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A summary of the pertinent findings and recommendations of the inclosed report follows:

A hazard evaluation of candidate insect repellent AI3-36418 was performed by means of laboratory studies using rats, rabbits, and guinea pigs. The technical grade compound caused mild skin irritation, but no eye irritation, no photochemical irritation in rabbits, no sensitization reactions in guinea pigs and did not demonstrate an acute ingestion hazard. It is recommended that AI3-36418, US Department of Agriculture Proprietary Compound, be approved for further testing as a candidate insect repellent.

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1. AUTHORITY.

a. Letter, US Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service, Southern Region, Insects Affecting Man - Research Laboratory, Gainesville, FL, 4 November 1977.

b. Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of the Army; Office of The Surgeon General; the US Army Health Services Command; the US Army Environmental Hygiene Agency; the Armed Forces Pest Control Board; and the US Department of Agriculture, effective 1970 with Amendment No. 1 effective August 1974.

2. REFERENCE. Toxicology Division Procedural Guide, US Army Environmental Hygiene Agency (USAEHA), 1972, revised 1976.

3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this program is to provide guidance for further entomological testing of the candidate insect repellent AI3-36418.

4. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS. A hazard evaluation of the candidate insect repellent AI3-36418, US Department of Agriculture Proprietary Compound, was conducted by this Agency using New Zealand White rabbits for skin and eye studies, Hartley guinea pigs for a skin sensitization study and Sprague-Dawley rats for determination of oral toxicity. A tabular presentation of animal toxicity data developed in this Agency follows.\*†

\* In conducting the studies described in this report, the investigators adhered to the "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals," US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Publication No. (NIH) 74-23, revised 1972 - second printing 1974.

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t The experiments reported herein were performed in animal facilities fully accredited by the American Association for the Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care.

## TABULAR PRESENTATION OF DATA

Test	Results	Interpretation
SKIN IRRITATION STUDIES		
Rabbits		
Single 24-hour application to intact and abraded skin of New Zealand White rab- bits.	Compound AI3-36418 produced mild primary irritation of the intact skin and the skin surrounding an abrasion.	USAEHA Category (ref Appendix)
0.5 ml technical grade compound applied to each of six rabbits.		
EYE IRRITATION STUDIES		
Rabbits		
Single 24-hour application of 0.1 ml technical grade compound to one eye of each of six New Zealand White rabbits.	Compound AI3-36418 did not produce any injury to the cornea and no injury to the conjunctiva in six out of six rabbits.	USAEHA Category ( (ref Appendix)
APPROXIMATE LETHAL DOSE (ALD)		
<u>Oral</u>		
Rats (male) - no diluent	ALD =1500 mg/kg	Presents little lethal hazard from acute accidental ingestion.

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#### Test

#### Results

#### Interpretation

#### PHOTOCHEMICAL SKIN IRRITATION STUDIES

#### Rabbits

A single application (0.05 ml) of a 25 percent (w/v) solution of the compound (AI3-36418) and of a 10 percent oil of Bergamot solution (positive control) in 95 percent ethyl alcohol were applied to the intact skin of six rabbits. Five minutes after application, the rabbits were exposed to UV light (365 nm) for 30 minutes at a distance of 10-15 cm. A 25 percent solution of AI3-36418 in ethanol did not cause a photochemical skin irritation reaction under test conditions. Ethanol solutions caused a very slight erythema reaction on both non-UV and UV skin sites.

Positive control application and irradiation caused greater irritant effects than in unirradiated skin areas. Compound AI3-36418 did not cause a photochemical irritation reaction under test conditions and is not expected to cause a photochemical irritation reaction in humans.

Ethanol solutions of this compound may cause a slight skin reaction in sensitive individuals.

#### Control

Following UV exposures of the rabbits, 0.05 ml of test compound, positive control and diluent were applied to additional skin areas to serve as unirradiated control sites. Application areas were checked for skin irritation at 24, 48 and 72 hours.

Test	Results	Interpretation
SENSITIZATION STUDIES		
<u>Guinea Pigs (male)</u>		
Intradermal injections of 0.1 ml of a 0.1 percent suspension (w/v) of AI3-36418 or of dinitrochlorobenzene (DNCB)* in a mixture containing 1 volume propylene glycol and 29 volumes of saline.		
Ten test guinea pigs re- ceived and challenged with a 0.1 percent solution of AI3-36418.	Challenge dose of test com- pound (last intradermal in- jection) did not produce a sensitization reaction.	Compound AI3-36418 did not produce a sensitization re- action under these
Ten positive control guinea pigs received and challenged with a 0.1 percent sus- pension of DNCB.	Positive control (DNCB) pro- duced a marked sensitization reaction in 10 out of 10 guinea pigs.	test conditions and is not ex- pected to produce a sensitization reaction in humans

\* A known skin sensitizer

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5. CONCLUSION. The candidate insect repellent AI3-36418 has a potential for causing some slight skin irritation, but presents no acute hazard from eye, photochemical, or sensitization contact or from acute ingestion. Some individuals may experience slight skin irritation from ethanol solutions of AI3-36418.

6. RECOMMENDATION. Under the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (paragraph 1b), it is recommended that AI3-36418, USDA Proprietary Compound, be approved for further testing as a candidate insect repellent. The compound should be used with caution around abrasions of the skin. Persons experiencing skin irritation from ethanol solutions should wash the site with copious amounts of water.

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#### APPENDIX

#### TOPICAL HAZARD EVALUATION PROGRAM DEFINITIONS OF CATEGORIES OF COMPOUNDS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ACUTE SKIN APPLICATION

<u>CATEGORY I</u> - Compounds producing no primary irritation of the intact skin or no greater than mild primary irritation of the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: No restriction for acute application to the human skin.)

<u>CATEGORY II</u> - Compounds producing mild primary irritation of the intact skin and the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: Should be used only on human skin found by examination to have no abrasions or may be used as a clothing impregnant.)

<u>CATEGORY III</u> - Compounds producing moderate primary irritation of the intact skin and the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: Should not be used directly on the skin without a prophetic patch test having been conducted on humans to determine irritation potential to human skin. May be used without patch testing, with extreme caution, as clothing impregnants. Compound should be resubmitted in the form and at the intended use concentration so that its irritation potential can be reexamined using other test techniques on animals.)

<u>CATEGORY IV</u> - Compounds producing moderate to severe primary irritation of the intact skin and of the skin surrounding an abrasion and, in addition, producing necrosis, vesiculation and/or eschars. (INTERPRETATION: Should be resubmitted for testing in the form and at the intended use concentration. Upon resubmission, its irritation potential will be reexamined using other test techniques on animals. prior to possible prophetic patch testing in humans, at concentrations which have been shown not to produce primary irritation in animals.)

CATEGORY V - Compounds impossible to classify because of staining of the skin or other masking effects owing to physical properties of the compound. (INTERPRETATION: Not suitable for use on humans.)

EYE CATEGORIES:

A. <u>Compounds noninjurious to the eye</u>. INTERPRETATION: Irritation of human eyes is not expected if the compound should accidentally get into the eyes, provided it is washed out as soon as possible.

B. <u>Compounds producing mild injury to the cornea</u>. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with caution around the eyes.

C. <u>Compounds producing mild injury to the cornea, and in addition some</u> injury to the conjunctiva. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with caution around the eyes and mucosa.

D. <u>Compounds producing moderate injury to the cornea</u>. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution around the eyes.

E. <u>Compounds producing moderate injury to the cornea, and in addition</u> producing some injury to the conjunctiva. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution around the eyes and mucosa.

F. <u>Compounds producing severe injury to the cornea and to the</u> <u>conjunctiva</u>. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution. It is recommended that use be restricted to areas other than the face.

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