



# Department of Pesticide Regulation



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California Notice 2012-12

TO: PESTICIDE PRODUCT REGISTRANTS

SUBJECT: EXISTING STOCKS POLICY FOR AMENDED LABELS

Effectively immediately, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) will allow a registrant to continue to sell and distribute in California a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) registered pesticide product bearing a previously DPR-approved version of an amended product label, provided the sale is consistent with U.S. EPA's existing stocks provisions.

If DPR finds as a result of an audit or investigation that a registrant has sold a U.S. EPA registered product bearing a previously DPR-approved label, and a new amended label for the same product is on file with DPR, the registrant should be prepared to document that such a sale was made within the period allowed by U.S. EPA's existing stocks policy to avoid potential liability for a misbranded sale.

With this policy, DPR would like to encourage registrants to submit amended pesticide labels to DPR for acceptance immediately after federal approval.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Mr. Richard Spas by email at <rspas@cdpr.ca.gov> or by telephone at 916-322-9522.

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