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File Symbol: 26TX04

Attn: Charlene Farias

The Environmental Protection Agency hereby issues 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 (TDA) for the use of thiamethoxam (CAS No. 153719-23-4), formulated as the product Centric 40WG (EPA Reg. No. 100-1147), containing 40% thiamethoxam, to eradicate the invasive pasture mealybugs (*Heliococcus novovillei* and *Heliococcus summervillei*) from pasture and rangelands in Texas. This quarantine exemption is subject to the conditions set forth in your request dated July 16, 2026, and the following conditions:

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 final report summarizing the results of this program must be submitted to EPA Headquarters and the EPA Region 6 office 6 months following the expiration of this exemption or prior to requesting another quarantine exemption for this use. Interim reports must be submitted annually by the dates specified above. In accordance with 40 CFR 166.32(a), these offices shall be immediately informed of any adverse effects resulting from the use of these chemicals in connection with this exemption. Refer to file symbol 26TX04 in any future correspondence regarding this exemption.

2. The registered product, Centric 40WG (EPA Reg. No. 100-1147), containing 40% thiamethoxam, manufactured by Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC, 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 outlined in the Section 18 label use directions, unless otherwise modified in this authorization document.
3. Applications of Centric 40WG will occur as required by scouting; observations of pasture mealybug nymphs in pasture and rangeland grasses will guide the specific timing for individual treatments. Make no more than one application per cutting.
4. The product Centric 40WG may be applied by ground or air application equipment. For ground application, use a minimum of 10 gallons of water per acre. For air equipment, use a minimum of 5 gallons of water per acre.
5. Application rates for a single cutting must not exceed a total of 3.44 oz per acre of Centric 40WG product (0.086 lb per acre of ai). Application rates per year must not exceed a total of 10.32 oz per acre of Centric 40WG product (0.258 lb per acre of ai).
6. A pre-harvest interval (PHI) of 7 days will be observed before cutting for hay. A PHI is not required for foraging grasses. A re-entry interval (REI) of 12 hours will be observed after application of Centric 40WG, or greater for other tank-mixed products if they exceed 12 hours.
7. A maximum of 5,000,000 acres of pasture and rangeland grasses may be treated.
8. Time-limited tolerances will be established at, 20 parts per million (ppm) for forage and 6 ppm for hay, to support this quarantine exemption program.
9. The use season for this quarantine exemption is March 1, 2026, through November 30, 2028.
10. This quarantine exemption expires November 30, 2028.

If you have any questions with respect to this authorization, please contact the Emergency Response Team Senior Regulatory Specialist Jennifer Gaines (gaines.jennifer@epa.gov, 202-566-2685).

Sincerely,



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