

TEXT OF FINAL REGULATIONS

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TITLE 3. CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
DIVISION 6. PESTICIDES AND PEST CONTROL OPERATIONS
CHAPTER 3. PEST CONTROL OPERATIONS
SUBCHAPTER 3. PESTICIDE WORKER SAFETY
ARTICLE 2. GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Amend section 6728 to read:

6728. Medical Supervision.

(a) Whenever an employee mixes, loads, or applies a pesticide with the signal word "DANGER" or "WARNING" that contains an organophosphate or carbamate, for the commercial or research production of an agricultural plant commodity, the employer shall maintain use records that identify the employee, name of the pesticide, and the date of use. The original or copies of documents otherwise required to be maintained by this chapter may be used to meet the requirements of this section provided they contain the information required by this section.

(b) Each employer who has an employee that regularly handles pesticides specified in (a) shall have a written agreement signed by a physician registered as a medical supervisor with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 105206, that includes the names and addresses of both the physician providing the medical supervision and the employer responsible for the employees, stating that the physician has agreed to provide medical supervision and that the physician possesses a copy of, and is aware of the contents of the document "Medical Supervision of Pesticide Workers-Guidelines for Physicians" (available from the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment). A copy of this agreement shall be given to the commissioner by the employer no later than when an employee begins to regularly handle pesticides specified in (a).

(c) The employer's responsibilities for medical supervision for employees regularly handling pesticides specified in (a) shall include the following:

(1) All covered employees shall have baseline red cell and plasma cholinesterase determinations. Baseline must be established after a period of at least 30 days during which the employee has had no exposure to organophosphate or carbamate pesticides. Baseline values shall be verified every two years. For new employees, the medical supervisor may accept previously established baseline values if they are obtained in accordance with these regulations by the same laboratory methodology and are acceptable to the laboratory which will analyze the new employee's blood samples.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 12981, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Sections 12980 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code; and Section 105206, Health and Safety Code.