AIGR: The foreign accessory connection

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The report documented that EPA has made reregistration decisions, and the registration eligibility documents on only 8 percent — 33 of the 405 — of the chemicals awaiting reregistration. A recent report by the General Accounting Office predicted that EPA would not complete its review until 2006.

Under the FIGRA five-phase review scheme, about 400 chemicals used in pesticides first registered before Nov. 1, 1984, are supposed to be assessed under modern testing standards and reregistered or relicensed for use by 1997.

The report covers the third fiscal 1993 quarter — April, May and June — and is produced by EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs Special Review and Reregistration Division to provide information on progress toward pesticide registration as mandated under the 1988 amendments to FIGRA.
West Coast Turf helps prepare Riviera for 1995 PGA tourney

PACIFIC PALISADES, Calif.—Riviera Country Club, site of the Los Angeles Open and host course for the 1995 PGA Championship, has recently completed a greens renovation program.

All eighteen greens and a practice green were re-contoured and sodded with a new variety of bentgrass called Syn12, thus bringing them up to USGA specifications.

According to West Coast Turf of Palm Desert, general manager of Davenport Seed Co., effective immediately, Ingham is one of the former owners of USC before Warner’s Turf acquired the company in 1989. Also announced was the promotion of Todd Harris to the new position of operations manager, responsible for the production portion of the business.

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If someone offers turf that is not certified as certified turf, the state will come down on them hard," said Yount. "This is one of the big differences between the certification that failed and this one — the new certification program has teeth in it."

FloraTex, a bermudagrass recently released cooperatively by the Florida and Texas Agricultural Experiment Stations, is being used as the first test cultivar for the new program. The FTGA is licensing one grower near Gainesville to produce the planting stock of FloraTex, but only for certified growers in the two states. Yount says that this grower, Jones Turf Farms, was chosen because its proximity to the University of Florida was an advantage to the monitoring program. However, as other turfgrasses are introduced into the program, additional sod producers will be certified.

"In addition to providing certification," Yount explained, "the program will also provide revenues that will return to the Florida Turfgrass Research Foundation, to enhance work on turfgrasses in the state."