



California Notice 2022-04

TO: Pesticide Registrants and Other Stakeholders
SUBJECT: PESTICIDE REGISTRATION BRANCH ANNUAL PROCESSING TIMEFRAMES

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Pesticide Registration Branch (PRB) is responsible for the pesticide registration process. To fulfill DPR’s mission of protecting human health and the environment, PRB processes and reviews all submitted application forms, data, labels, and other documentation, as well as coordination of the scientific data evaluation process within DPR.

As part of the process, product submissions are required to undergo multiple review steps. This process includes the coordination of scientific data evaluation by other DPR branches. All new and amended pesticide products must go through the registration process before they may be sold, distributed, or used in California. PRB staff work to complete submission reviews in a timely manner.

To improve transparency for stakeholders, PRB plans to annually report the number of submissions received and review timeframes for completed registration actions. This information will be issued in a California Notice posted on DPR’s Web site. The information will include, for the past year and over the last five years, the number of pesticide product registration and amendment submissions received, including new active ingredients, and the average number of days to complete the same types of submissions.

Below is a summary of DPR’s submissions and review timeframes for 2021, as compared to the previous 5 year averages (2016-2020).

Table 1. Submissions Received.

Submission Type	2021	5 Year Average Per Type
New Products	1395	1464
Other*	38	58
Amendments	2259	2505
Data	763	820
Total Received per Year	4459	4846

*Other submissions include minimum risk pesticides, Emergency Exemptions (Section 18), Special Local Needs (Section 24(c)) registrations, and Experimental Use Permits (EUP)

Table 2. New Product Submissions Received.

Submission Type	2021	5 Year Average Per Type
Currently Registered Active Ingredient	1258	1317
CA-Only Product	102	105
New Active Ingredient	35	41
Total Received per Year	1395	1464

Table 3. Amendment Submissions Received.

Amendment Type	2021	5 Year Average Per Type
Amendments	2187	2364
CA-Only Amendments	70	139
Emergency Exemptions	N/A*	1
Special Local Need	2	2
Total Received per Year	2259	2505

*No Submissions Received

Table 4. Average Days to Process a New Product Submission.

Submission Type	2021	Overall 5 Year Average
Currently Registered Active Ingredient	135	135
CA-Only Products	134	129
New Active Ingredient	183	596

Table 5. Average Days to Process an Amendment Submission.

Amendment Type	2021	Overall 5 Year Average
Amendments	114	93
CA-Only Amendments	143	101
Emergency Exemptions	N/A*	41
Special Local Need	36	11

*No Submissions Received

Please be aware that these reported numbers reflect the average time for review of submissions in 2021 and over the previous 5 years (2016-2020). These numbers may be used to

estimate the potential timeframes for future submissions. However, the actual review time for an individual submission could vary depending upon its complexity.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the Pesticide Registration Branch Ombudsman, Mr. Aron Lindgren at <Registration.Ombudsman@cdpr.ca.gov> or by telephone at 916-324-3563.

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