

UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY-REGION 7

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**U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 7  
11201 RENNER BOULEVARD  
LENEXA, KANSAS 66219  
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**In the Matter of** )  
 ) **Docket No. FIFRA-07-2014-0004**  
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Custom Compounders, Inc. )  
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**Respondent** )

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 7 and Custom Compounders, Inc. (Respondent) have agreed to a settlement of this action before filing of a Complaint, and thus this action is simultaneously commenced and concluded pursuant to Rules 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2).

**Section I**

**Jurisdiction**

1. This proceeding is an administrative action for the assessment of civil penalties instituted pursuant to Section 14 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. § 136l.

2. This Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) serves as notice that EPA has reason to believe that Respondent has violated Section 12 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j.

## **Section II**

### **Parties**

3. The Complainant, by delegation from the Administrator of EPA and the Regional Administrator, EPA, Region 7, is the Director of the Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division, EPA, Region 7.

4. The Respondent is Custom Compounders, Inc., located in Arnold, Missouri.

## **Section III**

### **Statutory and Regulatory Background**

5. Congress enacted FIFRA in 1947 and amended it in 1972 and in 1996. The general purpose of FIFRA is to provide the basis for regulation, sale, distribution and use of pesticides in the United States. 7 U.S.C. 136 et. seq.

6. Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(t), defines the term “pest” to mean (1) any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or (2) any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other micro-organism on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under Section 25(c)(1).

7. Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), defines the term “pesticide” to mean any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.

8. Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), defines the term “person” to mean any individual, partnership, association, corporation, or any organized group of persons whether incorporated or not.

9. Section 2(gg) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(gg), defines the term “to distribute or sell” to mean to distribute, sell, offer for sale, hold for distribution, hold for sale, hold for shipment, ship, deliver for shipment, release for shipment, or receive and (having so received) deliver or offer to deliver.

10. The regulations found at 40 C.F.R. § 152.132 set forth the terms under which “supplemental distribution” is permitted. Pursuant to the regulations, the registrant may distribute or sell his registered product under another person’s name and address instead of (or in addition to) his own. Such distribution and sale is termed “supplemental distribution” and the product is referred to as a “distributor product.” The distributor is considered an agent of the registrant for all intents and purposes under the Act, and both the registrant and the distributor may be held liable for violations pertaining to the distributor product.

11. The supplemental distribution regulations require five (5) conditions be met. One of the five conditions requires that the label of the distributor product is the same as that of the registered product, except that:

- (i) The product name of the distributor product may be different (but may not be misleading);
- (ii) The name and address of the distributor may appear instead of that of the registrant;
- (iii) The registration number of the registered product must be followed by a dash, followed by the distributor’s company number obtainable from the Agency upon request);
- (iv) The establishment number must be that of the final establishment at which the product was produced; and

- (v) Specific claims may be deleted, provided that no other changes are necessary.

40 C.F.R. 152.132(d).

12. Section 2(q)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(q)(1)(E), states a pesticide is misbranded if any word, statement, or other information required by or under authority of this Act to appear on the label or labeling is not prominently placed thereon with such conspicuousness and in such terms as to render it likely to be read and understood by the ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase and use.

13. Section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E), states it shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or sell any pesticide that is adulterated or misbranded.

#### **Section IV**

##### **General Factual Allegations**

14. Respondent is and, at all times referred to herein, was a “person” within the meaning of FIFRA.

15. On or about December 13, 2011, a Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) inspector conducted a routine producer establishment inspection at Respondent’s facility located at 1 Tenbrook Industrial Court, Arnold, Missouri. During the inspection, product label samples were collected from various pesticide products sold or distributed by Respondent under supplemental distribution agreements.

16. Specifically, the labels for the following distributor products were collected: (a) Liquid Soft-Stat Commercial Fabric Softener/Sanitizer, bearing EPA Registration Number (EPA Reg. No.) 1839-108-64018; (b) Sani-Vet 32 Veterinarian Type Disinfectant, bearing EPA Reg.

No. 1839-100-87096; and (c) Sani-Clean 256 Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner, bearing EPA Reg. No. 1839-167-64018.

**Violations**

17. The Complainant hereby states and alleges that Respondent has violated FIFRA and federal regulations promulgated thereunder, as follows:

**Count 1**

18. The facts stated in paragraphs 14 through 16 are realleged and incorporated as if fully stated herein.

19. At the time of the inspection, a representative authorized to act on behalf of Respondent signed a label certification statement that the label for Liquid Soft-Stat Commercial Fabric Softener/Sanitizer collected during the inspection was identical to the label on Liquid Soft-Stat Commercial Fabric Softener/Sanitizer sold to Dry Cleaning Supply on or about February 10, 2010.

20. The label for Liquid Soft-Stat Commercial Fabric Softener/Sanitizer collected during the inspection failed to include the complete Storage and Disposal statements. Specifically, the label failed to include the complete Pesticide Storage statement and complete Container Disposal statement.

21. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E), by selling or distributing a pesticide which is adulterated or misbranded.

**Count 2**

22. The facts stated in paragraphs 14 through 16 are realleged and incorporated as if fully stated herein.

23. At the time of the inspection, a representative authorized to act on behalf of Respondent signed a label certification statement that the label for Sani-Vet 32 Veterinarian Type Disinfectant collected during the inspection was identical to the label on Sani-Vet 32 Veterinarian Type Disinfectant sold to One Source Solution on or about November 2, 2011.

24. The label for Sani-Vet 32 Veterinarian Type Disinfectant collected during the inspection failed to include the complete Storage and Disposal statements. Specifically, the label failed to include the complete Pesticide Storage statement and complete Container Disposal statement.

25. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E), by selling or distributing a pesticide which is adulterated or misbranded.

### **Count 3**

26. The facts stated in paragraphs 14 through 16 are realleged and incorporated as if fully stated herein.

27. At the time of the inspection, a representative authorized to act on behalf of Respondent signed a label certification statement that the label for Sani-Clean 256 Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner collected during the inspection was identical to the label on Sani-Clean 256 Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner sold to Faultless Linen on or about September 30, 2011.

28. The label for Sani-Clean 256 Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner collected during the inspection failed to include the Physical or Chemical Hazards statement and the complete Storage and Disposal statements. Specifically, the label failed to include the complete Pesticide Storage statement and complete Container Disposal statement.

29. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E), by selling or distributing a pesticide which is adulterated or misbranded.

## Section V

### Consent Agreement

30. For purposes of this proceeding, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above, and agrees not to contest EPA's jurisdiction in this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding to enforce the terms of the Final Order.

31. Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set forth above.

32. Respondent waives its right to contest any allegations set forth above and its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.

33. Respondent and EPA agree to conciliate this matter without the necessity of a formal hearing and to bear their respective costs and attorney's fees.

34. Nothing contained in the Final Order portion of this CAFO shall alter or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental statutes and regulations and applicable permits.

35. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this CAFO and to execute and legally bind Respondent to it.

36. Respondent certifies that by signing this CAFO that it is presently in compliance with FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136 et. seq., and all regulations promulgated thereunder.

37. The effect of settlement as described in Paragraph 38 below is conditioned upon the accuracy of the Respondent's representations to EPA, as memorialized in Paragraph 36 above.

38. Respondent agrees that, in settlement of the claims alleged in this CAFO, Respondent shall pay a mitigated penalty of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$13,728) as set forth in Paragraph 1 of the Final Order. Payment of this civil penalty in full shall resolve all civil and administrative claims for all violations of FIFRA alleged in this document. Complainant reserves the right to take any enforcement action with respect to any other violations of FIFRA or any other applicable law and/or regulation administered by the EPA.

39. Respondent consents to the issuance of the Final Order hereinafter recited and consents to the payment of a civil penalty as specified in the Final Order.

40. Late Payment Provisions: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Respondent understands that its failure to timely pay any portion of the civil penalty described in Paragraph 1 of the Final Order below may result in the commencement of a civil action in Federal District Court to recover the full remaining balance, along with penalties and accumulated interest. In such case, interest shall accrue thereon at the applicable statutory rate on the unpaid balance until such civil or stipulated penalty and any accrued interest are paid in full. A late payment handling charge of \$15 will be imposed after thirty (30) days and an additional \$15 will be charged for each subsequent thirty (30) day period. Additionally, as provided by 31 U.S.C. § 3717(e)(2), a six percent (6%) per annum penalty (late charge) may be assessed on any amount not paid within ninety (90) days of the due date.



**Section VI**

**Final Order**

Pursuant to Section 14 of FIFRA, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §136l, and according to the terms of the Consent Agreement set forth above, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$13,728) within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Final Order. Such payment shall identify Respondent by name and docket number and made as follows:

If by certified or cashier's check, payment should be made payable to the "United States Treasury" and sent to the following address:

US Environmental Protection Agency  
Fines and Penalties  
Cincinnati Finance Center  
PO Box 979077  
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If by wire transfer, payment should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as follows:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
ABA = 021030004  
Account = 68010727  
SWIFT address = FRNYUS33  
33 Liberty Street  
New York, NY 10045  
Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read  
"D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

2. A copy of the check or other information confirming payment shall simultaneously be sent to the following:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7  
11201 Renner Boulevard  
Lenexa, Kansas 66219;

and

Kelley Catlin, Attorney  
Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7  
11201 Renner Boulevard  
Lenexa, Kansas 66219.

3. No portion of the civil penalty or interest paid by Respondent pursuant to the requirements of this CAFO shall be claimed by Respondent as a deduction for federal, state, or local income tax purposes.

4. This CAFO shall be effective upon the filing of the Final Order by the Regional Hearing Clerk for EPA, Region 7. Unless otherwise stated, all time periods stated herein shall be calculated in calendar days from such date.

**RESPONDENT**

Chemical Compounders, Inc.

Date: 1-29-14

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Name

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Title


**COMPLAINANT**

**U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

Date: 2-6-14

  
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Karen Flournoy  
Director  
Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division

Date: 2/6/14

  
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Kelley Catlin  
Assistant Regional Counsel  
Office of Regional Counsel

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: 2-11-14

*Karina Borromeo*

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Regional Judicial Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:


Copy by email to Attorney for Complainant:

catlin.kelley@epa.gov

Copy by email to Respondent:

rjaudon@sbcglobal.net

Dated: 2/11/14

  
Kathy Robinson  
Hearing Clerk, Region 7