Emergency Regulation Designating Dazomet and Potassium N-methyldithiocarbamate Restricted Materials

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Effective Date
On November 20, 2000, the Office of Administrative Law filed an emergency regulation with the Office of the Secretary of State designating dazomet and Potassium N-methyldithiocarbamate (metam-potassium) restricted materials when used for the production of agricultural plant commodities. This emergency action shall remain in effect through March 2001. The Department of Pesticide Regulation proposes to file a Notice of Regulatory Adoption with the Office of Administrative Law for this emergency regulation.
The determination to designate dazomet and metam-potassium as restricted materials was based on the materials’ tendency to decompose forming MITC and other volatile gases. MITC is moderately toxic with regard to short-term exposures; however, when it degrades due to photolysis, the chemical methyl isocyanate (MIC) is formed. MIC is known to be reactive and can be acutely toxic to humans and animals.

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