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**Date Issued:** March 19, 2026  
**Effective Date:** March 19, 2026  
**Expiration Date:** March 19, 2029  
**Report Due Dates:** March 19, 2027, March 19, 2028, September 19, 2029  
**File Symbol:** 26TX01

**Attn:** Charlene Farias

The Environmental Protection Agency hereby authorizes a quarantine exemption under the provisions of Section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, as amended, to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the foliar use of buprofezin (CAS Reg. No. 69327-76-0), formulated as the product Courier® SC Growth Regulator, to control rice delphacid infestations on rice fields in Texas. This quarantine exemption is subject to the conditions set forth in your request dated January 13, 2026, as well as the following conditions, modifications, and restrictions:

1. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is responsible for ensuring that all provisions of this quarantine exemption are met. TDA is also responsible for providing information in accordance with 40 CFR 166.32 (b). Accordingly, a report summarizing the results of this program must be submitted to EPA Headquarters and the EPA Region 6 office within 6 months following the expiration of this exemption or prior to requesting another specific exemption for this use. In accordance with 40 CFR 166.32(a), these offices shall also be immediately informed of any adverse effects resulting from the use of this pesticide in connection with this exemption. Any future correspondence in connection with this exemption should refer to file symbol: 26TX01
2. The registered product Courier® SC Insect Growth Regulator (EPA Reg. No. 71711-20, containing 40% buprofezin), manufactured by Nichino America, Inc., may be applied. All applicable directions for use, restrictions, and precautions on the EPA-registered product label including Worker Protection Standards must be followed, as well as those on the

Section 18 use directions, revised on February 27, 2026, except as modified in this authorization.

3. Two foliar applications of Courier® SC Insect Growth Regulator may be made by ground or aerial equipment per crop cycle at a rate of 9.0 - 13.6 fl. oz product/A/crop cycle (0.25 – 0.38 lb ai/A/crop cycle) not to exceed more than 27.2 fl. oz product/A/crop cycle (0.76 lb. ai/A/crop cycle). Do not apply more than 1.52 lb ai per acre per year.
4. A 12-hour restricted entry interval (REI), a 5-day preharvest interval (PHI), and a minimum 5-day retreatment interval (RTI) must be observed.
5. Occupational applicators and other handlers must wear the following baseline personal protective equipment (PPE): long-sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes, and socks, Chemical-resistant gloves made of barrier laminate, butyl rubber ≥ 14 mils, nitrile rubber ≥ 14 mils, neoprene ≥ 4 mils, natural rubbers ≥ 14 mils, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) ≥ 14 mils, or Viton ≥ 14 mils, and protective eyewear (goggles, face shield or safety glasses).
6. A maximum of 195,000 acres of rice may be treated in the following counties in Texas: Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Lavaca, Liberty, Matagorda, Orange, Red River, Robertson, Victoria, Waller, and Wharton.
7. A permanent tolerance is established in 40 CFR §180.511(a) that supports this emergency use.
8. The use season begins March 1, 2026 through November 30, 2026, and each consecutive year for a total of three years.
9. This quarantine exemption expires three years from date of issuance.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact Emergency Response Team member, Stacey Groce via e-mail at [groce.stacey@epa.gov](mailto:groce.stacey@epa.gov), or by phone at 202-566-2715, or the Emergency Response Team Senior Regulatory Specialist, Jennifer Gaines via e-mail at [gaines.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:gaines.jennifer@epa.gov), or by phone at 202-566-2685.

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