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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 Website. 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 2020.

Table 1. Submissions Received.

| Submission Type | 2020 | 5 Year Average Per Type |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| New Products | 1582 | 1451 |
| Other* | 57 | 58 |
| Amendments | 2365 | 2611 |
| Data | 723 | 863 |
| Total Received per Year | 4727 | 4982 |

*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 | 2020 | 5 Year Average Per Type |
|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Currently Registered Active Ingredient | 1485 | 1292 |
| CA-Only Products | 72 | 119 |
| New Active Ingredient | 25 | 40 |
| Total Received per Year | 1582 | 1451 |

Table 3. Amendment Submissions Received.

| Amendment Type | 2020 | 5 Year Average Per Type |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Amendments | 2257 | 2418 |
| CA-Only Amendments | 108 | 189 |
| Emergency Exemptions | N/A* | 1 |
| Special Local Need | N/A* | 2 |
| Total Received per Year | 2365 | 2611 |

*No Submissions Received

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

| Submission Type | 2020 | Overall 5 Year Average |
|--|------|------------------------|
| Currently Registered Active Ingredient | 160 | 125 |
| CA-Only Products | 160 | 116 |
| New Active Ingredient | 239 | 632 |

Table 5. Average Days to Process an Amendment Submission.

| Amendment Type | 2020 | Overall 5 Year Average |
|----------------------|------|------------------------|
| Amendments | 122 | 83 |
| CA-Only Amendments | 139 | 88 |
| Emergency Exemptions | N/A* | 95 |
| Special Local Need | N/A* | 13 |

*No Submissions Received

Please be aware that these reported numbers reflect the average time for review of submissions in 2020 and over the past 5 years. 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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