NOTICE REGARDING INITIATION OF RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS
FOR THE NEW ACTIVE INGREDIENT
IODOMETHANE

This notice informs the applicant for California registration of pesticide products containing the new active ingredient iodomethane that the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is initiating the risk assessment process for iodomethane.

Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) sections 13121-13130 require DPR to review the toxicology database of all pesticide active ingredients. In addition, before a substance is registered as a pesticide for the first time, FAC section 12824 requires DPR to conduct a thorough evaluation. FAC section 12824 also requires DPR to endeavor to eliminate from use in California any pesticide that endangers the agricultural or nonagricultural environment. DPR identified iodomethane as having potential significant adverse health effects in studies of sufficient quality to allow risk characterization. During the risk assessment process, DPR evaluates the significance of the adverse effects. If DPR decides that use of, or certain uses of, the active ingredient iodomethane result in a significant adverse effect, action must be taken to mitigate the adverse effect.

When DPR identifies definitive toxicity and exposure studies and endpoints of toxicological significance, you will be informed of those studies/endpoints and given an opportunity to provide comments.

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