



California Notice 2013-09

TO: PESTICIDE PRODUCT REGISTRANTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF CALIFORNIA-ONLY PESTICIDE PRODUCTS WITH AMENDED LABELING

Effective immediately, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) will allow a registrant to continue to sell and distribute in California any California-only pesticide product bearing the previously DPR-approved version of an amended label for 18 months from the date the latest amended label was accepted by DPR. This policy applies only to product labels voluntarily amended by the registrant. It does not apply to label amendments required by DPR or any other governmental entity.

Background

Issued on October 17, 2012, CA Notice 2012-12 stated that DPR would allow a registrant to continue to sell and distribute in California, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) registered pesticide product bearing a previously DPR-approved version of an amended product label, provided the sale is consistent with U.S. EPA's existing stocks provisions. This policy did not address pesticide products required to be registered in California, that are not required to be registered with the U.S. EPA.

DPR understands that, as with federally registered pesticide products, requiring registrants of California-only pesticide products to stop selling product bearing the previously accepted label immediately after approval of the new amended label creates the potential for a substantial disruption of the channels of trade and financial loss resulting from the inability to sell existing product inventory bearing the previously approved label.

Sales and distribution of amended labels for California-only registered products

Effective immediately, DPR will allow a registrant to continue to sell and distribute in California any California-only pesticide product bearing the previously DPR-approved version of the amended label for 18 months from the date the latest amended version of the label was accepted by DPR. This policy only applies to product labels voluntarily amended by the registrant, and does not apply to label amendments required by DPR or any other governmental entity for which a different deadline has been established.



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