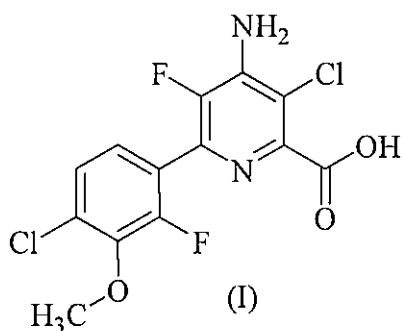


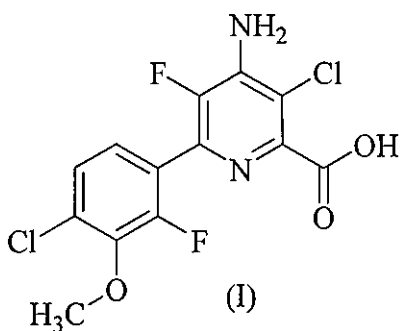
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: CLAIMS

1. A safened herbicidal composition for use in rice comprising a herbicidally effective amount of (a) a benzyl ester of a compound of the formula (I)



- 5 or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof and (b) a safener or a compatible herbicide capable of safening.

2. A method of controlling undesirable vegetation in rice comprising contacting the vegetation or applying to the soil or water adjacent thereto with a safened herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of (a) a benzyl ester of a compound of the formula (I)



- or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof and (b) a safener or a compatible herbicide capable of safening.

3. ~~The composition or method of any of claims 1 or 2, wherein (a) is a C₁₋₄-alkyl or benzyl ester of compound (I).~~

4. ~~The composition or method of any of claims 1-3, wherein (a) is a benzyl ester of compound (I).~~

~~5.3.~~ The composition or method of any of claims 1-~~42~~, wherein (a) is the compound of formula (I), which is the carboxylic acid.

~~6.4.~~ The composition or method of any of claims 1-~~53~~, wherein (b) is a chemical from the quinolinyl oxyacetate family of chemicals, bispyribac-sodium, carfentrazone-ethyl,

5 cyhalofop-butyl, daimuron, dichlormid, dicyclonon, dimepiperate, fenclorim, fluxofenim, furilazole, halosulfuron-methyl, isoxadifen-ethyl, mefenpyr-diethyl, naphthalic anhydride (NA), oxabetrinil, or agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, or mixtures thereof.

~~7.5.~~ The composition or method of any of claims 1-~~64~~, wherein (b) is a chemical from the quinolinyl oxyacetate family of chemicals and is selected from cloquintocet acid, cloquintocet
10 mexyl, cloquintocet triisopropylamine, or cloquintocet dimethylamine.

~~8.6.~~ The composition or method of any of claims 1-~~75~~, wherein the weight ratio of (a) to (b) is from 1:1200 to 300:1.

~~9.7.~~ The composition or method of any of claims 1-~~86~~, wherein the weight ratio of (a) to (b) is from 2:1 to 1:32.

~~10.8.~~ The composition or method of any of claims 1-~~97~~, further comprising an
15 agriculturally acceptable adjuvant or carrier.

~~11.9.~~ The composition or method of any of claims 1-~~108~~, wherein the rice is direct-seeded, water-seeded, or transplanted paddy.

~~12.10.~~ The composition or method of any of claims 1-~~119~~, wherein the rice is a glyphosate, glufosinate, dicamba, phenoxy auxin, pyridyloxy auxin, aryloxyphenoxypropionate, acetyl
20 CoA carboxylase (ACCase) inhibitor, imidazolinone, acetolactate synthase (ALS) inhibitor, 4-hydroxyphenyl-pyruvate dioxygenase (HPPD) inhibitor, protoporphyrinogen oxidase (PPO) inhibitor, triazine, or bromoxynil tolerant rice possessing multiple or stacked traits conferring tolerance to multiple chemistries and/or multiple modes of action.

~~13.11.~~ The method of any of claims 2-~~1210~~, wherein the undesirable vegetation is immature.

~~14.12.~~ The method of any of claims 2-~~1311~~, wherein the (a) and (b) are applied to water.

~~15.13.~~ The method of any of claims 2-~~1412~~, wherein the water is part of a flooded rice
paddy.

~~16-14.~~ The method of any of claims ~~2-15~~13, wherein the (a) and (b) are applied pre-emergently to the weed or the crop.