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FMC Corporation Finds EPA Proposal on Carbofuran Unwarranted

PHILADELPHIA, July 25, 2008 -- FMC Corporation (NYSE: FMC) disagrees with a proposal announced yesterday by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to revoke food tolerances for the pesticide carbofuran. FMC finds the proposal to be highly unusual as well as contrary to the EPA's prior position to maintain imported food tolerances for the product under the re-registration process now underway. FMC believes strongly that carbofuran residue on food does not pose a threat to human health.

“This action is confusing to growers and consumers and is unwarranted,” said John Cummings, North America regulatory manager, FMC Agricultural Products Group. “The EPA did not indicate there was any new information prompting this action and, new information developed by FMC and reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Panel in the re-registration review confirmed our position regarding product safety.”

FMC will respond during the 60-day comment period that commences on July 30, 2008. FMC has proposed a revised product label retaining uses of five crops where there are no viable alternatives for critical pest control. Dietary and aggregate risks to carbofuran are acceptable when the best available science is used, contrary to the exaggerated risks as reported by EPA, said Cummings.

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“This does give us an opportunity to prove this product is safe from a dietary risk standpoint,” said Cummings. “It is our intent to continue to defend our U.S. registration and tolerances.”

Several major grower associations and the USDA support continued use of carbofuran for important uses where there are no alternative products. A USDA benefits analysis submitted to the EPA called for continued registration of the product in the United States.

FMC Corporation is a diversified chemical company serving agricultural, industrial and consumer markets globally for more than a century with innovative solutions, applications and quality products. The company employs approximately 5,000 people throughout the world. The company operates its businesses in three segments: Agricultural Products, Specialty Chemicals and Industrial Chemicals.

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