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Mr. George J. Sabbagh, Ph.D.
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Authorized Agent for Nichino America, Inc.
c/o Bayer CropScience LP
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**Subject: Extension of Registration Expiration Date for Flubendiamide
BELT™ SC Insecticide, EPA Reg. No. 264-1025
SYNAPSE™ WG Insecticide, EPA Reg. No. 264-1026
FLUBENDIAMIDE Technical, EPA Reg. No. 71711-26
VETICA® Insecticide, EPA Reg. No. 71711-32
TOURISMO® Insecticide, EPA Reg. No. 71711-33**

Dear Mr. Sabbagh:

The purpose of this letter is to officially state that the registration expiration date (July 31, 2013) for all of the referenced flubendiamide products is being extended. This additional time will allow Bayer CropScience, LP (BCS) sufficient time to complete the 3-year monitoring program required by the original conditions of registration as outlined in the preliminary acceptance letter for flubendiamide, dated July 31, 2008 (copy attached). BCS will continue monitoring/reporting its findings according to the agreed upon reporting schedule through the remainder of the 3rd year of monitoring.

As of July 31, 2012, BCS, as the authorized agent for Nichino America, Inc., has submitted all data required by the original conditions of registration for flubendiamide. Please note that all of the original conditions of registration for flubendiamide, as outlined in the referenced preliminary acceptance letter, are still in effect. **The registration expiration date for flubendiamide is being extended out to August 31, 2015.** During this extension, BCS will complete the 3rd (final) year of the monitoring program for flubendiamide and submit a final report by December 31, 2014. This will allow EPA sufficient time to review the final monitoring report for flubendiamide.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Mr. Carmen J. Rodia, Jr. at (703) 306-0327 or via e-mail at Rodia.Carmen@epa.gov or Mr. Richard J. Gebken at (703) 305-6701 or via e-mail at Gebken.Richard@epa.gov during the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. EST.

Sincerely yours,

For 

Richard J. Gebken
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Insecticide Branch
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cc: Ms. Anna Armstrong, Nichino America, Inc.

Attachment: Copy of Preliminary Acceptance Letter for Flubendiamide, dated July 31, 2008

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