2018 Pesticide Safety Information Series (PSIS) Updates

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Background

• DPR developed the Pesticide Safety Information Series (PSIS) Leaflets in the 70’s and 80’s.

• Leaflets used as a training aid for pesticide handlers and fieldworkers.
• Regulation requires employers of pesticide handlers and fieldworkers to use these leaflets to provide hazard communication information and to be a part of their training.

• Leaflets contain vital information for pesticide handlers and fieldworkers on pesticide safety in accordance with state pesticide worker safety regulations and pesticide labels.

• Leaflets are available on DPR’s website in English, Spanish, and Punjabi.
Two series of leaflets:

- “A” Series covers agricultural settings
- “N” Series covers non-agricultural settings
2015 Revisions

Revised for clarity, to improve accessibility, and to allow for leaflets to be more easily updated.
2018 Revisions

• Reorganized to improve ease of understanding.

• Language was updated to include recent changes to state pesticide worker safety regulations.
2018 Revisions

PSIS A1 revisions reflect changes to

• training requirements for fieldworkers and handlers
• hazard communication requirements for fieldworkers and handlers
• fieldworker and handler decontamination facility requirements
• personal protective equipment (PPE) exemptions
• minimum age requirements
2018 Revisions

PSIS N1 revisions reflect changes to

- training requirements for handlers
- hazard communication requirements for handlers
- handler decontamination facility requirements
- PPE exemptions
2018 Revisions

PSIS A3 and N3 revisions reflect changes to

• enclosed cab definition
• PPE exemptions
• closed system regulations
2018 Revisions

PSIS A4 and N4 revisions reflect changes to

- training requirements for fieldworkers and handlers
- requirements for emergency medical care
- fieldworker and handler decontamination facility requirements
2018 Revisions

PSIS A6 and N6 revisions reflect changes to

• PPE Exemptions
2018 Revisions

PSIS A7 and N7 revisions reflect changes to

• training requirements for fieldworkers and handlers
2018 Revisions

PSIS A8 and N8 revisions reflect changes to

- training requirements
- hazard communication
- decontamination facility requirements
- application-specific information
- emergency medical care
- minimum age requirements
PSIS A9 revisions reflect changes to

- training requirements
- hazard communication
- decontamination facility requirements
- early entry requirements
- requirements for notice of application and completed applications
2018 Revisions

PSIS A9 revisions also reflect changes to:

- requirements for field work during a pesticide application and for field entry after an application
- application-specific information
- field posting requirements
- emergency medical care
- minimum age requirements
The Proposition 65 list of pesticides known by the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity has also been updated.
Important Dates

- October 15 – Posted notice of revised leaflets for comment for 45 days
- November 28 – End of public posting and comment period
- January 1 – Post revised leaflets to DPR’s website
Questions?

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