Notice of Cancellation of Chlorpyrifos Uses

This is a notification from Dow AgroSciences as to the cancellation of chlorpyrifos use in turf.

Dow AgroSciences has notified the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of its intention to cancel certain uses and registrations for chlorpyrifos.

Dow AgroSciences will no longer support non-agricultural and public health uses of chlorpyrifos. For the purposes of these use cancellations, non-agricultural use patterns are defined in 40CFR 170.103 and include pest control in such use sites as golf courses, road medians, industrial plant sites as well as indoor and outdoor residential and commercial pest control. The public health pests are discussed in detail in US EPA’s PR Notice 2002-1. Cancellation of non-agricultural and public health uses of chlorpyrifos will impact Dow AgroSciences products that you currently recommend.

Labels for the following end-use products will be amended to remove non-agricultural and public health uses:
+ Dursban™ 4E-N
+ Dursban™ 50W in WSP

Dow AgroSciences intends to submit amended labels for the end-use products listed above to EPA in March 2007. Once EPA accepts the amended labels, Dow AgroSciences will have twelve months from the date of acceptance to fully implement the amended label on product packaging. According to EPA, there will be no “stop use” date, and existing stocks of the end-use products listed above can be used, consistent with their package labels, until stocks are depleted.

Finally, labels for the following end-use products will be cancelled:
Dursban™ 1F
Dursban™ 1G
Dursban™ 2.5G
Dursban™ 2E
Dursban™ 4E
Dursban™ ME-02
Dursban™ ME-04
Dursban™ Pro
Dursban™ TC (and alternate brand name Tenure™)
Lentrek™ 6WT
Dursban™ WT (and alternate brand name Lentrek WT)

Existing stocks of these products in Dow AgroSciences warehouses may be sold by Dow AgroSciences until inventory is depleted or for twelve months, whichever occurs first. Inventory of the products listed above in the hands of distributors, retailers, and end users may be sold and used as labeled until stocks are depleted.

Dow AgroSciences will maintain current state registrations through 2009. After state registrations expire, existing inventory in the channel of trade may not be sold; however, product may continue to be used according to package labels.

This information is provided in good faith based on discussion with the Agency and on similar past experiences. EPA may actually impose timelines that are longer or shorter than what we anticipate. Of course, Dow AgroSciences will work with EPA to attempt to make this transition for our customers as efficient as reasonably possible. - Mike Melichar

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