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\*\*\*\*\*AMENDMENT\*\*\*\*\*

The Environmental Protection Agency hereby **amends** the quarantine exemption authorized on October 12, 2022, under the provisions of Section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, as amended, to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the use of thiamethoxam (CAS No. 153719-23-4), on rice to control the rice delphacid in Texas. This quarantine exemption is amended to correct the expiration date given in the body of the authorization from December 31, 2025 to October 12, 2025, to be consistent with the correct expiration date found in the letter heading of the October 12, 2022 authorization letter.

Accordingly, item (9) and the paragraph under item (9) of the original authorization are amended as follows:

- 9. The specific exemption expires October 12, 2025.

This is the second instance that a Section 18 quarantine exemption has been requested for the use of thiamethoxam (co-formulated with lambda-cyhalothrin) on rice to control rice delphacid by the TDA. This quarantine emergency exemption will allow this use to be effective for three years, with an expiration date of October 12, 2025.

All other conditions set forth in your request dated, July 1, 2022, and the original authorization of October 12, 2022, must be followed.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact Emergency Response Team member, Maya Wheeler at (202) 566-2957; wheeler.maya.b@epa.gov or the Minor Use and Emergency Response Branch, Branch Chief, Eric Bohnenblust at (202)-566-2506; bohnblust.eric@epa.gov.

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