FINAL DECISION TO RENEW PESTICIDE PRODUCT REGISTRATIONS
THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF 2018

The Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), under Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) section 6255, files this Notice of Final Decision to Renew Pesticide Product Registrations Through the Remainder of 2018 with the Secretary of the Resources Agency to be posted for a period of thirty (30) days for public inspection.

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 pesticide is initially registered, DPR conducts a thorough and timely scientific evaluation. Once a pesticide is registered, the pesticide is subject to an orderly program of continuous evaluation. (Food and Agricultural Code section 12824.)

Pesticide registrations expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued. To renew its pesticide registrations, a registrant must submit a completed renewal application and fee within one month of the December 31 expiration date. (Food and Agricultural Code section 12817.) A completed renewal application includes a certification by the registrant stating that it submitted any factual or scientific evidence of an adverse effect or risk of the pesticide to human health or the environment to DPR. (3 CCR section 6210.) Upon the receipt of a complete and timely application, DPR is required to renew each pesticide registration within sixty (60) days, except when the Director, after hearing, cancelled the registration of, or denied the application to register the pesticide product. (Food and Agricultural Code sections 12816, 12825, 12827; 3 CCR section 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 section 6215.) At any time, DPR may commence an investigation into 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 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, adverse effects disclosures, and public comments. A pesticide must be reevaluated if, after investigating the information received, the Director finds a significant adverse impact has occurred, is likely to occur, or there is an alternative available that would reduce an impact. (3 CCR section 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 section 6224.) Information regarding reevaluation can be found on DPR’s Web site at <http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/reevals.htm>.

**Comment Received in Response to the Notice of Proposed Decision**

In response to DPR’s *Notice of Proposed Decision to Renew Pesticide Product Registrations Through the Remainder of 2018, Director’s Finding and Public Report* (California Notice 2018-14), DPR received one comment, from Mr. David Howland. The original comment and DPR’s response to the comment can be viewed on DPR’s Web site at <http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/canot/camenu.htm>.

Mr. David Howland inquired whether DPR’s Notice of Proposed Decision to Renew Pesticide Product Registrations through the Remainder of 2018 pertains to pesticides containing the active ingredient glyphosate. On August 22, 2018, DPR responded to Mr. Howland’s comment and informed him that it is renewing all pesticide products that expired on December 31, 2017 and that were previously renewed for the year 2018, including products containing glyphosate.

**Director’s Finding**

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

The Director’s decision to renew the registrations of those pesticide products registered in 2017 for the remainder of the 2018 calendar year is therefore adopted under Food and Agricultural Code section 12817.

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