must be completed prior to contract employee performance. The contractor shall maintain records associated with all background checks. Background checks cover citizenship or valid visa status, criminal convictions, weapons offenses, felony convictions, and parties prohibited from receiving federal contracts.

Form Numbers: None.
Respondents/affected entities: Private Contractors.
Respondent’s obligation to respond: Required to obtain or retain a benefit under 5 CFR 731.104, 732.201 and 736.102.
Estimated number of respondents: 1,000.
Frequency of response: Annual.
Total estimated burden: 1,000 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).
Total estimated cost: $190,900 (per year), which includes no annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.
Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 450 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This is an adjustment to correct an error made when the current ICR was approved. While the currently approved supporting statement included 1,000 burden hours, this number was incorrectly entered into OMB’s system as 450 hours. The correct hour burden, 1,000 hours, has not changed.

For additional information about EPA’s public docket, visit http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

Abstract: EPA uses contractors to perform services throughout the nation with regard to environmental emergencies involving the release or threatened release of oil, radioactive materials or hazardous chemicals that may potentially affect communities and the surrounding environment. The Agency may request contractors responding to any of these types of incidents to conduct background checks and apply government-established suitability criteria in Title 5 of the CFR (Administrative Personnel), Sections 731.104 (Appointments Subject to Investigation), 732.201 (Sensitivity Level Designations and Investigative Requirements), and 736.102 (Notice to Investigative Sources), when determining whether employees are acceptable to perform on given sites or on specific projects. In addition to emergency response contractors, EPA may require background checks for contractor personnel working in sensitive sites or sensitive projects. The background checks and application of the government’s suitability criteria.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA’s receipt of an application 100–EUP–RRA from Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the termicide Alrisset containing the active ingredient chlorantraniliprole. The Agency has determined that the permit may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, because of the potential significance, EPA is seeking comments on this application.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 8, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2015–0206 by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.
- Hand Delivery: To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about docketing generally, is available at http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Lewis; Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001. Main telephone number: (703) 305–7090; email address: RDFRNotices@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who conduct or sponsor research on pesticides, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. Submitting CBI. Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD–ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD–ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD–ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. Tips for preparing your comments. When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html.

3. Environmental justice. EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticide discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

Under section 5 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. 136c, EPA can allow manufacturers to field test pesticides under development. Manufacturers are required to obtain an EUP before testing new pesticides or new uses of pesticides if they conduct experimental field tests on 10 acres or more of land or one acre or more of water. Pursuant to 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency has determined that the following EUP application may be of regional and national significance, and therefore is seeking public comment on the EUP application:

Submitter: Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC (100–EUP–RRA).

Pesticide Chemical: Chlorantraniliprole.

Summary of Request: Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC has submitted an EUP application for 100–EUP–RRA for the termicide Alrisset containing the active ingredient chlorantraniliprole, to test a defined treatment on or around 100–125 residential and commercial structures infested with subterranean termites. Proposed shipment/use dates are February 1, 2015 through December 1, 2017. The total quantity of product proposed for shipment/use is 510 pounds of formulated product (94 pounds active ingredient). The states involved include Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Following the review of the application and any comments and data received in response to this solicitation, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request, and if issued, the conditions under which it is to be conducted. Any issuance of an EUP will be announced in the Federal Register.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.

Dated: March 26, 2015.

Susan Lewis, Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on the agreements to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within twelve days of the date this notice appears in the Federal Register. Copies of the agreements are available through the Commission’s Web site (www.fmc.gov) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202) 523–5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.

Agreement No.: 012067–011.

Title: U.S. Supplemental Agreement to HLC Agreement.

PARTIES: BBC Chartering & Logistics GmbH & Co. KG; Beluga Chartering GmbH; Chipolbrok; Clipper Projects Ltd; Hyundai Merchant Marine Co., Ltd.; Industrial Maritime Carriers, L.L.C.; Nordana Line A/S; and Rickmers-Linie GmbH & Cie. KG.


Synopsis: The amendment would delete Beluga Chartering GmbH and Clipper Projects Ltd. as parties to the U.S. agreement, change the addresses of...