## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Reg. No. 100-607. Ridomil 2E Fungicide (Metalaxyl) on crops grown for seed production only.

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Ciba-Geigy requests that we specify the kind of data that would be required to permit the use of Ridomil 2E fungicide on the following crops grown for seed only: broccoli, cauliflower, cucumber, watermelon, cantaloupe, tomato, lettuce, spinach, cabbage. No tolerances have been established for residues of metalaxyl on the above crops. Ciba-Geigy intends to propose such tolerances in early 1981.

In general we do not consider the use of a pesticide on crops grown for seed only to be a non-food use (L. Bradley, RCB 7/15/80) because of the possibility of treated plants being harvested and used for food or feed before the seed matures and of unused treated seed being diverted to animal feed.

Consequently, tolerances for residues of metalaxyl will have to be established on each of the above crops before Ridomil 2E may be registered for use on these crops grown for seed only.

cc: Metalaxyl SF
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