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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Expedited Review of Residue Data for Residues of Tilt on Grass Screenings Submitted by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

FROM: Anne Lindsay, Acting Director
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TO: William L. Burnam, Acting Director
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The Oregon Department of Agriculture requested a specific exemption for the waiver of the label feeding restriction to allow feeding grass seed crop waste from grass that was treated with propiconazole (Tilt) to control fungal diseases, which is a registered use. Doug Campt denied this request on December 20, 1988. In the telegram denying the exemption request, Doug Campt stated that the Agency was prepared to work with the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Ciba-Geigy to review, as expeditiously as possible, an amendment to the Ciba-Geigy petition 9F3706, for a tolerance of propiconazole and its metabolites in grass hay, and to establish a tolerance under the FFDCA if available residue and toxicology data can support such a tolerance.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has submitted the available residue data for propiconazole and its metabolites in or on grass screenings. The data have recently been forwarded to the Dietary Exposure Branch for review.

FDA has impounded a large quantity of grass screenings that have residues of propiconazole. According to the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the impounded grass screenings have a value in excess of \$30 million; therefore, there is a large amount of political interest. Doug Campt has committed the Agency to review the submitted residue data as quickly as possible. Therefore, the Registration Division is requesting that the Dietary Exposure Branch review the submitted residue data as soon as possible.