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 2009 of those pesticide products registered in 2008 (California Notice 2008-09).

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. CCR 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. CCR 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 13,162 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/lablel/lableque.htm>.

In 2008, DPR initiated two new reevaluations. On January 18, 2008, DPR placed certain pesticide products intended for use in field fumigation and containing one or more of the following active ingredients: methyl bromide, 1,3-dichloropropene, chloropicrin, metam-sodium, metam-potassium, dazomet, and sodium tetrathiocarbonate into reevaluation. On June 25, 2008, DPR placed three sulfuryl fluoride containing products intended for structural fumigation into reevaluation. In 2008, DPR concluded the reevaluation of pesticide products containing methyl bromide that are intended for use as a soil applied fumigants. Information regarding ongoing reevaluations can be found on DPR’s website at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/reevals.htm>.
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 public agencies, which have jurisdiction by law over the use of pesticides or over activities, or resources, which may be affected by the use of pesticides when applications enter into the evaluation phase of the process. 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 Public 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 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), 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>. DPR monitors such federal cancellation actions. Once registrant sales of existing stock provisions allowed by U.S. EPA have expired, the product can no longer be registered for sale in California.

Any comments relating to the proposed decision to renew the registrations of pesticide products for 2009 should be submitted no later than December 22, 2008, and mailed to:

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