PUBLIC REPORT RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF PESTICIDE PRODUCT REGISTRATIONS FOR 2004

Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) sections 12817 et seq., the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) proposes to renew registrations for the calendar year 2004 of those pesticide products registered in 2003 (California Notice 2003-8).

FAC section 12824 provides that “All pesticides for which renewal of registration is sought...shall be evaluated in accordance with this section” and provides that DPR “shall develop an orderly program for the continuous evaluation of all pesticides actually registered.” To implement and interpret those provisions of FAC section 12824, DPR established the renewal and reevaluation process. Title 3, California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 6215 and 6220-6226, respectively. Section 6215 requires applicants for renewal to submit a statement indicating that the applicant for renewal has complied with the adverse effects disclosure provisions of CCR section 6210. Section 6220 requires DPR to investigate all reports indicating that the use of a registered pesticide may have caused or is likely to cause a significant adverse impact to people or the environment. If, after investigation, DPR determines that a significant adverse impact to people or the environment has occurred or is likely to occur, DPR must reevaluate the pesticide involved.

The registrations of pesticide products are subject to renewal upon the registrant’s submission of prescribed fees and a statement that the registrant has complied with the adverse effects disclosure provisions of CCR section 6210, except when the Director, after hearing, has canceled the registration of, or refused to register, a pesticide product.

All pesticide products registered for use in California are a matter of public record and presently comprise a list of approximately 12,000 products. A listing of California-registered pesticide products can be viewed or downloaded from DPR’s database at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/labelque.htm>.

In 2003, DPR initiated the reevaluation process for agricultural use pesticide products containing the active ingredient diazinon and pesticide products containing oryzalin that are intended for use around bearing almond trees. DPR concluded no reevaluations in 2003.

Applicants submit applications to register new pesticide products throughout the year. DPR reviews these applications for completeness and legal requirements. DPR scientists evaluate the complete applications and accompanying required data. DPR notifies other State agencies when applications enter into the evaluation phase of the process. These agencies include the Air Resources Board, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Integrated Waste Management Board, State Water Resources Control Board, Departments of Toxic Substances Control, Department of Food and Agriculture, Department of Industrial Relations, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Health Services, Structural Pest Control Board, and University of
California, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and County Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association. These agencies may review the information and data submitted, and raise concerns about the applications at any time, or at scheduled meetings of the Pesticide Registration and Evaluation Committee (PREC). PREC meetings are open to the public. Issues relating to pesticide use and effects are discussed at PREC meetings. Information regarding the PREC and past meeting agenda and minutes can be found through the following Internet address: http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/prec/precmenu.htm.

In separate actions during 2003, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, published notices regarding voluntary or other cancellation actions on pesticides or their use. These actions were published in the Federal Register throughout the year and are available through the U.S. Government Printing Office, at public libraries, or through the following Internet address: <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>.

Any comments relating to the proposed decision to renew the registrations of pesticide products for 2004 should be received no later than December 24, 2003 and mailed to:

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