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TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders

SUBJECT: Amendments, Notifications, and Non-Notifications

This notice clarifies the scope of label or formulation changes accepted by amendment, notification, or non-notification for all pesticide products registered by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). These criteria pertain to all pesticide products, including California-only products such as adjuvants. This notice supersedes DPR's previous California Notice 2002-1, titled California Notification Process Revised PDF, and is effective immediately.

Pending Amendment Submissions

Amendment applications submitted prior to the issuance of this notice and currently under review will continue to be evaluated and processed in accordance with existing procedures and regulations. DPR will not issue refunds for pending submissions that include changes now classified under the newly established non-notification criteria. However, amendment submissions received before the effective date that now meet the new notification or non-notification criteria will not require DPR approval prior to product distribution or sale in California.

Registrants may elect to withdraw their submission if the proposed changes to the label and/or formulation fall within the newly established non-notification criteria. DPR will not issue refunds for any withdrawn submissions. All amendment applications submitted on or after the issuance of this notice will be reviewed in accordance with the criteria established by this notice.

Please note: The criteria for allowing changes by amendment, notification, and non-notification are similar, but not identical, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) process.

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I. Background

Once a pesticide product is registered by DPR, a registrant can revise a product label or formulation using three different methods provided certain criteria are met: (1) amendment; (2) notification; or (3) non-notification. The California amendment and notification processes differ from those used by U.S. EPA. The applicant must first amend their product label with U.S. EPA before it can be submitted to DPR for acceptance, unless the changes qualify for concurrent review or qualify as a non-notification with U.S. EPA. See examples of each below.

Amendment

Label or formulation amendments must be reviewed and accepted by DPR prior to distribution and sale in California. Label and formulation changes that do not meet the criteria in Sections III and IV (notification) or V (non-notification) below must be submitted as an amendment. Examples of label changes that fall under amendment are generally FIFRA-related such as the addition of pests, crops, use sites, or revision of use rates, signal word, precautionary statements, and revising or adding a product formulation. Label and formulation changes that fall under amendment are found in Section II.

Notification

Label or formulation changes submitted through DPR's notification process allows the registrant to distribute and sell in California the revised product label/formulation once the notification is received by DPR. DPR limits revisions allowed through this process. Examples of label changes that fall under notification include change in non-FIFRA related elements, deletion of pests or use sites or adding graphics. Label and formulation changes that fall under notification are found in Sections III and IV.

Any product distributed or sold with a changed label or formula before DPR receives the notification submission is considered not in compliance and subject to enforcement action.

A product distributed or sold with a changed label or formula that was submitted through the DPR notification process, but does not comply with the criteria, is considered unregistered and subject to enforcement action.

Non-Notification

If the label or formulation change falls under the scope of non-notification, the registrant does not need to submit the change to DPR for review and may immediately release the revised product label/formulation for distribution and sale. DPR limits the revisions that are allowed through this process. Examples of changes that are allowed by non-notification include changes in label design and changes to registrant's name and address on the label. Label and formulation changes that fall under non-notification are found in Section V.

A product distributed or sold with a changed label or formulation that was not submitted to DPR but does not comply with the criteria for non-notification, is considered unregistered and subject to enforcement action.

II. Label and Formulation Changes Allowed by DPR Amendment Process

The following changes must be submitted under the amendment process.

- A. Substantial FIFRA-related changes, including the following:
 - a. Adding pests, crops, method(s) of application unless qualified as not registered for use by California
 - b. Revising first aid, precautionary language, directions for use (excluding changes encompassed in Sections III or IV)
- B. Increase or decrease of percentage of active ingredient(s)
- C. Changes in packaging for rodenticides
- D. Adding alternate confidential statement(s) of formulation
- E. Any changes that do not fall under sections III, IV, and V

III. Label Changes Allowed by DPR Notification Process

The following changes may be submitted under the notification process.

A. Deleting Pests or Use Sites and Associated Claims

Pests or use sites can be deleted, provided that all other label references pertaining to the deleted pest or use site are also deleted.

B. Adding Uses or Pests When Qualified as Not Registered for Use by California

Uses and pests may be added as a notification if they contain the following California-specific restriction statements.

- “Not registered for use by California”
- “Not registered for use on [insert commodity] by California”
- “Not registered for use by California for Use in [insert Counties]”

These statements qualify as a non-notification with U.S. EPA as long as the use/pest is already registered at U.S. EPA. Refer to [California Notice 2024-10](https://cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/California-Notice-2024-10.pdf) <cdpr.ca.gov/wp-

<content/uploads/2024/10/ca2024-10.pdf>>, Clarification on “Not Registered For Use by CA” and Similar Statements on Pesticide Labels for more information.

DPR will also allow registrants to add variations of California-specific use/pest restrictions by notification such as “Not for Use in California” if the language has already been accepted on the U.S. EPA label.

Note: If a registrant wants to remove California-specific restrictions associated with a pest or use site, the change must be submitted through DPR’s amendment process.

C. Adding Indoor Non-Food Sites for Certain Antimicrobial Products

Indoor non-food sites for antimicrobial products can be added by notification as allowed by U.S. EPA's latest pesticide registration notice titled *Notifications, Non-Notifications and Minor Formulation Amendments*. These additions can be made provided that no additional data were required by U.S. EPA, exposure is not increased, sites are within an already registered use pattern for the product, a directive does not prohibit it, the technical product label does not prohibit it, and the dosage, concentration, frequency, contact time, surface type, and method of application are unchanged.

D. Adding or Including Label Statements Specified in U.S. EPA Pesticide Registration Notices

Label statements specified in U.S. EPA Pesticide Registration (PR) Notices, or otherwise generally mandated by U.S. EPA that are not otherwise encompassed in Section II, IV, and V may be submitted by notification, provided that the exact language is used. For example, storage and disposal statements that comply with PR-Notices 83-3 and 84-1, as revised by PR Notices 2007-1 (Residential Disposal Instructions) and 2007-4 (Container/Containment Instructions) are allowed by notification. Also allowed are statements that comply with U.S. EPA Worker Protection Standard (WPS). It may be necessary for DPR to make exceptions as new PR-Notices are issued.

E. Adding Symbols or Graphics

Symbols and graphics can be added by notification, but cannot substitute for, or conflict with, the label text and cannot be false or misleading.

Examples of acceptable items include:

- Diagrams demonstrating how to open non-CRP product containers
- Graphics displaying aerial applications (if aerial application is on the approved label)
- Graphics that display spray patterns of nozzles and/or application patterns
- Pictograms located near the precautionary statements that illustrate the different exposure routes (oral, inhalation, dermal) to pesticides
- Pictures of applicators wearing appropriate protective clothing or equipment while applying the product

F. Adding a Pesticide Category

A statement identifying the pesticide or adjuvant category, provided the intent of the pesticide for that use has already been accepted by DPR may be added by notification. Examples include: "fungicide," "insecticide," "rodenticide," "herbicide," "defoliant," "repellant," "desiccant," "microbiocide," "antimicrobial," "disinfectant," "sanitizer," "biochemical," "microbial," "plant regulator," and "nematicide."

G. Removing Redundant Label Statements

Statements may be removed or combined to remove redundancy, provided that required label statements are not removed or changed.

H. Adding or Revising Label Language Permitted by DPR to be Implemented at the Next Label Update

Minor corrections or clarifications that DPR specified could be implemented at the next label update. Examples include adding “virus” after virus names or updating nomenclature of organisms.

I. Adding or Revising Mode of Action Box (MOA)

IV. Formulation (CSF) Changes Allowed by DPR Notification Process

A. Changing Stated Nominal Concentration of Inert Ingredients

The stated nominal concentration of an inert ingredient may be changed by notification, provided that it falls within the previously approved certified limits for the inert ingredient as listed on the statement of formula.

B. Changing Certified Limits of Inert Ingredients

The certified limits of any inert ingredient(s) in a formulation may be changed by notification, provided that the certified limits fall within the standard certified limits in 40 CFR 158.350 (b). If changes to certified limits do not fall within standard limits in 40 CFR 158.350 (b), then the changes need to be submitted by an amendment.

V. Changes Allowed Without Notification or Submission to DPR (Non-notification)

A. Changes in Warranty Statements

Warranty statements may be added, revised, or deleted by notification as allowed by U.S. EPA's latest pesticide registration notice titled *Notifications, Non-Notifications and Minor Formulation Amendments*, and California Food and Agriculture Code Sections 12853 and 12854, provided that the statements changed do not disclaim the efficacy or safety of the product when used in accordance with label directions.

B. Changing the Company Name, Phone Number, and/or Address on the Label

- In accordance with 40 CFR 152.135, the transfer of ownership of a product registration must be approved by U.S. EPA. Once a product's transfer has been approved by U.S. EPA and the documentation has been submitted and accepted by DPR, the registrant need not submit labeling reflecting the new company name, phone numbers, and address*.
- In accordance with 40 CFR 152.122, registrants are required to notify U.S. EPA of a change in the company name, address, or designated agent*. Additionally, registrants are required to notify DPR of the same changes. Subsequent product labels must bear the new company name and/or address of the registrant. However, the registrant need not submit copies of the amended labeling reflecting the registrant's new company name, phone numbers, and/or address to DPR.

*In some cases, California-only companies may have federally registered products and will have U.S. EPA documentation confirming a company change. If the California-only company does not have federally registered products, the U.S. EPA documentation is not required.

C. Adding or Revising Other Governmental-Required Labeling

Addition of non-FIFRA related logos or language required from other governmental agencies may be added to pesticide labels without notification, given that U.S. EPA has accepted the logo or language (unless the logo or language is eligible to be revised via non-notification). Examples include:

- Proposition 65 logo and language
- “Do Not Flush” logo
- Symbols or graphics required by Department of Transportation (DOT)

D. Adding and Removing State-Specific Label Statements or Qualifiers That Pertain to Another State

DPR will allow registrants to add the below state-specific (other than California) statements to pesticide labels as long as they qualify for non-notification at U.S. EPA. Acceptable statements include:

- “Not registered for use by [insert state]”
- “Not registered for use on [insert commodity] by [insert state]”
- “Not registered for use by [insert state] for use in [insert counties]”

DPR will also allow registrants to add other state-specific restriction language that has already been accepted on the U.S. EPA label by non-notification.

Note: If a registrant wants to add uses/pests along with a California-specific restriction statement (e.g., Not registered for use by California), the change must be submitted through DPR’s notification process. If a registrant wants to add the unsupported use site or pest to the product label (i.e., remove the California-specific qualifier), the change must be submitted through DPR’s amendment process.

E. Adding, Revising, or Deleting Multilingual Language

A registrant may add, revise, or delete multilingual translations of the accepted English labeling elements on currently California-registered pesticide product labels without notification. The multilingual text must be a true and accurate translation of the accepted English text. Registrants may not revise or add multilingual labeling elements if the English version is not previously listed or has not been reviewed and accepted by DPR. Registrants are responsible for ensuring any multilingual language included on pesticide labeling is a true and accurate representation of the accepted English labeling elements.

Note: Both language versions of the labeling must appear on a container label. Bilingual text may be used on all or part of the labeling.

Near the QR code or link, text can be provided that explains the purpose of the QR code if it is only for the Spanish translation, such as “Escanee el código QR para etiqueta española” (i.e., “Scan QR Code for Spanish Label”). This explanatory text can be added to the label via non-notification federally, provided the QR code is for the Spanish translation and no other changes to the label occur. Refer to the [California Notice 2025-08](https://cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/ca2025-08.pdf) <cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/ca2025-08.pdf>, Adding and Revising Multilingual Translations on Pesticide Labeling, for more information

F. Revising, Adding, or Deleting Minor or Non-FIFRA Related Label Elements

Examples include:

- Company or product brand line logo
- Revising a website address to remove “www”
- Symbols or graphics that certify the product meets a specific program’s standards, given U.S. EPA acceptance, granted the symbols or graphics have been accepted by U.S. EPA. Examples include: OMRI, Design for the Environment (DfE), and NSF certifications, USDA BioPreferred and UL
- Lot or batch codes, UPC, barcodes, place holder (FPO “For Position Only”), or other product identifiers, such as a stock keeping unit (SKU), dilution control system identifiers, and reorder numbers, in addition to description of what a product identifier means
- Barcodes, Quick Response (QR) codes, and other scannable symbols that allow for easier scanning of prices in retail stores
- Date of manufacture
- Date of label approval
- Use of metric units in addition to standard U.S. units
- Changes in the fertilizer analysis statement on the label. However, if there is a resulting change in the active or inert ingredient percentage on the statement of formula, a new application form with the revised statement of formula must be submitted to DPR as an amendment. If there is a resulting brand name change, the change cannot be done through notification and must be submitted as a new product registration.
- Recyclable logo/image
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office notations:

- i. Relevant patent numbers, including notation of “patent pending,” when appropriate.
- Product trademark (i.e., ™ or ®) and copyright (i.e., ©) notations, when necessary or appropriate
- Company specific warranty information such as consumer guarantees

G. Correcting Typographical or Printing Errors in Labeling or CSF

Correcting typographical and printing errors in labeling as well as changes in grammar and/or phrasing that do not change how the product will be used (e.g., adding and/or changing prepositions, deleted repeated words or phrases, fixing a misspelled word) are permitted by non-notification, provided that the use directions, or signal word do not change and that the format is consistent with U.S. EPA labeling requirements. Any corrections that result in changes in use directions, use precautions or the ingredients statement must be submitted as notification or an amendment as described in this California Notice.

Correcting typographical errors, simple misspellings or other obvious errors (e.g., putting lower certified limit as upper certified limit) on CSF(s) may be corrected by non-notification.

Please note, numerical typographical errors within application rates, preharvest interval (PHI), ingredient percentages, or restricted entry interval (REI) must be submitted by amendment.

H. Redesigning Label Format

A label format change that does not modify label text (unless the label text modified is eligible to be revised via non-notification) and is consistent with the format requirements of 40 CFR 156.10 and DPR and U.S. EPA policy. These may include changes from paragraphs to bullets or chart form; changes in color, type size or style; use of space; and configuration or placement of label elements, as well as the inclusion of packaging support statements such as “peel here” and “open here.”

I. Adding, Revising, or Deleting Non-Pesticidal Characteristics

- Non-pesticidal effectiveness: A non-pesticidal claim, provided it is not false or misleading, does not conflict with the pesticide labeling and is consistent with other applicable statutes or regulations that may apply to such claims. Examples of such claims include "Cleans," "Whitens and brightens laundry," "Removes soap scum," and

"eliminates odors." In addition, brief directions that pertain only to these non-pesticidal uses may be added by non-notification. For example, "Use at full strength (2 cups per gallon) to remove tough stains."

- Cleanup: A statement with respect to the ease of cleanup or removal after use, such as "leaves no film or deposit" and "cleans easily with water" as long as such statement does not conflict with the use directions or adversely affect the efficacy or safety of the product.
- Effects on treated objects or sites: Beneficial product attributes not related to pesticidal effect, such as "non-staining" and "non-corrosive to metals."
- Price: Claims regarding price or price-related marketing information, such as "low price," "25 cents off," and "rebate available." If the packaging size and labeling have already been approved, certain price-related claims, such as "great value," "bonus size," etc., may be added via non-notification as long as the claim does not require a change in the product's net contents that must be approved
- Where product is made: Factual statements about where the product was made ("Made in U.S.A."), provided these comply with other regulatory requirements.
- Approval by other federal agencies: Factual statements about uses approved by government agencies other than U.S. EPA provided such statements do not imply endorsement by those agencies. An example of an acceptable statement would be, "Approved for use in USDA-inspected meat and poultry plants." An example of an unacceptable statement would be, "Contains materials that meet all FDA standards and regulations." Additionally, non-FIFRA uses and claims (e.g., uses and claims that fall under USDA or FDA) are considered non-pesticidal characteristics.
- Consumer access numbers: Per PR Notice 97-4, telephone numbers and internet addresses may be added to the label without notification.
- Use of "Other Ingredients" in the Ingredients Statement: Any registrant may substitute the heading "Other Ingredients" in the label ingredient statement for the heading "Inert Ingredients" via non-notification. Registrants may not substitute the heading "Inert Ingredients" for "Other Ingredients" in the label ingredient statement.
- Adding or removing "New" from label.

J. Changing Package Size and Net Contents

Allowed for products, if all the following criteria are met:

- Product is not a rodenticide;
- The change does not result in addition or deletion of any other labeling language on the currently approved labeling;
- Storage and disposal statements are not changed;
- Dosage, concentration, frequency, and method of application are not changed;

- The change would not increase exposure/risk or alter the chemical properties of the product;
- Worker Protection Standard (WPS) wording is not affected;
- Package size is not reduced to the point that net contents of the package are smaller than the dosage in the directions for use;
- Container size, net contents, and other characteristics are not changed in a way that violated U.S. EPA or other mandated restrictions;
- No changes are made to bait stations, control stations, attractant stations, or other packaging sold as a component of a pesticide product, with a pesticide in it, packaged with a pesticide for use in it, or sold separately but required by the labeling to be used in some or all applications of the pesticide.

Adding container labels with new package sizes, with label text identical to the label(s) accepted by DPR are considered a non-notification.

Note: If the change in packaging size and net contents requires additional label changes such as to the storage and disposal section or use directions, the changes must be submitted through DPR's amendment process. Additionally, any changes to package size and net contents for rodenticides must be submitted through DPR's amendment process.

K. Changing Product Packaging

- Recycled content. A statement about the recycled content of pesticide packaging itself may be made in accordance with guidance from the Federal Trade Commission.
- Refillable. After obtaining approval from U.S. EPA for a refillable container (including instructions), a registrant may add a claim that a pesticide package is refillable if:
 - i. A system exists for the collection and return of the package to a dealer for refill with the same pesticide, and instructions on how to do so are provided, or
 - ii. The pesticide container may be refilled from a larger container of the same product, and instructions for refilling are provided.

L. Changes in Ingredient Source

Active Ingredient(s): changing source of active ingredient(s) provided that there is no resulting change in inert ingredient and the new source product is U.S. EPA registered.

Inert Ingredient(s): changing source or manufacturing information of inert ingredient(s).

Integrated System Products: changing the source of starting materials for "integrated systems products." See the Code of Federal Regulations for a definition.

Changes must also comply with U.S. EPA's latest pesticide registration notice titled *Notifications, Non-Notifications and Minor Formulation Amendments*.

M. Changes in Ingredient Brand Names

A CSF revision due to a change in ingredient brand name may be done by non- notification if the product is identical and supplied by the same manufacturer with only the brand name changed.

N. Changing the formulation process of a product made by a "non-integrated system." See the Code of Federal Regulations for a definition

O. Adding or revising U.S. EPA Establishment numbers

VI. Process For Submitting Amendments and Notifications to DPR

As previously stated in California Notice 2024-13, DPR launched the new California Pesticide Electronic Submission Tracking (CalPEST) on September 24, 2024. DPR encourages applicants to utilize the new [CalPEST system to submit applications electronically](https://cdpr.ca.gov/calpest/) at <cdpr.ca.gov/calpest/>.

For applicants not using CalPEST, the [application forms and instructions for submitting applications by mail](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms.htm) are available on the Pesticide Registration Branch Web site at <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms.htm>.

In 2027, after formal rulemaking, paper applications and CalPEST options for amendments or notifications will be revised to reflect the changes specified in this California Notice.

VII. Compliance

Label or formulation changes requiring submission through the amendment process must be reviewed and accepted by DPR prior to distribution and sale in California.

Notifications must comply with this notice and must be received by DPR before the registrant may distribute or sell product with the changed label or formulation.

A product distributed or sold with a changed label or formula before DPR receives the notification submission is considered unregistered and subject to enforcement action.

A product distributed or sold with a changed label or formula that was submitted through the DPR notification or non-notification process, but does not comply with the criteria, is considered unregistered and subject to enforcement action.

VIII. Questions About This Notice

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the Pesticide Registration Branch Ombudsperson, at Registration.Ombudsperson@cdpr.ca.gov.

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