NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION REGARDING RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF PESTICIDE PRODUCTS FOR 2016

The Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), under Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) §6255, files this notice of final decision regarding the 2015 renewal of pesticide product registrations with the Secretary of the Resources Agency to be posted for a period of 30 days for public inspection. DPR initially proposed to renew the registrations of pesticide products for the calendar year 2016 by posting a notice, dated October 1, 2015, for public review and comment under 3 CCR §6253.

Statutory and Regulatory Framework

DPR endeavors to eliminate from use any pesticide product that endangers the environment, is not beneficial for the purpose for which it was sold, or is misrepresented. Before a substance is initially registered as a pesticide, DPR conducts a thorough and timely evaluation (Food and Agricultural Code §12824). Once a pesticide is registered, the pesticide is subject to an orderly program of continuous reevaluation as set forth in regulation (Food and Agricultural Code §12824; 3 CCR §§6220-6226.).

Pesticide registrations expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued and a registrant must submit a renewal application and fee within one month of the December 31 expiration date (Food and Agricultural Code §12817). A completed renewal application includes a certification by the registrant stating any factual or scientific evidence of an adverse effect or risk of the pesticide to human health or the environment has been submitted to DPR (3 CCR §6210). Upon the receipt of a complete and timely application, DPR is required to renew each pesticide registration within 60 days except when the Director, after hearing, has cancelled the registration of, or denied the application to register the pesticide product (Food and Agricultural Code §§12816, 12825, 12827; 3 CCR §6215).

The registration renewal process is separate from the reevaluation process. Products under reevaluation are renewed regardless of reevaluation status. For products not in reevaluation, the Director must make a finding at the time of renewal that there is insufficient information to place such products into reevaluation (3 CCR §6215). At any time, DPR may conduct a reevaluation of a registered pesticide based on information derived from various sources, including public and private research studies; consultation with the Pesticide Registration and Evaluation Committee and U.S. EPA; adverse effects disclosures; and public comments. If the Director finds a significant adverse impact has occurred, is likely to occur, or there is an alternative available that would reduce an impact, the pesticide involved must be reevaluated (3 CCR §6220). During a reevaluation, DPR may determine a pesticide should be classified as a restricted material, additional restrictions on use are necessary, or cancellation should be initiated (3 CCR §6224).
Similar determinations could be made as a result of the continuous evaluation required by other statutory mandates. Information regarding reevaluation can be found on DPR’s Web site at <http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/reevals.htm>.

Comments Received in Response to the Notice of Proposed Decision


**Director’s Finding**

At this point in time, the Director finds that for all pesticides proposed for renewal that are not currently under reevaluation, sufficient information has not been received necessitating their reevaluation or the initiation of the cancellation process.

The Director’s decision to renew the registrations of those pesticide products registered in 2015 for the calendar year 2016 is therefore adopted under Food and Agricultural Code §12817.

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