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California Notice 2021-04

TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: EXPEDITING OF CERTAIN DISINFECTANT PRODUCTS ENDING

In response to SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) began expediting applications for registration of disinfectant products that appear on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) List N: Disinfectants for Use against SARS-CoV-2 (see California Notice 2020-03). DPR also began expediting applications for registration of alternate brand name and supplemental distributor products associated with products on U.S. EPA's List N. Since April 2020, DPR has expedited more than 700 applications for registration and amendment of disinfectant products on List N.

Disinfectant products are now more readily available in the marketplace, and numerous new disinfectant products are available for all consumers, including the general public and healthcare providers. In addition to publicly available disinfectants, guidelines for cleaning and disinfection are available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Web site at <https://www.cdc.gov/>. Consistent with this guidance, U.S. EPA recently released the policy bulletin, "EPA Updates Disinfectant Policy to Align with CDC Science," stating the risk of being infected with COVID-19 by touching contaminated surfaces is low and there are now hundreds of registered products available for surface disinfection. U.S. EPA's policy bulletin can be found at <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USAEPAPPT/bulletins/2d5b5f3>.

Effective immediately, DPR will no longer be expediting applications for registration of disinfectant products that address surface transmission of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) and that are on List N. Submissions received and postmarked prior to the date of this California Notice will still be expedited, per DPR's previous policy. DPR will continue to expedite novel COVID-19 related products, such as those that kill airborne SARS-CoV-2.

DPR will consider requests to expedite any application to register a pesticide product. Requests should be submitted to the Pesticide Registration Branch Chief and should include sufficient justification about why the requested application should be placed ahead of other application submissions currently under review.

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If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the Pesticide Registration Ombudsman, Mr. Aron Lindgren at <Registration.Ombudsman@cdpr.ca.gov> or by telephone at 916-324-3563.

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