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Changes in the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) under the sanitation section make the Law more workable by those affected. Ice in icewater can now be in contact with the water if the ice is made of potable (drinkable) water. Additionally, single occupancy toilet rooms that can be locked from the inside may be used by both sexes. This conforms to the restroom facilities on airplanes. Also eliminated from the original draft is the requirement that toilets and drinking water be within 200 feet of any place where employees regularly work.

Can you use unregistered pesticides in emergency situations? Proposed rules for Federal and state agencies would grant exemption to the new pesticide law under authority of the Environmental Protection Agency administrator. But only if the emergency situation warrants it. Three types of exemptions have been proposed: A specific exemption for situations involving a predictable or unpredictable outbreak of a pest in a specific situation; A quarantine-public health exemption for preventing the introduction or spread of a foreign pest (Exemption would be limited to one year, but could be renewed); A crisis exemption where the responsible official in authority determines that (1) no pesticide registered for the particular use is available and (2) the time factor is so critical that there is no time to request a specific exemption. (A suspended pesticide could not be used in a crisis exemption). EPA would require monitoring of the situation and follow-up reports.

Better get acquainted with the Consumer Protection Agency Bill (S 707). At presstime Senate hearings were in the final stages. Hearings in the House are scheduled to begin shortly. The Act could have major impact on the outdoor power equipment and recreational type products produced by manufacturers in the Green Industry. Industrial products may also be covered by the bill. While they appear to be covered only by OSHA, in reality it is conceivable that this bill could include them, too.

EPA is beginning to exercise authority over the distribution and sale of pesticide products within state boundaries. Under the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act (FEPCA) the Agency is requiring that all intrastate products containing DDT must be registered with EPA by June 10. EPA will then determine whether or not such products should continue to be sold. According to the regulation, all persons who distribute or offer for sale any pesticide containing DDT must apply for a Federal registration.

The Horticultural Spraymen's Association of Florida (HSAF) has become a full chapter of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association (FNGA), under the umbrella concept of FNGA. The new chapter currently has 78 members which will be added to the 1,825 nurserymen's membership. The joint announcement was made by Eugene Solomon HSAF president and Joseph Shaw, FNGA president.

Pickup truck fever is contagious. The Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association, Detroit, reports steady new pickup truck sales increase from less than 500,000 in 1959 to 1.4 million units in 1972. Approximately 121,500 pickups were sold in January 1973.