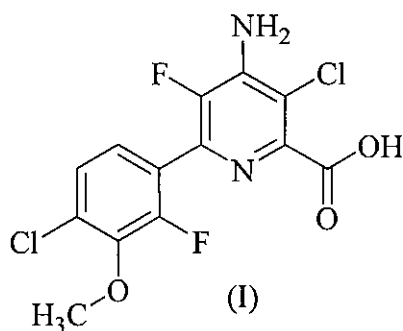


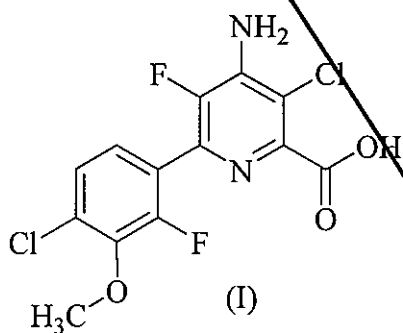
CLAIMS

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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)



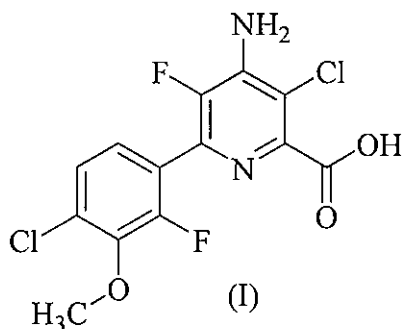
or an agriculturally acceptable salt or ester thereof and (b) a safener or a compatible herbicide capable of safening.

3. The composition or method of any of claims 1-2, wherein (a) is the compound of formula (I), which is the carboxylic acid.
4. The composition or method of any of claims 1-3, wherein (b) is a chemical from the quinolinylloxyacetate family of chemicals, bispyribac-sodium, carfentrazone-ethyl, cyhalofop-butyl, daimuron, dichlormid, dicyclonon, dimepiperate, fenclorim, fluxofenim, furilazole, halosulfuron-methyl, isoxadifen-ethyl, mefenpyr-diethyl, naphthalic anhydride (NA), oxabectinil, or agriculturally acceptable salts, esters, or mixtures thereof.
5. The composition or method of any of claims 1-4, wherein (b) is a chemical from the quinolinylloxyacetate family of chemicals and is selected from cloquintocet acid, cloquintocet mexyl, cloquintocet triisopropylamine, or cloquintocet dimethylamine.
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7. The composition or method of any of claims 1-6, wherein the weight ratio of (a) to (b) is from 2:1 to 1:32.
8. The composition or method of any of claims 1-7, further comprising an agriculturally acceptable adjuvant or carrier.
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10. The composition or method of any of claims 1-9, wherein the rice is a glyphosate, glufosinate, dicamba, phenoxy auxin, pyridyloxy auxin, aryloxyphenoxypropionate, acetyl 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.
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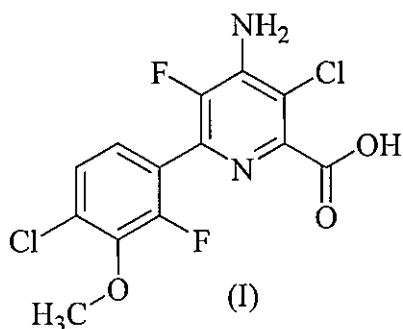
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