TO: PESTICIDE REGISTRANTS AND APPLICANTS

SUBJECT: DISCONTINUANCE OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR CONFIRMATORY EFFICACY DATA FOR ANTIMICROBIAL PESTICIDE PRODUCTS

Effective immediately, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation will no longer require the submission of confirmatory efficacy data for antimicrobial products.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) requires confirmatory efficacy data for certain disinfectant and sanitizer products when an applicant cites previously submitted efficacy data to support a new product registration or a product amendment. U.S. EPA’s confirmatory efficacy data requirements can be found on its website at http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/dis_tss_docs/dis-05.htm. Confirmatory efficacy data are required on the applicant’s finished product to demonstrate the applicant’s ability to produce an effective product. California will no longer require confirmatory efficacy data.

Antimicrobial applications that are currently in-house for the evaluation of confirmatory efficacy data will be returned to the designated registration specialist and processed. Confirmatory efficacy data that has not yet been reviewed, will be shredded, or at the request of the registrant, returned.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Kubiak, Ombudsman for the Registration Branch at (916) 324-3939 or by email at rkubiak@cdpr.ca.gov.

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