinses and homogenate were determined by LSC or combustion/LSC (limit of quantitation (LOQ) = 0.0011 ppm). The petitioner also determined TRR by summing the radioactivity in extracts and solids following extraction. Both TRR values are summarized in Table 1. The petitioner used the summed TRR values for all subsequent calculations.

**Table 1: TRR in transgenic sugar beet**

Commodity	TRR, ppm [ <sup>14</sup> C]glufosinate-ammonium equivalents					
	0 day PHI <sup>1</sup>		21 day PHI		146 day PHI	
	Combustion <sup>2</sup>	Extraction <sup>3</sup>	Combustion <sup>2</sup>	Extraction <sup>3</sup>	Combustion <sup>2</sup>	Extraction <sup>3</sup>
Rinse	11.95	11.95	1.68	1.68	0.06	0.06
Tops	8.30	8.14	9.62	10.58	2.02	1.99
Total (tops)	20.25	20.08	11.30	12.26	2.08	2.05
Roots	1.97	2.01	6.47	6.75	0.84	0.93

<sup>1</sup> PHI = preharvest interval; days from second treatment

<sup>2</sup> TRR determined by combustion of entire sample

<sup>3</sup> TRR determined by summing radioactivity in extracts and solids remaining following extraction

The 0, 21 and 146 day (days after second treatment) homogenized sugar beet top and root samples were extracted with a water/methanol solution (90/10 v/v) and centrifuged. The supernatant was isolated and the extraction was repeated until greater than 95% of TRR had been extracted, or the extract contained less than 2% of the TRR. Extracts were concentrated and reserved for HPLC and TLC analysis.

HPLC analysis were conducted using a Spherisorb SAX (strong basic anion exchange) column and an isocratic mobile phase of phosphoric acid/potassium dihydrogen phosphate (5 mM, pH = 2) and methanol (System 1 - 90:10 (v:v); System 2 - 30:70 (v:v)). The petitioner claimed that the two different solvent systems separated the analytes by two different mechanisms: System 1 by ion-exchange chromatography and System 2 by adsorption chromatography. Radioactivity was detected and quantified using a radioactivity monitor. The petitioner attempted to conduct TLC analysis to confirm identifications of metabolites. However, matrix effects prevented good separation of metabolites.

Therefore, identification of metabolites was confirmed by identification and quantification in HPLC systems 1 and 2. The distribution of radioactive residues in the water rinse, rinsed leaves and roots are summarized in Table 2. A summary of the characterized and identified <sup>14</sup>C-residues in sugar beet commodities are presented in Table 3 (see attachment 1 for structures of identified compounds).

The petitioner also extracted and analyzed crop samples collected after the first treatment but before the second treatment. The rinsates of plants collected 3 hours, 8 days and 15 days following the first treatment contained glufosinate ammonium at 40.5%, 18.8% and 13.8% TRR in tops, respectively. Isomeric separation (using HPLC with a Crompak CR column) demonstrated equal proportions of D and L isomers in the rinsates from all PHIs. In the homogenate extract of tops collected 3 hours after the first treatment, 45.1% of TRR was parent and 9.0% TRR was N-acetyl glufosinate. In the homogenate extract of tops collected 15 days after the first treatment, 29.3% of TRR was parent and 48.6% of TRR was N-acetyl glufosinate. Isomeric separation of the parent peak from the homogenate extracts (tops) demonstrated equal proportions of the D and L isomers on day 0. However, by 15 days following treatment, the D isomer of the parent accounted for 25.2% of TRR and the L-isomer accounted for 3.3% of TRR, indicating that acetylation of glufosinate-ammonium in the transgenic plants occurs with the L isomer only.

**Storage Stability:** Samples of sugar beet commodities were stored frozen prior to analysis. The petitioner stated that samples were extracted and analyzed within 30 days of harvest except for 0-day PHI root samples which were stored for over 30 days prior to analysis (exact storage interval not provided). Leave and root samples (PHI = 146 days) were stored frozen for 3 months and extracted and analyzed a second time. The initial extract and the extract from the samples stored three months were qualitatively and quantitatively similar indicating that glufosinate ammonium residues in/on sugar beet roots and leaves are stable for 3 months when stored frozen.

**Table 2:** Distribution and characterization radioactive residues in transgenic sugar beet

Fraction	% TRR	ppm	Characterization/Identification		
<b>0 day PHI Tops (TRR = 20.08 ppm)</b>					
Rinsate	59.50	11.95	Glufosinate-ammonium	59.4% TRR	11.92 ppm
Water:methanol	39.47	7.93	Glufosinate-ammonium	25.2% TRR	5.05 ppm
			MP-propionic acid	0.4% TRR	0.07 ppm
			N-acetyl-glufosinate	13.4% TRR	2.68 ppm
Nonextractable	1.03	0.21	Not further analyzed (N/A).		
<b>0 day PHI Roots (TRR = 2.01 ppm)</b>					
Water:methanol	97.39	1.95	Glufosinate-ammonium	30.9% TRR	0.62 ppm
			MP-propionic acid	2.2% TRR	0.04 ppm
			N-acetyl-glufosinate	64.3% TRR	1.28 ppm
Nonextractable	2.61	0.05	N/A.		
<b>21 day PHI Tops (TRR = 12.26 ppm)</b>					
Rinsate	13.68	1.68	Glufosinate-ammonium	13.7% TRR	1.68 ppm
Water:methanol	85.03	10.42	Glufosinate-ammonium	28.1% TRR	3.44 ppm
			MP-propionic acid	1.1% TRR	0.13 ppm
			N-acetyl-glufosinate	55.2% TRR	6.77 ppm
Nonextractable	1.29	0.16	N/A.		

Fraction	% TRR	ppm	Characterization/Identification		
<b>21 day PHI Roots (TRR = 6.75 ppm)</b>					
Water:methanol	96.39	6.50	Glufosinate-ammonium	30.6% TRR	2.07 ppm
			MP-propionic acid	2.0% TRR	0.14 ppm
			N-acetyl-glufosinate	63.3% TRR	4.27 ppm
Nonextractable	3.61	0.24	N/A.		
<b>146 day PHI Tops (TRR = 2.05 ppm)</b>					
Rinsate	3.01	0.06	Glufosinate-ammonium	2.3% TRR	0.05 ppm
			MP-propionic acid	0.3% TRR	0.006 ppm
			N-acetyl-glufosinate	0.2% TRR	0.005 ppm
			2-methylphosphinico-acetic acid		
			Plus 1 unknown peak	0.07% TRR	0.001 ppm
			0.09% TRR	0.002 ppm	
Water:methanol	94.48	1.94	Glufosinate-ammonium	24.0% TRR	0.49 ppm
			MP-propionic acid	2.7% TRR	0.055 ppm
			N-acetyl-glufosinate	66.9% TRR	1.37 ppm
Nonextractable	2.51	0.05	N/A.		
<b>146 day PHI Roots (TRR = 0.93 ppm)</b>					
Water:methanol	96.25	0.89	Glufosinate-ammonium	19.1% TRR	0.18 ppm
			MP-propionic acid	6.0% TRR	0.055 ppm
			N-acetyl-glufosinate	67.9% TRR	0.63 ppm
			Plus 1 unknown peak	3.1% TRR	0.03 ppm
Nonextractable	3.75	0.03	N/A.		



Table 3: Summary of radioactive residues characterized/identified in transgenic sugar beet

Fraction	0 Day PHI Tops (ERR = 20.08 ppm)		21 Day PHI Tops (TRR = 12.26 ppm)		146 Day PHI Tops (TRR = 2.05 ppm)		0 Day PHI Roots (TRR = 2.91 ppm)		21 Day PHI Roots (TRR = 6.75 ppm)		146 Day PHI Roots (FRR = 0.93 ppm)	
	% ERR	ppm	% TRR	ppm	% TRR	ppm	% TRR	ppm	% TRR	ppm	% TRR	ppm
<b>Identified<sup>1</sup></b>												
Glufosinate-ammonium	84.6	16.97	41.8	5.12	26.3	0.54	30.9	0.62	30.6	2.07	19.1	0.18
MP-propionic acid	0.4	0.07	1.1	0.13	3.0	0.061	2.2	0.04	2.0	0.14	6.0	0.055
N-acetyl-glufosinate	13.4	2.68	55.2	6.77	67.1	1.38	64.3	1.28	63.3	4.27	67.9	0.63
2-methylphosphinic-acetic acid	--	--	--	--	0.07	0.001	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Total identified</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>19.72</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>12.02</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>1.98</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>6.48</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>0.87</b>
Unknown	--	--	--	--	0.09	0.002	--	--	--	--	3.1	0.03
Nonextractable	1.03	0.21	1.29	0.16	2.51	0.05	2.61	0.05	3.61	0.24	3.75	0.03

<sup>1</sup> See Attachment 1 for chemical structures of identified metabolites.

***Sugar Beet Metabolism Summary:*** The qualitative nature of glufosinate ammonium residues in transgenic sugar beets is adequately understood. Total radioactive residues (TRR) were 2.05 ppm in tops and 0.93 ppm in roots harvested 146 days following the last of 2 applications of [<sup>14</sup>C]glufosinate-ammonium at 0.54 lbs ai/acre (total application rate 1.07 lbs ai/acre, 1.1x the maximum proposed single and seasonal application rates). Samples of sugar beet commodities were also collected at shorter preharvest intervals (PHIs); TRR were 20.08 ppm in tops and 2.01 ppm in roots collected 1 hour after the second application and were 12.26 ppm in tops and 6.75 ppm in roots collected 21 days after the second application.

In sugar beet tops and roots (all PHIs), 93-98% of the TRR was identified. The N-acetyl glufosinate metabolite was the major residue in all sugar beet top and root samples (55.2-67.9% TRR), except 0-day PHI tops where glufosinate ammonium accounted for 84.6% of the TRR (N-acetyl glufosinate accounted for 13.4% of the TRR). Glufosinate-ammonium accounted for 19.1-41.8% of the TRR in all other sugar beet top and root samples. 3-Methylphosphinico propionic acid was identified at low levels in all sugar beet samples (0.4-6.0% TRR). One additional metabolite, 2-methylphosphinico acetic acid, was identified in 146 day PHI tops at 0.07% TRR.

The current tolerance expression for commodities derived from transgenic crops includes the major residues identified in the transgenic sugar beet metabolism study and is adequate for commodities derived from transgenic sugar beets. The residues of concern in/on transgenic sugar beets are glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate.

## CANOLA

**MRID 443586-06 & -07: (Carbon-14)-Glufosinate-Ammonium: Nature of Seed Residue in Transgenic Canola (Rapeseed):** The in-life phase of the study was conducted by Research for Hire (Porterville, CA) and the analytical phase of the study was conducted by Hazleton Wisconsin, Inc. (Madison, WI). 3,4[<sup>14</sup>C]Glufosinate-ammonium (specific activity 20.62 mCi/g, radiochemical purity 98%) was applied to canola plants at the 3-5 leaf stage as a foliar spray at 0.75 kg ai/ha (0.67 lbs ai/acre; 0.9x the proposed maximum seasonal rate). Samples were collected 1 hour posttreatment, 21 days posttreatment and at maturity (120 days posttreatment). The 1 hour post application sample was collected as a whole sample. The 21 day sample was separated into top growth and roots. The 120 day sample was separated into roots, top growth and seed pods (seeds and hulls). Plants were separated into top growth (foliage) and roots by cutting approximately 0.5 - 1 inch above the soil. The roots (21 day and 120 day samples) and foliage (120 day samples) were separately rinsed with water (twice). Seed pods were rinsed with water (twice) and separated by hand into seeds and hulls. Samples, including rinsates, were stored frozen (-20 C) until analysis.

***Extraction and Characterization of Residues:*** The rinsed hull, seed, stalk and root samples were homogenized. Radioactivity in the rinses and homogenate were quantified by LSC or combustion/LSC (limit of detection (LOD) = 0.005 ppm). Radioactivity in rinsate samples were not expressed in terms of radioactivity in the crop commodity. The radioactivity in the hull and foliage rinsates from the 120 day treated samples were essentially the same as that attained for control samples. The TRR in canola commodities are presented in Table 4.

**Table 4:** TRR in transgenic canola

Commodity	TRR, ppm [ <sup>14</sup> C]glufosinate-ammonium equivalents		
	1 hour PHI	21 day PHI	120 day PHI
Whole plant	144.578	--	--
Foliage (top growth)	--	3.207, 5.343	0.021, 0.024, 0.058, 0.064
Roots	--	3.807, 5.192	0.134, 0.150, 0.187, 0.220
Hulls	--	--	0.076, 0.106, 0.125, 0.263
Seed	--	--	0.045, 0.054, 0.056, 0.109

Canola seed and hulls samples were subjected to sequential extraction with hexane, acetone and water/methanol (90:10, v/v). Non-extractable residues from canola seed were subjected to further extraction procedures to characterize nonextractable residues. Residues were first subjected to a second extraction with water:methanol (90:10, v:v). Water-soluble polysaccharides and proteins were extracted using 0.05 M dipotassium hydrogen phosphate buffer (4 hours at room temperature). Lipids were extracted using methanol:chloroform (2:1, v:v) and acetone. The remaining solids were acid hydrolyzed using 1 M hydrochloric acid (at 55 C for 90 minutes) and base hydrolyzed using 0.5 M sodium hydroxide (at 55 C for 45 minutes).

The homogenate from the 1 hour posttreatment sample (whole plant; root and foliage) as well as canola foliage homogenate collected 21 days posttreatment were extracted with water and centrifuged; the extraction was repeated three more times and extracts were combined for HPLC analysis.

HPLC analysis was conducted using either a Spherisorb SAX column and a gradient mobile phase of potassium dihydrogen phosphate buffer and methanol (System 1) or LC-8 and RX-C8 columns (in series) and an isocratic mobile phase of potassium dihydrogen phosphate buffer (System 2). Radioactivity was detected and quantified using fraction collection followed by LSC analysis. Seed and hull samples were analyzed using HPLC systems 1 and 2 (whole plant and foliage samples analyzed by system 1 only). Different levels of the parent and the 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid metabolite in extracts were observed depending on which system was used. No explanation was provided for this difference.

TLC analysis was conducted to confirm identification of metabolites. Radioactivity on TLC plates was detected and quantified using a signal analyzer and a digital autoradiography program. For seed and hull analysis, low levels of radioactivity and matrix effects prevented good separation of metabolites. Although there were some matrix effects, the presence of glufosinate-ammonium and N-acetylglufosinate in 1-hour PHI whole plant (root and foliage) and 21-day PHI foliage extracts were confirmed by TLC. A summary of the distribution and identification of metabolites in glufosinate tolerant canola is presented in Table 5 (see Attachment 1 for structures of identified metabolites).

*Storage Stability:* Samples were stored in a freezer within 24 hours of collection and remained frozen until analysis. Dates of extraction and analysis were not provided. Based on sample collection date and study completion date, samples of canola seed and hulls (MRID 44358606) were extracted and analyzed within 5 months of collection, and samples of whole plant and canola foliage (MRID 44358607) were extracted and analyzed within 19 months of collection.

A storage stability study performed on transgenic soybean demonstrated that glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate are stable for 12 months in soybean seed, forage and hay and for 3 months in soybean oil and meal (D211531 D219069, M. Rodriguez, 7-Mar-1996). This information is sufficient to support the storage conditions and intervals for canola seed and hull samples. The storage interval for whole canola plant and forage has not been validated.

**Table 5: Distribution and characterization radioactive residues in transgenic canola**

Fraction	% TRR	ppm	Characterization/Identification
<b>1 Hour PHI Plant (TRR = 144.58 ppm)</b>			
Water	98.9	142.97	<u>HPLC analysis (System 1) resolved:</u> Glufosinate-ammonium 72.9% TRR 105.4 ppm N-acetyl-glufosinate 18.2% TRR 26.3 ppm <b>Total identified 91.1% TRR 131.7 ppm</b>
Nonextractable	0.24	0.34	Not further analyzed (N/A).
<b>21 Day PHI Foliage (TRR = 5.343 ppm)</b>			
Water	99.2	5.30	<u>HPLC analysis (System 1) resolved:</u> Glufosinate-ammonium 20.7% TRR 1.11 ppm MP-propionic acid 6.7% TRR 0.358 ppm N-acetyl-glufosinate 60.2% TRR 3.22 ppm <b>Total identified 87.6% TRR 4.69 ppm</b>
Nonextractable	2.24	0.12	N/A.
<b>120 Day PHI Seeds (TRR = 0.109 ppm)</b>			
Hexane	4.5	0.005	N/A.
Acetone	6.6	0.007	N/A.
Water:methanol	55.7	0.061	<u>HPLC analysis (System 1) resolved:</u> Glufosinate-ammonium 10.8% TRR 0.012 ppm MP-propionic acid 26.8% TRR 0.029 ppm N-acetyl-glufosinate 8.6% TRR 0.009 ppm <b>Total identified 54.8% TRR 0.060 ppm</b>  <u>HPLC analysis (System 2) resolved:</u> Glufosinate-ammonium 30.1% TRR 0.033 ppm MP-propionic acid 6.5% TRR 0.007 ppm <b>Total identified 36.7% TRR 0.040 ppm</b>
Nonextractable	37.8	0.041	Subjected to sequential extraction/hydrolysis procedures using water:methanol, phosphate buffer, methanol:chloroform, acetone, mild acid, and mild base.
Water:methanol	3.8	0.004	N/A.
Phosphate	12.4	0.014	N/A.
Methanol:chloroform	1.3	0.001	N/A.
Acetone	3.4	0.004	N/A.
Acid hydrolysate	4.9	0.005	N/A.
Base hydrolysate	4.8	0.005	N/A.

Fraction	% TRR	ppm	Characterization/Identification
Nonextractable	6.9	0.008	N/A.
<b>120 Day PHI Hulls (TRR = 0.263 ppm)</b>			
Hexane	ND	ND	N/A.
Acetone	ND	ND	N/A.
Water:methanol	77.1	0.203	<p><u>HPLC analysis (System 1) resolved:</u></p> <p>Glufosinate-ammonium 5.0% TRR 0.013 ppm</p> <p>MP-propionic acid 37.4% TRR 0.098 ppm</p> <p>N-acetyl-glufosinate 7.3% TRR 0.019 ppm</p> <p><b>Total identified 49.7% TRR 0.131 ppm</b></p> <p><u>HPLC analysis (System 2) resolved:</u></p> <p>MP-propionic acid 44.8% TRR 0.118 ppm</p> <p>N-acetyl-glufosinate 13.9% TRR 0.037 ppm</p> <p><b>Total identified 58.7% TRR 0.154 ppm</b></p> <p>two unknowns 23.2% TRR 0.061 ppm</p> <p>2.3% TRR 0.006 ppm</p>
Nonextractable	37.4	0.098	N/A.

ND = not detected

**Canola Metabolism Study Summary:** Total radioactive residues (TRR) were 0.021-0.064 ppm in foliage, 0.134-0.220 ppm in roots, 0.076-0.263 ppm in hulls, and 0.045-0.109 ppm in seed harvested 120 days (at maturity) following a single application of [<sup>14</sup>C]glufosinate-ammonium at 0.67 lbs ai/acre (0.9x the maximum proposed seasonal rate). Samples of canola commodities were also collected at shorter PHIs; TRR were 144.578 ppm in the entire plant collected at 1-hour PHI, and were 3.207 and 5.343 ppm in foliage, and 3.807 and 5.192 ppm in roots collected at 21-day PHI.

In the whole plant harvested 1 hour posttreatment, the parent accounted for the majority of the radioactivity (72.9% TRR, 105.4 ppm); N-acetyl-glufosinate was identified at 18.2% of the TRR (26.3 ppm). In foliage harvested 21 days posttreatment, the major residue was N-acetyl-glufosinate (60.2% TRR, 3.22 ppm); the parent was present at 20.7% of the TRR (1.11 ppm) and a small amount of 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid was identified (6.7% TRR, 0.358 ppm).

In mature canola seed and hulls (0.109 ppm and 0.263 ppm, respectively), 37-58% of the TRR was identified (the remainder of the extracted radioactivity was described as unknown metabolites equivalent to the LOD). Glufosinate-ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid were the major residues identified, accounting for 5.0-44.8% of the TRR (0.007-0.118 ppm). The N-acetyl-glufosinate metabolite was a minor residue accounting for 1.1-13.9% of the TRR (0.001-0.037 ppm). In canola seed, radioactive residues associated with water-soluble polysaccharides and/or proteins accounted for 12.4% of the TRR (0.014 ppm).

The submitted study is marginally adequate to describe the nature of the residue in glufosinate tolerant canola. The test substance was applied at less than 1x the maximum proposed seasonal rate which resulted in low levels of radioactivity in canola seed, making identification of residues difficult. The storage interval prior to analysis and extraction of whole plant and canola foliage (19 months) were not within the validated time interval (12 months). Seed and hull samples were analyzed using HPLC

systems 1 and 2 (whole plant and foliage samples analyzed by system 1 only). Different levels of parent, N-acetyl glufosinate and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid were observed depending on which system was used. No explanation for this difference was provided. Since adequate metabolism studies on the transgenic varieties of field corn and soybeans have been previously submitted (D211531 and D219069, M. Rodriguez, 7-Mar-1996) and the results from the canola study do not significantly differ from these studies, no additional data pertaining to the metabolism of glufosinate-ammonium in transgenic canola are required. The residues of concern in/on transgenic canola are glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate.

## POTATO

**Nature of the Residue Potato:** The nature of the residue is considered to be understood in genetically unaltered lettuce, soybeans, corn, apples and wheat. After application of <sup>14</sup>C glufosinate ammonium to the nutrient medium (water or soil) in which these crops were grown, only one labeled metabolite could be identified, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid (parent was not found). HED concluded that the residues to be regulated in commodities derived from genetically unaltered lettuce, soybeans, corn, apples and wheat are glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid (PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 8-Aug-1990).

A metabolism study has not been performed on a root vegetable (potato). Since the metabolism of glufosinate ammonium is consistent in four diverse crops groups (lettuce [leafy vegetable], soybeans [legume vegetable], wheat [cereal grain] and apple [fruit]) the nature of glufosinate ammonium residues in potatoes will be considered to be understood. The residues of concern in/on potatoes are glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid.

## OPPTS GLN 860.1300: Nature of the Residue - Animals

The nature of glufosinate ammonium residues in lactating goats and hens is considered to be understood. It was shown that the glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite (3-methylphosphinico propionic acid) are largely excreted and do not accumulate to any great degree in animal tissues. The only identifiable compounds in feces, urine, milk, eggs and tissues were the parent and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid. HED concluded that the residues of concern in commodities derived from ruminants and poultry are glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid (PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 8-Aug-1990).

Transgenic field corn, soybeans, canola and sugar beets contain a second metabolite, N-acetyl glufosinate, which may lead to secondary residues of this compound in animal commodities. Feeding studies conducted on dairy cows and laying hens were submitted and reviewed as part of glufosinate ammonium registration on transgenic field corn and transgenic soybeans. In these studies, dairy cows and hens were fed a diet consisting of glufosinate ammonium and N-acetyl glufosinate. It was determined, that the tolerance expression for poultry (new tolerance as a result of registration on transgenic soybeans and transgenic field corn) should include glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid (N-acetyl glufosinate should not be included; D232571, M. Rodriguez). Additionally, it was determined that the currently established egg, milk, and fat, meat, and meat byproducts tolerances on cattle, goats, hogs, horses, poultry, and sheep were adequate (D211531 and D219069, M. Rodriguez, 7-Mar-1996).

**OPPTS GLN 860.1340: Residue Analytical Method**

Analytical methodology is available in PAM II for determination of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid in genetically unaltered apples, bananas, grapes and tree nuts (HRAV-5A) and in milk, eggs and the tissues of ruminants and poultry (HRAV-12, also called BK/01/95). Method HRAV-5A employs extraction of glufosinate ammonia and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid from a 25 gram homogenized sample with water. The aqueous extract is filtered and subjected to anion-exchange chromatography for removal of interfering compounds. The residues are eluted from the resin with formic acid and derivatized by refluxing with trimethylorthoacetate. The derivatized residues are cleaned up on a silica gel column and quantified by GC/FPD. All compounds are quantified in terms of glufosinate free acid equivalents. Method HRAV-12 (used to determine residue levels in animal matrices) is similar to the plant method except for an addition step. Water extracts of tissues are diluted with acetone to precipitate protein, centrifuged and then subjected to anion ion-exchange chromatography.

In transgenic crops a second metabolite, N-acetyl glufosinate, is present. Since glufosinate ammonium and N-acetyl glufosinate are derivatized to the same compound, HRAV-5A does not distinguish between these two compounds. A second method, AE-24, was developed for individual determination of the three compounds regulated in commodities derived from transgenic crops. Method AE-24 is a modification of the current analytical enforcement method (HRAV-5A) in that following anion exchange, cation exchange is performed. Two fractions are collected from the cation ion exchange column. One fraction contains N-acetyl glufosinate and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and the second fraction contains glufosinate ammonium. Each fraction is derivatized by refluxing with trimethylorthoacetate, cleaned up on a silica gel column and quantified by GC/FPD.

Several variations of these two methods were used for quantitation of residues in the submitted field trials; all of which are adequate for data gathering purposes. The petitioner also submitted a brief description of a GC/MS confirmatory technique. Validation data was not conducted for all methods and/or matrices. However, concurrent recovery data demonstrated the adequacy of each method in all necessary matrices.

**Table 6: Validation Recoveries**

commodity	fortification (ppm)	% recovery <sup>1</sup>		
		HOE 839866 <sup>2</sup>	HOE 899730 <sup>2</sup>	HOE 061517 <sup>2</sup>
canola seed HRAV-24 MRID 44358608	0.05-0.20	80.2-87.6 (3), 84.0	70.5-88.9 (3), 79.7	83.5-107 (3), 97.8
canola seed XAM-24 MRID 44358609	0.05-0.20	83.5-107 (3), 97.8	80.2-87.6 (3), 84.0	70.5-88.9 (3), 79.7
canola soapstock HRAV-24 MRID 44358610	0.05-0.20	89.0, 106; 97.5	117, 135; 126	105, 104; 105
Potato; XAM-24B; MRID44358612				
potato <sup>3</sup>	0.05 - 3.0	79.0 ± 5.3 (6)	*	97.2 ± 5.5 (6)

commodity	fortification (ppm)	% recovery <sup>1</sup>		
		HOE 039866 <sup>2</sup>	HOE 099730 <sup>2</sup>	HOE 061517 <sup>2</sup>
chips	0.05 - 0.50	72.4-98.7 (10); <b>85.0</b>	*	86.6-107 (10); <b>97.9</b>
flakes	0.05 - 0.50	72.1-99.4 (10); <b>86.9</b>	*	77.3-103 (10); <b>90.9</b>
wet peel	0.05- 0.50	80.2-113 (10); <b>96.8</b>	*	75.3-97.3 (10); <b>90.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> range of recoveries; number of samples in parenthesis; average in bold

<sup>2</sup> HOE 039866 = glufosinate ammonium, HOE 099730 = N-acetyl glufosinate, HOE 061517 = 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid

<sup>3</sup> only average and std dev was given for potatoes

\* non-transgenic crop; N-acetyl glufosinate is not a metabolite

**Table 7: Concurrent Recoveries**

commodity	fortification (ppm)	% recovery <sup>1</sup>		
		HOE 039866 <sup>2</sup>	HOE 099730 <sup>2</sup>	HOE 061517 <sup>2</sup>
canola seed HRAV-24 MRID 44358608	0.05-0.20	74.0-87.0 (8), <b>80.3</b>	87.4-119 (8), <b>97.7</b>	71.6-107 (8), <b>83.2</b>
canola seed XAM-24 MRID 44358609	0.05-0.10	69.3-99.0 (6), <b>85.3</b>	95.0-120 (6), <b>108</b>	91.6-117 (6), <b>105</b>
canola; HRAV-24; MRID 44358610				
canola seed	0.05	91.8	109	111
crude oil	0.05	74.1	99.9	96.2
untoasted meal	0.20	99.7	76.2	99.4
toasted meal	1.00	96.6	91.8	106
refined oil	0.05	91.8	120	89.6
refined bleached oil	0.10	92.4	97.0	91.5
refined bleached deodorized oil	0.05	84.1	91.6	70.0
soapstock	0.05	108	127	107
sugar beet; BK/04/95; MRID 44827901 (storage stability study)				
tops	0.25	51.9, 60.8, 68.8, 70.6-80.2 (3), <b>67.6</b>	49.6, 70.0-85.8 (5), <b>72.6</b>	79.4-118 (10), <b>98.1</b>



commodity	fortification (ppm)	% recovery <sup>1</sup>		
		HOE 039866 <sup>2</sup>	HOE 099730 <sup>2</sup>	HOE 061517 <sup>2</sup>
root	0.25	63.8, 79.8-108 (6), <b>85.2</b>	82.2-110 (6), <b>95.9</b>	73.2-115 (11), <b>93.7</b>
sugar beet; BK/04/95; MRID 44358602				
tops and crown	0.05-4.0	73.6-96.3 (9), <b>83.6</b>	72.6-117 (18), <b>86.4</b>	73.1-114 (9), <b>83.3</b>
root	0.05-0.10	87.4-108(5), <b>98.2</b>	75.9-112 (10), <b>91.4</b>	80.6-96.2 (5), <b>87.7</b>
sugar beet; BK/04/95; MRID 44358603				
tops and crown	0.05-1.00	74.2-109 (9), <b>88.9</b>	85.6-119 (18), <b>101</b>	68.0, 70.1-103 (8), <b>84.4</b>
root	0.05-1.00	82.7-117 (10), <b>96.4</b>	67.1, 72.8-105 (19), <b>87.7</b>	77.4-101 (10), <b>88.8</b>
sugar beet; BK/04/95; MRID 44358604				
roots	0.05 - 2.00	87.3; fortified at 0.50	100, 92.5; <b>96.3</b> fortified at 0.05 & 2.00	68.0, 87.9, 113; <b>89.6</b>
dried pulp	0.05 - 2.00	78.3; fortified at 0.50	104, 107; <b>106</b> fortified at 0.05 and 1.00	79.8 - 108 (3); <b>92.0</b>
molasses	0.05, 10.0	86.3; fortified at 0.05	88.1, fortified at 10.0	74.0, 106; <b>90.0</b>
refined sugar	0.05, 10.0	90.8; fortified at 10.0	94.4, fortified at 0.05	91.3, 111; <b>101</b>
potato; XAM-24B; MRID 44358612				
tubers	0.05, 2.50	84.3-89.4 (3); <b>87.2</b>	*	86.4-95.9 (3); <b>90.3</b>
chips	0.05, 2.00	88.5, 93.5; <b>91.0</b>	*	94.0, 102; <b>98.0</b>
flakes	0.05, 2.00	89.9, 105; <b>97.5</b>	*	85.8, 96.4; <b>91.1</b>
wet peel	0.05, 2.50	80.9, 88.9; <b>84.9</b>	*	81.9, 92.9; <b>87.4</b>
potato; BK/05/95 MRID 44583901	0.05-0.80	92.9-120 (11), <b>120</b>	*	88.0-102 (11), <b>97.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> range of recoveries; number of samples in parenthesis; average in bold

<sup>2</sup> HOE 039866 = glufosinate ammonium, HOE 099730 = N-acetyl glufosinate, HOE 061517 = 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid

**Conclusions:** A complete description of the GC/MS confirmatory technique should be submitted by the petitioner.

Two of the methods used for quantification of residues in the field trials, BK/04/95 (used for quantitation of residues in/on transgenic sugar beet commodities) and HRAV-24 (used for quantitation of residues in/on transgenic canola commodities), were submitted to the Analytical Chemistry Branch (ACB) for Petition Method Validation (D254830, T. Bloem, 1-Apr-1999). Method BK/04/95 is similar to the current analytical enforcement method HRAV-5A but with modifications for application to a root crop. Method HRAV-24, which employs the cation exchange fractionation procedure (cation exchange procedure has not undergone Agency validation), was submitted to ACB for validation.

Given that the registrant has provided concurrent fortification data to demonstrate that BK/04/95 and HRAV-24 are adequate for data collection purposes and these methods are a modification of the current tolerance enforcement method, HED concludes that they are suitable enforcement methods to support tolerances associated with a conditional registration on potatoes, transgenic sugar beets and transgenic canola. As a condition of the registration, HED will require a successful petition method validation and the registrant will be required to make any necessary modifications to the method resulting from petition method validation.

**OPPTS GLN 860.1360: Multiresidue Method**

Glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate were not quantitatively recovered from any of the FDA Multiresidue Testing Protocols. This information has been forwarded to FDA (PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 14-Aug-1988; PP#5F4578, M. Rodríguez, 10-Oct-1995).

**OPPTS GLN 860.1380: Storage Stability Data**

The petitioner submitted a storage stability study investigating the recovery of fortified residues of glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate in/on transgenic sugar beet tops and roots (MRID 44827901). The samples were fortified with 0.25 ppm of each compound and frozen until analysis. Stored samples and freshly fortified samples were analyzed using method BK/04/95. Results from the sugar beet storage stability study are presented in Table 8.

**Table 8: Storage Stability in Transgenic Sugar Beet Tops and Roots**

analyte <sup>1</sup>	fortification (ppm)	storage period (months)	freshly fortified % recovery <sup>1</sup>	apparent recovery in stored samples	corrected % recovery in stored samples
tops					
HOE 039866	0.25	3	60.8	75.6, 59.6	124, 98.0
		6	51.9	68.3, 71.5	132, 138
		12	68.8	64.8, 67.4	94.2, 98.0
		24	80.2	63.6, 64.2	79.3, 80.0

analyte <sup>1</sup>	fortification (ppm)	storage period (months)	freshly fortified % recovery <sup>1</sup>	apparent recovery in stored samples	corrected % recovery in stored samples
HOE 099730	0.25	3	85.8	76.0, 78.8	88.6, 91.8
		6	49.6	56.8, 59.8	115, 121
		12	70.0	80.7, 81.3	115, 116
		24	80.2	67.2, 76.8	83.8, 95.8
HOE 061517	0.25	3	94.8, 99.8	95.1, 87.8	97.7, 90.2
		6	96.6, 105	100, 102	99.2, 101
		12	96.9, 93.9	85.8, 97.5	89.9, 102
		24	118, 116	108, 108	92.3, 92.3
roots					
HOE 039866	0.25	3	79.8, 94.5	81.1, 77.2	93.1, 88.6
		6	86.2	81.2, 88.4	94.2, 103
		12	108	104, 96.0	96.3, 88.9
		24	63.8	73.5, 85.3	115, 135
HOE 099730	0.25	3	87.0	81.7, 71.4	93.9, 82.1
		6	100	106, 105	106, 105
		12	98.5	103, 98.3	105, 99.8
		24	82.2	82.7, 87.2	101, 106
HOE 061517	0.25	3	97.4, 102, 91.6	91.9, 95.2	94.7, 98.1
		6	88.4, 100	107, 117	114, 124
		12	96.6, 85.6	107, 91.0	117, 99.9
		24	106, 115	111, 124	100, 112

<sup>1</sup> average of freshly fortified samples used for calculation of % corrected recoveries

<sup>2</sup> HOE 039866 = glufosinate ammonium, HOE 099730 = N-acetyl glufosinate, HOE 061517 = 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid

**Conclusions:** The submitted storage stability study indicates that glufosiate ammonium, N-acetyl glufosinate and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid are stable in transgenic sugar beet tops and roots for 24 months.

Previously submitted and reviewed storage stability data indicate that glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid are stable for 24 months in apples, corn grain and soybeans

(PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 8-Aug-1990). Additional storage stability data indicate that glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate are stable for 12 months in transgenic soybean seed, forage and hay; for 3 months in soybean oil and meal; for 6 months in transgenic corn grain, fodder and forage; and for 3 months in eggs, liver, kidney and muscle (D211531 and D219069, M. Rodriguez, 7-Mar-1996).

#### **OPPTS GLN 860.1480: Meat/Milk/Poultry/Eggs**

Two dairy cow and two poultry feeding studies have been previously submitted, reviewed and determined to be adequate: (1) dairy cows and poultry feed a diet containing a 3:1 mixture of glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid (PP#8F3607, J. Garbus, 8-Aug-1990) and (2) dairy cows and poultry feed a diet containing 15% glufosinate ammonium and 85% N-acetyl glufosinate (D211531 & D211531, M. Rodriguez, 7-Mar-1996). Two feeding studies were performed on dairy cows and poultry due the different residues present in transgenic (principally N-acetyl glufosinate followed by glufosinate ammonium) and non-transgenic crops (principally 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid). Since the majority of the dietary burden to ruminants and poultry originates from transgenic crops, the feeding studies performed with N-acetyl glufosinate and glufosinate ammonium will be considered representative.

Considering all registered and proposed crops the maximum theoretical dietary burden is 14.55 ppm for beef cattle (aspirated grain fractions, corn field forage, cannery waste), 14.22 ppm for dairy cattle (aspirated grain fractions, corn field forage, cannery waste, molasses), 2.62 ppm for poultry (soybean hulls, soybean meal, soybean seed, canola meal) and 8.07 ppm for swine (aspirated grain fractions, canola meal, potato culls). Using these dietary burdens and the feeding studies performed with N-acetyl glufosinate and glufosinate ammonium, no adjustment in ruminant and poultry tolerances are necessary.

Table 9: Commodity Contribution to Animal Dietary Burden

commodity	tolerance (ppm)	% dry matter	% diet			ppm in feed			
			beef	dairy	poultry	beef	dairy	poultry	swine
previously registered commodities									
almond hulls	0.50	90	10	10	*	0.06	0.06	*	*
apple pomace	0.05	40	40	20	*	0.05	0.03	*	*
<i>aspirated grain fractions</i>	25.0	85	20	20	*	5.88	5.88	*	5.88
<i>corn field grain</i>	0.2	88	80	40	80	0.18	0.09	0.18	0.18
<i>corn milled by products</i>	0.2	85	50	25	60	0.12	0.06	0.14	0.18
<i>'corn forage</i>	4.0	40	40	50	*	4.00	5.00	*	*
<i>'corn stover</i>	6.0	83	25	15	*	1.81	1.08	*	*
<i>'cannery waste</i>	4.0	30	35	20	*	4.67	2.67	*	*
<i>soybean hulls</i>	5.0	90	20	20	20	1.11	1.11	1.11	*
<i>soybean meal</i>	2.0	92	15	15	40	0.33	0.33	0.87	0.54
<i>soybean seed</i>	2.0	89	15	15	20	0.34	0.34	0.45	0.56
<i>soybean silage</i>	2.0	30	30	30	*	2.00	2.00	*	*
commodities which are part of this petition									
<i>sugar beet tops</i>	1.5	23	20	10	*	1.30	0.65	*	*
<i>sugar beet pulp</i>	0.9	88	20	20	*	0.20	0.20	*	*
<i>molasses</i>	5.0	75	10	10	*	0.67	0.67	*	*
<i>canola meal</i>	1.1	88	15	15	15	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19
potato culls	0.8	20	75	40	*	3.00	1.60	*	2.00
potato processed waste	0.8	15	75	40	*	4.00	2.13	*	*

- feeding restriction on soybean forage and hay therefore not include in calculation of dietary burdens  
 - *italicized commodities* originate from transgenic crops  
 - field or sweet corn forage and stover

OPPTS GLN 860.1500: Crop Field Trials

CANOLA

**MRID 44358608: Determination of HOE 039866 Residues and its Metabolites HOE 061517 and HOE 085355 in Glufosinate Tolerant Canola (*Brassica Napus*) Generated from 1993 Field Trials:** A total of 10 field trials were conducted during 1993 in Saskatchewan (n=3), Manitoba (n=3) and Alberta (n=4). Grain samples were harvested 57-83 days following a single broadcast spray application of glufosinate ammonium at 0.44 - 1.78 lbs ai/acre (0.6x - 2.3x the maximum proposed seasonal application rate). Applications were made at the 3-10 leaf stage in 12 gallons water/acre (timing of application at Westlock, Ab not recorded). A minimum of 500 grams of canola seed was collected after mechanical threshing and cleaning. Samples were frozen and shipped frozen to Xenos Laboratories Inc. (Ottawa, Ontario) where they were ground and kept frozen until residue analysis.

Samples were analyzed for residues of glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate using method HRAV-24 (essentially the same as AE-24, LOQ = 0.05 ppm). Apparent residues were less than the LOQ in/on all untreated samples. Residues in/on treated canola seed are summarized in Table 10. The petitioner indicated that the field portion of this study was not conducted according to GLP standards as specified in 40 CFR 160. Samples were stored for a maximum of 12 months prior to extraction and analysis (adequate transgenic soybean storage stability study covers this interval).

**Table 10: Residues in/on Transgenic Canola Seed**

location	lbs ai/acre	x <sup>1</sup> proposed use rate	leaf stage <sup>1</sup>	PHI (days)	ppm <sup>2</sup>			
					039866	061517	085355	total
Innisfail, Ab	0.67	0.9	3-5	80	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	1.34	1.8	3-5	80	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	1.34	1.8	3-5	80	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
Westlock, Ab	0.45	0.6	*	75	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.67	0.9	*	75	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
Fairview, Ab	0.45	0.6	4-5	75	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	1.34	1.8	4-5	75	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	1.34	1.8	4-5	75	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
Olds, Ab	0.45	0.6	3-5	83	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.67	0.9	3-5	83	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
Brandon, Mb	0.67	0.9	4-6	69	0.122	<0.05	<0.05	<0.222
	0.67	0.9	4-6	69	0.106	<0.05	<0.05	<0.206
Rosebank, Mb	0.41	0.6	4-5	67	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15

location	lbs ai/acre	"x" proposed use rate	leaf stage <sup>1</sup>	PHI (days)	ppm <sup>2</sup>			
					039866	061517	085355	total
	0.62	0.8	4-5	67	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
Souris, Mb	0.41	0.6	4-5	68	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.62	0.8	4-5	68	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
Rosthern, Sk	0.94	1.3	5	66	<0.05	<0.05	0.053	<0.153
	1.82	2.5	5	66	<0.05	<0.05	0.098	<0.198
Lake Lenore, Sk	0.54	0.7	3-4	57	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.84	1.2	3-4	57	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
Outlook, Sk	0.52	0.7	10	69	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.8	1.1	10	69	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15

<sup>1</sup> leaf stage at application

<sup>2</sup> concentrations expressed in terms of glufosinate free acid equivalents; HOE prefix eliminated; 039866 = glufosinate ammonium, 085355 = N-acetyl glufosinate, 061517 = 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid

\* leaf stage at application not recorded

**MRID 44358609: Determination of HOE 039866 Residue and its Metabolites HOE 085355 and HOE 061517 in Glufosinate Tolerant Canola (*Brassica Napus*) Generated from 1994 Field Trials:** A total of 4 field trials were conducted during 1994 in Saskatchewan (n=1), Manitoba (n=2) and Alberta (n=1). Grain samples were harvested 57-77 days following a single broadcast spray application of glufosinate ammonium at 0.36, 0.71 or 1.07 lbs ai/acre (0.5x, 0.9x and 1.4x the maximum proposed seasonal application rate). Applications were made at the 1-3 leaf stage or 4-6 leaf stage in 12 gallons water/acre. A minimum of 500 grams of canola seed was collected after mechanical threshing and cleaning. Samples were frozen immediately and shipped frozen to Xenos Laboratories Inc. (Ottawa, Ontario) where they were ground and kept frozen until residue analysis.

Samples were analyzed for residues of glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate using method XAM-24 (essentially the same as AE-24, LOQ = 0.05 ppm). Apparent residues were less than the LOQ in/on all untreated samples. Residues in/on treated canola seed are summarized in Table 11. The petitioner indicated that this study was conducted according to GLP standards as specified in 40 CFR 160. Samples were stored for a maximum of 4 months prior to extraction and analysis (adequate transgenic soybean storage stability study covers this interval).

**Table 11: Residues in/on Transgenic Canola Seed**

location	lbs ai/acre	"x" proposed use rate	leaf stage <sup>1</sup>	PHI (days)	ppm <sup>2</sup>			
					039866	061517	085355	total
Indian Head, Sk	0.36	0.5	2-3	73	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.71	1.0	2-3	73	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15

location	lbs ai/acre	"x" proposed use rate	leaf stage <sup>1</sup>	PHI (days)	ppm <sup>2</sup>			
					039866	061517	085355	total
	1.07	1.5	2-3	73	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.36	0.5	5-7	57	<0.05	<0.05	0.169	<0.269
	0.71	1.0	5-7	57	<0.05	<0.05	0.236	<0.336
	1.07	1.5	5-7	57	<0.05	<0.05	0.255	<0.355
Minto, Mb	0.36	0.5	2	77	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.71	1.0	2	77	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	1.07	1.5	2	77	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.36	0.5	5-6	70	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.71	1.0	5-6	70	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	1.07	1.5	5-6	70	<0.05	<0.05	0.055	<0.155
Vauxhall, Ab	0.36	0.5	2-4	77	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.71	1.0	2-4	77	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	1.07	1.5	2-4	77	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.36	0.5	4-6	67	<0.05	<0.05	0.081	<0.181
	0.71	1.0	4-6	67	<0.05	<0.05	0.171	<0.271
	1.07	1.5	4-6	67	0.053	<0.05	0.242	<0.345
Portage la Prairie, Mb	0.36	0.5	4-5	65	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15
	0.71	1.0	4-5	65	<0.05	<0.05	0.066	<0.166
	1.07	1.5	4-5	65	<0.05	0.056	0.053	<0.159

<sup>1</sup> leaf stage at application

<sup>2</sup> concentrations expressed in terms of glufosinate free acid equivalents; HOE prefix eliminated; 039866 = glufosinate ammonium, 085355 = N-acetyl glufosinate, 061517 = 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid

**Summary Canola:** The petitioner has requested a canola seed tolerance of 0.4 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate. The petitioner indicated that only the spring variety of canola has been genetically modified for tolerance to glufosinate ammonium. In Region 2, canola is only planted in the winter months (winter variety of canola) due to the unfavorable climate for canola in the summer. Therefore, the petitioner is not requesting registration for application of glufosinate ammonium to transgenic canola in Region 2.

The petitioner submitted two field trial studies conducted in Canada (MRID 443586-08 & -09). The field portion of MRID 443586-08 was not conducted according to GLP standards. The deficiencies which lead to nonconformance were not provided. Information pertaining to the application date,



method, equipment, volume, timing and rate were provided. Therefore, the factors that lead to nonconformance with GLP standards will be considered minor and the study is acceptable. The field trial data conducted as part of MRID 443586-09 is also acceptable.

The combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate in/on transgenic canola seed following a single application of glufosinate ammonium at 0.9x or 1.3x the maximum proposed seasonal use rate ranged from <0.15 - <0.336 ppm (treated at 3-7 leaf stage; PHI = 57 - 83 days).

According to Table 5 of OPPTS GLN 860.1500, a total of 8 trials conducted in Regions 2 (n=1, not necessary for this petition), 5 (n=2), 7 (n=2) and 11 (n=3) are suggested. The Canadian field trial data submitted with this petition can be applied to the following regions (HED SOP 98\_2); Region 7 (n=2) and Region 14 (n=12; Region 14 is unique to Canada). The issue of how to apply canola field trial data from Region 14 to a US Registration was brought to Chem SAC. B. Schneider gathered information on canola production in the US and Canada and concluded that the majority of US canola is grown in ND, MN, MT, WA and SD. Generally within these states the northern most counties are the highest producing areas of the state. The canola production in Region 11 has decreased and increased in Regions 5 and 7 since the guidelines were written. The SAC agreed on accepting the Canadian canola field trials for glufosinate ammonium due to the similarities between the US canola production areas and Region 14 (Minutes of 17-Jun-1999 ChemSAC meeting). Geographical distribution of the submitted field trials is adequate for establishment of a tolerance in/on canola.

HED concludes that based on the submitted field trial data, the petitioners proposed tolerance of 0.4 ppm is appropriate. The Canadian MRL for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid in/on canola is 3.0 ppm. In light of harmonization with Canada, the appropriate tolerance in/on canola seed for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate expressed as glufosinate ammonium free acid equivalents, is 3.0 ppm.

## SUGAR BEET

### ***MRID 44358602: Magnitude of Glufosinate-Ammonium Residues In or On Transgenic Sugar Beets***

***Resulting From Multiple Applications of Liberty™ Herbicide at Three Rates, USA, 1995:*** A total of 4 field trials were conducted during 1995 in California (n=1; Region 10), Idaho (n=1; Region 11), North Dakota (n=1; Region 5) and Minnesota (n=1; Region 5). One control and three treated plots were planted at each trial site. The first plot was treated three times at a nominal rate of 0.18 lbs ai/acre/application (0.4x the maximum single application rate), once at the 2-leaf stage, once at the 6-leaf stage and once at the 8-leaf stage (total treatment 0.54 lbs ai/acre; 0.6x the maximum seasonal application rate). The second plot was treated three times at a nominal rate of 0.36 lbs ai/acre/application (0.9x the maximum single application rate), at the same growth stages (total treatment 1.08 lbs ai/acre; 1.1x the maximum seasonal application rate). The third plot was treated two times at a nominal rate of 0.54 lbs ai/acre/application (1.3x the maximum single application rate), once at the 6-leaf stage and once at the 8-leaf stage (total treatment 1.08 lbs ai/acre; 1.1x the maximum seasonal application rate). All applications were made over the top with broadcast spray equipment in 10 gallons of water per acre. After collection, the tops plus the crown tissue were cut from the roots and packaged separately. All samples were frozen within 90 minutes of harvest and shipped frozen to the AgroEvo Research Center for homogenization. The homogenized samples were shipped frozen to Xenos laboratories (Ottawa, Ontario) where they were kept frozen until analysis.

Samples were analyzed for residues of glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate using method BK/04/95 (essentially the same as HRAV-5A, LOQ = 0.05 ppm). This method does not distinguish between glufosinate ammonium and N-acetyl glufosinate. Apparent residues were less than the LOQ in/on all untreated samples. Residues in/on treated sugar beet tops and roots are summarized in Table 12. The petitioner indicated that this study was conducted according to GLP standards as specified in 40 CFR 160 except for a few minor exceptions. Samples were stored for a maximum of 12 months prior to extraction and analysis (adequate storage stability study cover this interval).

**Table 12: Residues in/on Transgenic Sugar Beet Tops and Roots**

location	total applied (lbs ai/acre)	PHI <sup>1</sup> (days)	tops <sup>2</sup> (ppm)			roots <sup>2</sup> (ppm)		
			039866/ 099738	061517	total	039866/ 099738	061517	total
Fresno, CA	0.55 <sup>3</sup>	10	0.19	<0.05	<0.24	-	-	-
			0.23	<0.05	<0.28	-	-	-
		15	0.31	0.14	0.45	-	-	-
			0.29	0.17	0.46	-	-	-
		30	0.23	0.53	0.76	-	-	-
	0.28		0.54	0.82	-	-	-	
	60	0.13	0.37	0.50	-	-	-	
		0.12	0.33	0.45	-	-	-	
	139	<0.05	0.08	<0.13	<0.05	0.14	<0.19	
		<0.05	0.06	<0.11	<0.05	0.14	<0.19	
		<0.05	0.12	<0.17	-	-	-	
	1.10 <sup>4</sup>	10	0.39	<0.05	<0.44	-	-	-
			0.46	<0.05	<0.51	-	-	-
		15	1.04	0.51	1.55	-	-	-
			1.11	0.37	1.48	-	-	-
1.22			0.48	1.70	-	-	-	
30	0.63	1.20	1.83	-	-	-		
	0.76	1.07	1.83	-	-	-		
60	0.39	0.88	1.27	-	-	-		
	0.32	0.78	1.10	-	-	-		
139	<0.05	0.21	<0.26	<0.05	0.30	<0.35		
	<0.05	0.25	<0.30	<0.05	0.32	<0.37		
1.08 <sup>5</sup>	10	3.01	0.25	3.26	-	-	-	
		3.55	0.22	3.77	-	-	-	
	15	2.47	0.58	3.05	-	-	-	
		2.75	0.44	3.19	-	-	-	
		2.02	0.42	2.44	-	-	-	

location	total applied (lbs ai/acre)	PHI <sup>1</sup> (days)	tops <sup>2</sup> (ppm)			roots <sup>2</sup> (ppm)		
			039866/ 099730	061517	total	039866/ 099730	061517	total
Jerome, ID	0.56 <sup>3</sup>	30	1.15	1.17	2.32	-	-	-
			1.25	1.40	2.65	-	-	-
		60	0.48	0.82	1.30	-	-	-
	0.60		0.70	1.30	-	-	-	
	0.45		0.81	1.26	-	-	-	
	1.10 <sup>5</sup>	139	0.05	0.29	0.34	<0.05	0.27	<0.32
			0.08	0.22	0.30	0.05	0.31	0.36
			<0.05	0.21	<0.26			
	Cass, ND	0.58 <sup>3</sup>	104	0.08	<0.05	<0.13	0.06	<0.05
0.09				<0.05	<0.14	<0.05	<0.05	<0.10
0.05				<0.05	<0.10	<0.05	<0.05	<0.10
1.17 <sup>4</sup>	104	0.11	<0.05	<0.16	0.14	<0.05	<0.19	
		0.07	<0.05	<0.12	0.15	<0.05	<0.20	
		0.11	<0.05	<0.16				
1.34 <sup>5</sup>	104	0.07	<0.05	<0.12	0.15	<0.05	<0.20	
		0.08	<0.05	<0.13	0.12	<0.05	<0.17	
Polk, MN	0.53 <sup>3</sup>	95	<0.05	<0.05	<0.10	<0.05	<0.05	<0.10
			<0.05	<0.05	<0.10	<0.05	<0.05	<0.10
	1.10 <sup>4</sup>	95	<0.05	<0.05	<0.10	0.09	<0.05	<0.14
<0.05			<0.05	<0.10	0.09	<0.05	<0.14	
1.09 <sup>5</sup>	95	0.10	<0.05	<0.15	0.12	<0.05	<0.17	
		0.09	<0.05	<0.14	0.10	<0.05	<0.15	

<sup>1</sup> California samples collected at the following plant stages, 10 day PHI = 12-13 leaf stage, 15 day PHI = 13 leaf stage, 30 day PHI = 16-18 leaf stage, 60 day PHI = vegetative, 139 day PHI = mature; Idaho 41 day PHI = immature; North Dakota 104 day PHI = mature; Minnesota 95 day PHI = mature

<sup>2</sup> concentrations expressed in terms of glufosinate free acid equivalents; HOE prefix eliminated; 039866 = glufosinate ammonium, 099730 = N-acetyl glufosinate, 061517 = 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid

<sup>3</sup> three applications at a nominal rate of 0.18 lbs ai/acre, once at the 2-leaf stage, once at the 6-leaf stage and once at the 8-leaf stage (total treatment 0.54 lbs ai/acre, 0.6x maximum seasonal application rate)

<sup>4</sup> three applications at a nominal rate of 0.36 lbs ai/acre at the same growth stages as "1" (total treatment 1.08 lbs ai/acre, 1.1x maximum seasonal application rate)

<sup>5</sup> two applications at a nominal rate of 0.54 lbs ai/acre, once at the 6-leaf stage and once at the 8-leaf stage (total treatment 1.08 lbs ai/acre, 1.1x maximum seasonal application rate)

**MRID 44358603: Magnitude of Glufosinate-Ammonium Residues In or On Transgenic Sugar Beet Raw Agricultural Commodities Resulting From Multiple Applications of Liberty™ Herbicide at Two Rates, USA, 1996:** A total of 10 field trials were conducted during 1995 in Michigan (n=1; Region 5), Ohio (n=1; Region 5), North Dakota (n=2; Regions 5 and 7), Nebraska (n=1; Region 7), Colorado (n=2; Regions 8 and 9), California (n=1; Region 10) and Idaho (n=2; both in Region 11). One control and two treated plots were planted at each trial site. The first plot was treated two times at a nominal rate of 0.54 lbs ai/acre/application (1.1x the maximum single application rate), once at the 6-leaf stage and once at the 8-leaf stage (total treatment 1.08 lbs ai/acre; 1.1x maximum seasonal application rate). The second plot was treated at a nominal rate of 0.54 lbs ai/acre (1.1x the maximum single application rate) at the 2-leaf stage, and then treated at a nominal rate of 0.35 lbs ai/acre (0.7x the maximum single application rate) at the 6-leaf stage and finally once at a nominal rate of 0.54 lbs ai/acre (1.1x the maximum single application rate) at the 10-leaf stage (total treatment 1.44 lbs ai/acre; 1.5x maximum seasonal application rate). All applications were made over the top with broadcast spray equipment in 10 gallons of water per acre. The sugar beets from each plot were harvested at maturity. After collection, the tops plus the crown tissue were cut from the roots and packaged separately. All samples were frozen within 2 hours of harvest and shipped frozen to the AgroEvo Research Center for homogenization. The homogenized samples were shipped frozen to Xenos laboratories (Ottawa, Ontario) where they were kept frozen until analysis.

Samples were analyzed for residues of glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate using method BK/04/95 (essentially the same as HRAV-5A, LOQ = 0.05 ppm). This method does not distinguish between glufosinate ammonium and N-acetyl glufosinate. Apparent residues were less than the LOQ in/on all untreated samples. Residues in/on treated sugar beet tops and roots are summarized in Table 13. The petitioner indicated that this study was conducted according to GLP standards as specified in 40 CFR 160 except for a few minor exemptions. Samples were stored for a maximum of 6 months prior to extraction and analysis (adequate storage stability studies cover this interval). The trial conducted in Canyon, ID was canceled (no explanation was given).

**Table 13: Residues in/on Transgenic Sugar Beet Tops and Roots**

location	total applied (lbs ai/acre)	PHI (days)	tops <sup>1</sup> (ppm)			roots <sup>1</sup> (ppm)		
			039866/ 099730	061517	total	039866/ 099730	061517	total
Ottawa, MI	1.08	109	0.143	<0.05	<0.148	0.122	0.053	0.175
			0.163	0.051	0.214	0.128	0.059	0.187
	1.43	109	0.295	<0.05	<0.300	0.239	0.050	0.289
			0.297	<0.05	<0.302	0.212	<0.05	<0.262
Fayette, OH	1.08	83	0.159	<0.05	<0.164	0.273	<0.05	<0.323
			0.157	<0.05	<0.162	0.119	<0.05	<0.169
	1.43	77	0.459	<0.05	<0.464	0.558	<0.05	<0.608
			0.461	<0.05	<0.466	0.780	<0.05	<0.830
								<b>HAFT = 0.719</b>
Cass, ND	1.08	67	0.251	<0.05	<0.256	0.172	<0.05	<0.222
			0.241	<0.05	<0.246	0.163	<0.05	<0.213

location	total applied (lbs ai/acre)	PHI (days)	tops <sup>1</sup> (ppm)			roots <sup>1</sup> (ppm)		
			039866/ 099730	061517	total	039866/ 099730	061517	total
	1.43	62	0.645 0.530	<0.05 <0.05	<0.649 <0.535	0.535 0.695	<0.05 <0.05	<0.585 <0.745
	1.08	115	<0.05 <0.05	<0.05 <0.05	<0.10 <0.10	<0.05 <0.05	<0.05 <0.05	<0.10 <0.10
Scotts Bluff, NB	1.43	108	<0.05 <0.05	<0.05 <0.05	<0.10 <0.10	0.073, 0.054	<0.05 <0.05	<0.123 <0.104
	1.08	73	0.129 0.156	<0.05 <0.05	<0.134 <0.161	0.118 0.137	<0.05 <0.05	<0.168 <0.187
Ward, ND	1.43	66	0.230 0.235	0.057 0.076	0.287 0.311	0.280 0.326	0.072 0.113	0.352 0.439
	1.08	80	<0.05 <0.05	<0.05 <0.05	<0.10 <0.10	<0.05 <0.05	<0.05 <0.05	<0.10 <0.10
Weld, CO	1.43	68	0.376 0.383	<0.05 <0.05	<0.381 <0.388	0.526 0.549	<0.05 <0.05	<0.576 <0.599
	1.08	86	0.061 0.056	<0.05 <0.05	<0.111 <0.106	0.106 0.112	<0.05 <0.05	<0.156 <0.162
Weld, CO	1.43	81	0.221 0.238	<0.05 <0.05	<0.226 <0.243	0.273 0.304	<0.05 <0.05	<0.323 <0.354
	1.08	132	<0.05 0.065	<0.05 <0.05	<0.10 <0.10	0.059 0.084	0.065 0.058	0.124 0.142
Fresno, CA	1.43	122	0.185 0.260	0.057 0.075	0.242 0.335	0.371 0.357	0.055 0.066	0.426 0.423
	1.08	128	0.106 0.067	<0.05 <0.05	<0.156 <0.117	0.072 0.063	<0.05 <0.05	<0.122 <0.113
Jerome, ID	1.43	121	0.315 0.298	0.058 0.052	0.373 0.350	0.189 0.216	<0.05 <0.05	<0.239 <0.266

HAFT = highest average field trial

<sup>1</sup> concentrations expressed in terms of glufosinate free acid equivalents; HOE prefix eliminated; 039866 glufosinate ammonium, 099730 = N-acetyl glufosinate, 061517 = 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid

**Summary Sugar Beet:** The petitioner has requested a sugar beet top tolerance of 1.3 ppm and a sugar beet root tolerance of 0.7 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.

The two submitted sugar beet field trial studies are adequate (MRIDs 443586-02 and -03). The combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid

and N-acetyl glufosinate in/on transgenic sugar beet tops and roots treated with Liberty™ Herbicide at 1.1x - 1.5x the maximum proposed seasonal use rate ranged from <0.10 - 1.30 ppm (tops) and <0.10 - <0.830 ppm (roots). Pre-harvest intervals ranged from 41 - 139 days. Only 4 of the 14 field trials had a pre-harvest interval less than 80 days (label specifies a PHI = 60 days). The label indicates that the product may be applied from the cotyledon to 10 leaf stage of the sugar beet. The final application for all field trials was either at the 8 or 10 leaf stage and samples were harvested when the crop reached maturity. Since crop harvest was governed by crop development and the increased PHIs were counteracted in some cases by application rates 1.5x the maximum proposed rate, HED concludes that the field trial data is acceptable. Geographical distribution of the submitted field trials is adequate for establishment of a tolerance in/on sugar beets.

HED concludes that based on the submitted field trial data, the appropriate tolerance in/on sugar beet tops and roots, as result of the application of glufosinate ammonium as defined in this petition, is 1.5 ppm and 0.9 ppm, respectively. The petitioner must submit a revised Section F proposing a 1.5 ppm tolerance in/on sugar beet tops and a 0.9 ppm tolerance in/on sugar beet roots for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.

**POTATO**

**MRID 44583901: Magnitude of Glufosinate-Ammonium In or On Potatoes Resulting From a Single Application of Rely® Herbicide, USA 1997:** A total of 20 field trials were conducted during 1995 in New York (n=1; Region 1), Pennsylvania (n=2; both in Region 1), New Jersey (n=2; both in Region 2), Florida (n=2; both in Region 3), Illinois (n=1; Region 5), Minnesota (n=1; Region 5), Iowa (n=1; Region 5), North Dakota (n=1; Region 5), Utah (n=2; both in Region 9), California (n=1; Region 10) and Idaho (n=6; all in Region 11). One control and one treated plot were planted at each trial site. The treated plot received a single application of glufosinate-ammonium at 0.40 lbs ai/acre (1.1x the maximum proposed seasonal application rate) 5-7 days after plant senescence began. All applications were made over the top with broadcast spray equipment in 10 gallons of water per acre. Samples were harvested by hand 9-10 days after treatment. All samples were transferred to a freezer within 5 hours of harvest and shipped frozen to the AgroEvo Research Center (Pikeville, NC) for homogenization. The homogenized samples were shipped frozen to Xenos laboratories (Ottawa, Ontario) where they were kept frozen until analysis.

Samples were analyzed for residues of glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid using method BK/05/95 (LOQ = 0.05 ppm). This method is a modification of HRAV-5A (the anion exchange cleanup step is eliminated). Apparent residues were less than the LOQ in/on all untreated samples. Residues in/on treated potatoes are summarized in Table 14. The petitioner indicated that this study was conducted according to GLP standards as specified in 40 CFR 160 except for a few minor exceptions. Samples were stored for a maximum of 7 months prior to extraction and analysis (adequate transgenic sugar beet storage stability study covers this interval).

**Table 14: Residues in/on Potatoes**

location	ppm <sup>1</sup>		
	HOE 039866	HOE 061517	total
Wayne, NY	<0.05, <0.05	<0.05, <0.05	<0.10, <0.10
Lehigh, PA	0.288, 0.277	<0.05, <0.05	<0.338, <0.327

location	ppm <sup>1</sup>		
	HOE 039866	HOE 061517	total
Berks, PA	0.098, 0.125	<0.05, <0.05	<0.148, <0.175
Salem, NJ	0.072, 0.117	<0.05, <0.05	<0.122, <0.167
Middlesex, NJ	0.136, 0.146	<0.05, <0.05	<0.186, <0.196
Collier, FL	0.369, 0.276	<0.05, <0.05	<0.419, <0.326
Lee, FL	0.607, 0.617	<0.05, <0.05	<0.657, <0.667 <b>HAFT = 0.662</b>
Clinton, IL	0.055, <0.05	<0.05, <0.05	<0.105, <0.10
Freeborn, MN	0.434, 0.329	<0.05, <0.05	<0.484, <0.379
Gerro Gordo, IA	0.190, 0.162	<0.05, <0.05	<0.240, <0.212
Grand Forks, ND	<0.05, <0.05	<0.05, <0.05	<0.10, <0.10
Cache, UT	0.246, 0.240	<0.05, <0.05	<0.296, <0.290
Box Elder, UT	<0.05, <0.05	<0.05, <0.05	<0.10, <0.10
Tulare, CA	<0.05, <0.05	<0.05, <0.05	<0.10, <0.10
Franklin, ID	0.130, 0.120	<0.05, <0.05	<0.180, <0.170
Power, ID	0.247, 0.262	<0.05, <0.05	<0.297, <0.312
Bingham, ID	0.132, 0.094	<0.05, <0.05	<0.182, <0.144
Cassia, ID	0.117, 0.132	<0.05, <0.05	<0.167, <0.182
Bannock, ID	<0.05, 0.073	<0.05, <0.05	<0.10, <0.10
Bonneville, ID	0.160, 0.159	<0.05, <0.05	<0.210, <0.209

HAFT = highest average field trial

<sup>1</sup> concentrations expressed in terms of glufosinate free acid equivalents; HOE 039866 = glufosinate ammonium, HOE 061517 = 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid

**Summary, Potatoes:** The petitioner has requested a potato tolerance of 0.4 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.

The submitted potato field trial study is adequate (MRID 44583901). The combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid in/on potatoes treated with Rely® Herbicide at 1.1x the maximum proposed seasonal use rate (PHI = 9-10 days) ranged from <0.10 - <0.667 ppm. Geographical distribution of the submitted field trials is adequate for establishment of a tolerance in/on potatoes.

HED concludes that based on the submitted field trial data, the appropriate tolerance in/on potatoes, as result of the application of glufosinate ammonium as defined in this petition, is 0.8 ppm. The petitioner

must submit a revised Section F proposing a 0.8 ppm tolerance in/on potatoes for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.

**OPPTS GLN 860.1520: Processed Food/Feed**

**CANOLA**

***MRID 44358610: Determination of HOE 039866 Residues and its Metabolites HOE 085355 and HOE 061517 in Processed Fractions of Transgenic Canola Seed Treated with Glufosinate-Ammonium:*** A single field trial was conducted at Indian Head, Saskatchewan. Four plots were established, an untreated control and three plots treated at the 4-6 leaf stage with a single application of glufosinate ammonium at 0.67 lbs ai/acre (0.9x the maximum seasonal rate), 1.3 lbs ai/acre (1.8x the maximum seasonal rate) or 3.3 lbs ai/acre (4.5x the maximum seasonal rate). All applications were made with broadcast spray equipment in ~12 gallons of water per acre. Grain samples were collected 70 days after application. After mechanical thrashing and cleaning, all grain samples were transferred to a freezer. Approximately 5 kg of seed from each treatment were shipped to the Food Protein Research and Development Center, Texas A&M University (College Station, Texas) for processing.

Upon receipt to the processing facility the canola samples were dried and cleaned. Following conditioning, the majority of the crude oil was obtained by pressing in an expeller. The residual crude oil remaining in the presscake was extracted with hexane. A portion of the solvent-extracted meal was desolventized and toasted. The crude oil from the press and the extraction were combined and refined. The refined oil was bleached and deodorized. All samples were kept frozen and shipped frozen to Xenos Laboratories (Ottawa, Ontario) for analysis.

Samples were analyzed for residues of glufosinate ammonium, N-acetyl glufosinate and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid using method HRAV-24 (similar to method AE-24, LOQ = 0.05 ppm). Apparent residues were less than the LOQ in/on all untreated samples. Residues in/on treated canola seed and processed commodities are summarized in Table 15. The petitioner indicated that this study was conducted according to GLP standards as specified in 40 CFR 160 except for a few minor exceptions.

Unprocessed canola seed was stored for a maximum of 7 months prior to extraction and analysis (adequate transgenic soybean storage stability study covers this interval). Canola seed samples were stored 4.5 months prior to processing into canola meal, oil and soapstock. The processed samples were stored for 4 months prior to analysis. Storage stability studies performed on transgenic soybean processed commodities demonstrated that all residue components were stable for 3 months. The storage intervals for the canola processed commodities are acceptable.



Table 15: Concentration/Reduction Factors for Canola Processed Commodities

commodity	ppm <sup>1</sup>			reduction/concentration factors <sup>2</sup>		
	HOE 039866	HOE 061517	HOE 099730	HOE 039866	HOE 061517	HOE 099730
0.67 lbs ai/acre						
seed	<0.05	<0.05	0.063	--	--	--
untoasted	<0.05	<0.05	0.170	--	--	2.7
toasted meal	<0.05	<0.05	0.206	--	--	3.3
oil <sup>3</sup>	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15	--	--	0.4
soapstock	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15	--	--	0.4
1.3 lbs ai/acre						
seed	<0.05	<0.05	0.060	--	--	--
untoasted	<0.05	<0.05	0.222	--	--	3.7
toasted meal	<0.05	0.054	0.292	--	2.2	4.9
oil <sup>3</sup>	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15	--	--	0.4
soapstock	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15	--	--	0.4
3.3 lbs ai/acre						
seed	<0.05	<0.05	0.211	--	--	--
untoasted	<0.05	0.108 <sup>4</sup>	0.604 <sup>4</sup>	--	4.3	2.9
toasted meal	<0.05	0.105	0.638	--	4.2	3.0
oil <sup>3</sup>	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15	--	--	0.1
soapstock	<0.05	<0.05	0.083	--	--	0.4

<sup>1</sup> concentrations expressed in terms of glufosinate free acid equivalents; HOE 039866 = glufosinate ammonium, HOE 099730 = N-acetyl glufosinate, HOE 061517 = 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid

<sup>2</sup> residues <0.05 ppm were placed at 1/2 LOQ (0.025 ppm) for determination of reduction/concentration factors

<sup>3</sup> residues in crude oil, refined oil, refined bleached oil and refined bleached deodorized oil were <0.05 ppm

<sup>4</sup> average of replicate analysis

**Summary Canola Processing Studies:** The petitioner has requested a canola meal tolerance of 2.0 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.

The submitted canola processing study is adequate (MRID 44358610). Canola seed harvested 70 days after treatment with glufosinate ammonium at 0.67, 1.3 or 3.3 lbs ai/acre/application (0.9x, 1.7x and 4.3x the maximum seasonal application rates; treated at 4-6 leaf stage) was processed into meal, oil and soapstock. The combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate did not concentrate in oil or soapstock but did concentrate 3.4x and 2.9x in toasted meal (average 3.2x). Since both metabolites were detected in toasted meal from the two highest treatment groups, only concentration factors from these groups were considered.

The highest field trial for canola seed was <0.336 ppm (Indian Head, Sk; MRID 44358609). The maximum combined glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate residue expected in/on transgenic canola meal, based on the highest field trial and the 3.2x concentration factor, is 1.1 ppm.

HED concludes that the appropriate tolerance in/on canola meal, as a result of the application of glufosinate ammonium to canola as defined in this petition, is 1.1 ppm. The petitioner must submit a revised Section F proposing a canola meal tolerance of 1.1 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites N-acetyl glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.

#### SUGAR BEET

**MRID 44358604: Magnitude of Glufosinate-Ammonium Residues In or On Transgenic Sugar Beet Roots and Processed Commodities Resulting from Multiple Applications of Liberty™ Herbicide, USA, 1996:**

A single field trial was conducted at Fresno, California. Two plots were established, a untreated control and a treated plot which received three applications (2-leaf stage, 6-leaf stage and 8-leaf stage) of glufosinate ammonium at 2.5 - 2.7 lbs ai/acre/application (total applied 7.9 lbs ai/acre; 8.3x the maximum proposed seasonal application rate). All applications were made with broadcast spray equipment in ~10 gallons of water per acre. The sugar beet plants were allowed to grow to maturity and harvested by hand 136 days after the final application. Samples were transferred to a freezer within 10 minutes of collection. Samples were shipped frozen to Wm. J. Engler Associates, Inc. (Moses Lake, Washington) for processing into dried pulp, molasses and refined sugar.

The sugar beets were removed from frozen storage and a representative RAC was collected as an unprocessed sample. The sugar beets were washed and cut into slabs. Sugar was extracted in a series of steam heated cells with a mixture of fresh water and pulp press water. Extracted beet pulp was pressed to recover the sugar solution carried out with the pulp. The pressed pulp was dried to 1.7% moisture, milled and collected. The raw juice was purified in a stem jacketed kettle by addition of lime and carbon dioxide. The precipitate was allowed to settle and clarified juice was decanted and screened. The settled sludge was vacuum filtered and the filtrate combined with the decanted liquid. The clarified juice was further purified by a second carbonation with carbon dioxide gas and then vacuum filtered, concentrated and placed in frozen storage for later processing. The juice was thawed and filtered. The filtered thick juice was fed to a Laboratory Vacuum Pan and Granulator. The massecuite (mixture of sugar crystals and syrup) was centrifuged in a perforated bronze basket. The spun off syrup (molasses) was collected. Sugar retained in the basket was washed, dried and collected. Samples of the whole beet and processed commodities were shipped frozen to the ARC where the whole beets were homogenized. All samples were shipped frozen to Xenos Laboratories (Ottawa, Ontario) where they remained frozen until analysis.

Samples were analyzed for residues of glufosinate ammonium, N-acetyl glufosinate and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid using method BK/04/95 (method is similar to HRAV-5A, LOQ = 0.05 ppm all sugar beet matrices). This method does not distinguish between glufosinate ammonium and N-acetyl glufosinate. Apparent residues were less than the LOQ in/on all untreated samples. Residues in/on treated sugar beet and processed commodities are summarized in Table 16. The petitioner indicated that this study was conducted according to GLP standards as specified in 40 CFR except for a few minor exceptions.

Unprocessed sugar beet samples were stored for a maximum of 5 months prior to extraction and analysis (an adequate sugar beet storage stability study cover this interval). Sugar beet samples were stored 2 months prior to processing into pulp, molasses and sugar. The processed samples were stored for 3 months prior to analysis. No storage stability data for sugar beet pulp, molasses or sugar have been submitted.

Table 16: Concentration/Reduction Factors for Sugar Beet Processed Commodities

commodity	ppm <sup>1</sup>			reduction/concentration factors <sup>2</sup>		
	HOE 039866/099730	HOE 061517	total	HOE 039866/099730	HOE 061517	total
Roots	0.228	0.929	1.157	--	--	--
Dried Pulp	0.141	0.585	0.726	0.6	0.6	0.6
Molasses	1.58	6.33	7.91	6.9	6.8	6.8
Refined Sugar	<0.05	<0.05	<0.10	0.1	<0.1	<0.1

<sup>1</sup> concentrations expressed in terms of glufosinate free acid equivalents; HOE 039866 = glufosinate ammonium, HOE 099730 = N-acetyl glufosinate, HOE 061517 = 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid

<sup>2</sup> residues <0.05 ppm were placed at ½ LOQ (0.025 ppm) for determination of reduction/concentration factors

**Summary Sugar Beet Processing Study:** The petitioner has requested a sugar beet molasses tolerance of 5.0 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.

Sugar beets treated three times with Liberty™ Herbicide (2-leaf stage, 6-leaf stage and 8-leaf stage) at 2.5 - 2.7 lbs ai/acre/application (total applied 7.9 lbs ai/acre; 8.3x the maximum proposed seasonal application rate) were harvested 136 days after the final treatment and processed into pulp, molasses and sugar. The combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolites 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate did not concentrate in pulp or sugar but did concentrate 6.8x in molasses. Unprocessed sugar beet samples were stored for 5 months prior to analysis (adequate storage stability study covers this interval). Processed samples were stored for 3 months prior to analysis. No storage stability data for sugar beet pulp, molasses or sugar have been submitted.

The highest average field trial (HAFT) for sugar beet roots was 0.719 ppm (Fayette, OH; MRID 44358603). The maximum combined glufosinate ammonium, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid and N-acetyl glufosinate residue expected in sugar beet molasses, based on the HAFT and the 6.8x concentration factor, is 5.0 ppm.

HED will not be opposed to conditional registration of glufosinate ammonium on transgenic sugar beets. Unconditional registration may be granted upon validation of the three month storage interval for the processed commodities (sugar, pulp and molasses). Pending submission and evaluation of this data, HED concludes that the petitioners proposed sugar beet molasses tolerance of 5.0 ppm, is appropriate.

## POTATO

**MRID 44358612: Glufosinate-Ammonium Derived Residues in Potatoes and Processed Commodities Following Vine Desiccation with Ignite at the Minimum Recommended PHI - USA, 1996:** A single field trial was conducted at Ephrata, Washington. Two plots were established, an untreated control and a treated plot which received a single application of glufosinate ammonium at 2.0 lbs ai/acre (5.3x the maximum single and seasonal application rate). All applications were made with broadcast spray equipment in ~12 gallons of water per acre. Potatoes were harvested 9 days after application using a single row mechanical digger. The samples were shipped frozen to Xenos Laboratories (Ottawa, Ontario) and fresh to Wm. J. Engler and Associates, Inc. (Moses Lake, Washington) for processing into chips, flakes and wet peel.

**Potato Chip Processing:** Potatoes were washed, peeled and cut into ~0.16cm slices. The sliced potatoes were placed in warm water to remove free starch. The slices were drained over a screen to remove excess water and were fried in oil at ~180° C for 90 seconds. The fried potatoes were drained and salted. A sample of the potato chips was collected and placed in the freezer.

**Potato Flake Processing:** Potatoes were washed and batch steamed for 45 seconds (6.0 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>). The steamed potatoes were scrubbed for 30 seconds and the potato peel collected. The collected peel was hydraulically pressed and combined with the cut trim waste and placed in the freezer. The peeled potatoes were cut into ~1.3 cm slabs and sprayed washed to remove free starch. The potato slabs were precooked at ~74° C for 20 minutes and cooled. The cooled potato slabs were steam cooked at ~100° C for 40 minutes, mashed and mixed with an emulsion of food additives. The wet mash was placed in a Overton Single Drum Dryer to dry the wet mash into a thin sheet. The dried potato mash was broken into large flakes by hand and placed on a fluidized bed dryer 3-5 minutes to complete the drying process. The flakes were feed into a hammermill for uniform milling of the finished potato flakes. A sample of the flakes was collected and frozen.

Samples of unprocessed potatoes, potato chips, potato flakes and wet peel were shipped frozen to Xenos Laboratories for analysis. Samples were analyzed for residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite, 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid, using method XAM-24B (LOQ = 0.05 ppm, method is similar to HRAV-5A). Residues in/on treated potatoes and processed commodities are summarized in Table 17. The petitioner indicated that this study was conducted according to GLP standards as specified in 40 CFR except for a few minor exemptions.

Potato samples were processed within two days of collection. Processed and unprocessed potato samples were stored for a maximum of 3 months prior to extraction and analysis. Since processed potato commodities are not substantially different from the unprocessed commodity, the validated storage interval for transgenic sugar beet root samples of 24 months will be considered applicable to both processed and unprocessed potato commodities. The storage intervals for this study are within predetermined limits.

Table 17: Concentration/Reduction Factors for Potato Processed Commodities

commodity	ppm <sup>1</sup>			reduction/concentration factors <sup>2</sup>		
	HOE 039866	HOE 061517	total	HOE 039866	HOE 061517	total
potato	0.641	<0.05	<0.691	--	--	--
potato chips	1.49	<0.05	<1.54	2.3	--	2.3
potato flakes	1.96	<0.05	<2.01	3.1	--	3.0
potato wet peel	0.358	<0.05	<0.408	0.6	--	0.6

<sup>1</sup> concentrations expressed in terms of glufosinate free acid equivalents; HOE 039866 = glufosinate ammonium, HOE 061517 = 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid  
<sup>2</sup> residues <0.05 ppm were placed at 1/2 LOQ (0.025 ppm) for determination of reduction/concentration factors

**Summary Potato Processing Study:** The petitioner has requested a potato flake tolerance of 1.3 ppm and a processed potato tolerance of 1.0 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.

The submitted potato processing study is adequate (MRID 44358612). Potatoes harvested 9 days after a single treatment with glufosinate ammonium at 2.0 lbs ai/acre (5.3x the maximum proposed single and seasonal application rate) were processed into chips, flakes and peel. Glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid did not concentrate in potato peel but did concentrate 2.3x in potato chips and 3.0x in potato flakes.

The HAFT for potatoes was 0.662 ppm (Lee, FL; MRID 44583901). The maximum combined glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid residue expected in potato flakes, based on the HAFT and the 3.0x concentration factor, is 2.0 ppm. The maximum combined glufosinate ammonium and 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid residue expected in potato chips, based on the HAFT and the 2.3x concentration factor, is 1.6 ppm.

HED concludes that the appropriate tolerance in/on potato chips and potato granules/flakes, as a result of the application of glufosinate ammonium to potatoes as defined in this petition, is 1.6 ppm and 2.0 ppm, respectively. The petitioner must submit a revised Section F proposing a potato chip tolerance of 1.6 ppm and a potato granule/flake tolerance of 2.0 ppm for the combined residues of glufosinate ammonium and its metabolite 3-methylphosphinico propionic acid expressed as glufosinate free acid equivalents.

#### **OPPTS GLN 860.1850 & 860.1900: Confined/Field Accumulation in Rotational Crops**

A confined accumulation in rotational crops study has been submitted, reviewed and determined to be adequate (MRID 43766917). Lettuce, radish and spring wheat were planted 28 and 119 days after the soil was treated with glufosinate ammonium at 0.9 lbs ai/acre (MRID 43766917). Based on the levels of extractable residues observed at the 119 day plantback interval, no additional data on rotational crops are required provided a 120 day plant back interval for all crops is placed on the label (D211531 and D219069, M. Rodriguez, 7-Mar-1996). A field rotational crop study performed with winter wheat has been submitted and reviewed (MRID 44432601). Winter wheat was planted 73 - 90 days after the soil was treated with glufosinate ammonium at 0.8 lbs ai/acre. Reported residues on/on treated samples of wheat forage, hay, straw and grain were less than the LOQ (LOQ = 0.05 ppm) (P. Errico [RD], 6-May-1998).

**Conclusions:** The submitted label indicates a 120 day plant back interval for wheat only. The label should be amended to indicate a 120 day plant back interval for all crops except wheat where a 70 day plant back interval is appropriate.

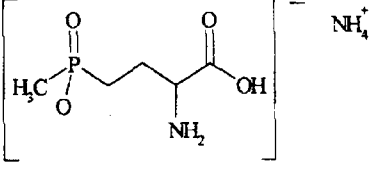
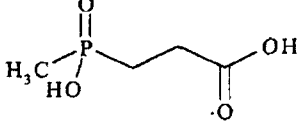
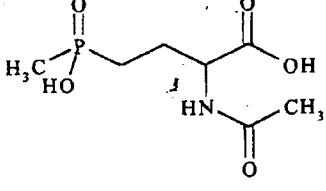
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Attachment 1: Structure of glufosinate-ammonium and its metabolites in potato, transgenic canola and transgenic sugar beet commodities.

Common Name Chemical Name	Structure
<b>glufosinate-ammonium</b> ammonium-DL-homoalanin-4-yl(methyl) phosphinate (HOE 039866)	
<b>3-methylphosphinico propionic acid</b> (HOE 061517)	
<b>N-acetyl-glufosinate</b> 2-acetamido-4-methylphosphinico-butanoic acid (HOE 099730 or HOE 085355) (found only in transgenic crops)	
<b>2-methylphosphinico-acetic acid</b>	