



California Notice 2022-07

TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: COMPANY NAME CHANGES AND VOLUNTARY CANCELLATIONS OF PESTICIDE PRODUCT REGISTRATIONS

The Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR's) Pesticide Registration Branch (PRB) is responsible for evaluating and registering all pesticide products prior to their sale and use in California. Pesticide registration in California is complex and requires many steps. PRB is evaluating which processes can be effectively streamlined to reduce overall registration processing timeframes. Two processes that have been identified are company name changes and voluntary cancellations. The revised procedures for these two processes will reduce paperwork and processing timeframes for registrants and PRB.

Effective, April 1, 2022, the following revisions to these procedures will be implemented.

COMPANY NAME CHANGES

If a company changes its name but there is no change in ownership, the registrant must submit paperwork to PRB that reflects the new company name. Pursuant to Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) section 6154 states, "Change of the name of a registrant may be made without additional fee by submission of the following papers to the director: (a) The current certificate of registration; (b) A new completed application form; and (c) An affidavit of no change of business ownership."

Currently, PRB requires registrants to submit a new application and affidavit for each product registered by the company for which the registrant wants to request a company name change. Gathering and processing these documents is time-consuming for the registrant and PRB. **Under the revised procedures, a registrant will no longer need to submit a separate company name change request for each registered product.**

Under the revised process, a registrant will need to submit the following documents to PRB for a company name change request:

- An Application for Pesticide Registration (Form [DPR-REG-030](https://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/newappl/dpr-reg-030.pdf)) <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/newappl/dpr-reg-030.pdf> with the California registration action (Section 10) "Change of Company Name Only" box checked, and product brand name and registration number sections left blank.
- An Affidavit of No Change in Ownership for Pesticide Product Registrants (Form [DPR-REG-009](https://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/amendform/apv-2.pdf)) <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/amendform/apv-2.pdf>
- U.S. EPA documentation confirming the company name change
- A cover letter or [DPR-provided template](https://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/amendform/company_name_change_template.p) <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/amendform/company_name_change_template.p

df> identifying either all currently registered products in California will undergo the company name change or, if not all products will undergo the company name change, identifying specific products by listing the product brand names and registration numbers that will undergo a company name change.

A registrant will no longer need to submit:

- A Confidential Statement of Formula (U.S. EPA Form 8570-4) or Product Formulation Information (pages 5-6 of DPR REG-030) with the application for a company name change unless there are formulation changes. DPR will assume the formulation it has on file remains the same.
- An updated Notice of Supplemental Distribution of a Registered Pesticide Product (U.S. EPA Form 8570-5) reflecting the new company name for supplemental distributor products.

If not all products will undergo the company name change at the same time, the registrant must submit a separate application, affidavit, and cover letter or [DPR-provided template](https://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/amendform/company_name_change_template.pdf) <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/amendform/company_name_change_template.pdf> for each subsequent change.

The PRB Licensing unit will process all company name changes. The registrant can e-mail the company name change request to <PRBLicensingMail@cdpr.ca.gov> instead of mailing hard copy documents. No fee is required for a company name change only request. The Regulatory Scientist will no longer process submissions that involve only company name changes but will continue to process any revised labels and/or formulations that are associated with the company name change. No amendment fee is required if the only change to the label is the new company name. See “Company Name Changes with Product Amendments (Label and Formulation Changes)” below.

After the new company name is accepted by PRB, the registrant is required to list the new company name on any application for new product registrations, amendments, or notifications.

COMPANY NAME CHANGES WITH PRODUCT AMENDMENTS (LABEL AND FORMULATION CHANGES)

Company name change only submissions will be processed separately from product amendments (label and/or formulation changes). If the registrant is submitting an amendment to the label or formulation in addition to a company name change, the following will need to be submitted:

- An Application for Pesticide Registration (Form [DPR-REG-030](https://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/newappl/dpr-reg-030.pdf)) <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/newappl/dpr-reg-030.pdf> with the California registration action (Section 10) “Change of Company Name Only” box checked, and product brand name and registration number sections left blank.
- An Affidavit of No Change in Ownership for Pesticide Product Registrants (Form [DPR-REG-009](https://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/amendform/apv-2.pdf)) <cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/amendform/apv-2.pdf>
- U.S. EPA documentation confirming the company name change
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For each product amendment (label and formulation changes):

- A separate Application to Amend Pesticide Product (Form [DPR-REG-035](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/amendform/dpr-reg-035.pdf)) <[cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/amendform/dpr-reg-035.pdf](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms/amendform/dpr-reg-035.pdf)>
- Application fee
- Six (6) copies of the proposed label
- Data to support the new claims on the pesticide product label or reference to data and/or substantially similar product(s)
- Copy of the most current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stamp-accepted label and acceptance/correspondence letter
- Copy of U.S. EPA's Notification Submission (EPA Form 8570-1) to support other label changes not addressed by the stamp-accepted label (if applicable)
- For alternate and/or formulation changes, either (1) the Product Formulation Information (PFI); or, (2) a copy of the alternate and/or revised Confidential Statement of Formula (CSF) and U.S. EPA's acceptance/correspondence letter (if unavailable, please state reason in cover letter)

The registrant must continue to mail in hard copies for product amendments. Refer to PRB's "Forms and Instructions" Website at <<https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms.htm>> for the amendment checklist and application forms.

To facilitate the processing of company name change only submissions received prior to April 1, 2022, the Regulatory Scientist will request the company to complete the DPR-provided template.

VOLUNTARY CANCELLATIONS

PRB will no longer send registrants a supplemental license identifying products that were voluntarily canceled. However, PRB will continue sending the registrant a letter notifying them that their request to voluntarily cancel the registration of a pesticide product has been processed. If a company would like to voluntarily cancel the registration of a pesticide product, refer to "Changes After Product Registration" Website at <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/changes_after_registration.htm>.

PRB provides stakeholders with several reference documents including guides and checklists for product registration, amendment, and notification. These references can be found on DPR's Website at <<https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/references.htm>>.

If you have questions regarding these updated processes, please contact the Pesticide Registration Branch Ombudsman, Mr. Aron Lindgren, at Registration.Ombudsman@cdpr.ca.gov or 916-324-3563.

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