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**SUBJECT:** Requested action to be taken regarding the Humidifier Filters in shipment with entry number 8XG-01664671 FIFRA-08-2025-0007

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**TO:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection  
Pembina, North Dakota 3401

By this memorandum, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, is informing the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (CBP) that the products in the import shipment described below should be **Denied Entry-Refused Delivery** pursuant to the authority of section 17(c) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. § 136o(c), and the implementing regulations at 19 C.F.R. section 12.114. The entry was marked “Hold Intact,” “Refused,” and “Re-Export” in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) by the EPA on January 21, 2025. The following information pertains to the shipment:

- The importer and consignee is Infinisia Inc., 1320 Cox Avenue, Erlanger, Kentucky 41018-1002.
- The broker is Jared Godfrey, TQL Global, LLC, [JGodfrey@tqlglobal.com](mailto:JGodfrey@tqlglobal.com).
- The bill of lading number: GTLN2024759.
- The entry file date was January 11, 2025.
- The quantity is 5,264 humidifier filters.
- The port of entry is Pembina, North Dakota 3401.

Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(t) defines “pest” as “(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-organisms on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under section 136w(c)(1) of this title.”

Section 2(h) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(h), defines “device” as “any instrument or contrivance (other than a firearm) which is intended for trapping, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest or any other form of plant or animal life (other than man and other

than bacteria, virus, or other microorganism on or in living man or other living animals); but not including equipment used for the application of pesticides when sold separately therefrom.” See also 40 C.F.R § 152.500(a).

Section 2(p) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(p), defines “label” as “the written, printed, or graphic matter on, or attached to, the pesticide or device or any of its containers or wrappers” and defines “labeling” in part, as “all labels and all other written, printed, or graphic matter – (A) accompanying the pesticide or device at any time; or (B) to which reference is made on the label or in literature accompanying the pesticide....”

Under FIFRA section 2(q)(1), 7 U.S.C. § 136(q)(1), a device is misbranded and subject to enforcement action if, among other reasons:

- the labeling bears any statements, designs, or graphic representations that are false or misleading (see also 40 CFR 156.10(a)(5));
- its packaging or wrapping does not conform to standards established pursuant to FIFRA section 25(c)(3);
- it is an imitation of, or is offered for sale under the name of another device;
- the label fails to bear the establishment number of the establishment where it was produced;
- any required information is not prominently displayed on the label;
- it lacks adequate directions for use; or
- it lacks an adequate warning or caution statement.

On January 15, 2025, the Importer of Record submitted the following websites as places where this product is offered for sale:

- <https://www.walmart.com/ip/seort/342330237>

The EPA reviewed this website on January 15, 2025, and found the following language:

- “Contaminants removed Dust, Mold, Odor, Pet Dander, Pollen”

On January 21, 2025, EPA received images of the labels from the CBP Officers in Pembina, North Dakota which had the following language:

- <https://infinisia.com/>

The EPA reviewed this website on January 21, 2025, and found the following language:

- “Vicks WF2 Air Filter Replacement for Honeywell, Vicks, Sunbeam, Robitussin, ReliOn, Kaz Humidifiers”
- “Traps Water Impurities & Dissolved Solids Before They Become Airborne”
- “For best results, change air filter at least once per season or more often depending on air quality and use.”
- “Essential for Allergy Sufferers. On Sale for a Limited Time!”

These statements demonstrate a pesticidal intent pursuant to the definitions above. Based on the information available at this time, Humidifier Filters in the shipment referenced above are devices under FIFRA section 2(h), 7 U.S.C. § 136(h), and 40 C.F.R § 152.500(a) because they fall within the definition of “any instrument or contrivance (other than a firearm) which is intended for trapping, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest, [which includes virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism,] or any other form of plant or animal life (other than man and other than bacteria, virus, or other microorganism on or in living man or other living animals); but not including equipment used for the application of pesticides when sold separately therefrom.”

The Humidifier Filters are misbranded pursuant to FIFRA section 2(q)(1), 7 U.S.C. § 136(q)(1) because there is no EPA Establishment Number, no directions for use, and no caution or warning statements on their labels.

The shipment that arrived at the border for import is also in violation of FIFRA section 12(a)(2)(N), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(N), because a registrant, wholesaler, dealer, retailer, or other distributor failed to correctly file reports required by the Act. As required by 19 C.F.R. § 12.114, a Notice of Arrival of Pesticides and Devices (NOA), EPA form 3540-1, and a copy of one product label must be submitted. Therefore, these pesticide products in the shipment referenced above should not be allowed entry into the United States.

The EPA hereby notifies CBP that this merchandise should be refused admission pursuant to the authority of FIFRA § 17(c), 7 U.S.C. § 136o(c), and the implementing regulations at 19 C.F.R. § 12.114. The importer should export this merchandise or dispose of the products under supervision of the CBP within ninety calendar days from the date of this memorandum or within such additional time as the District Director of CBP specifies. Failure to do so may result in either the destruction of the merchandise as authorized by FIFRA or in any action necessary to enforce the terms of any bond under which the shipment has been released to the consignee. Alternatively, CBP may elect to seize the products as a prohibited importation pursuant to their authorities as set out at 19 U.S.C. § 1595a(c)(2)(A).

On January 21, 2025, the EPA informed the CBP Cargo Chief in Pembina, North Dakota, that it would deny entry of this shipment. Please contact Christine Tokarz, the import enforcement coordinator, by email at [tokarz.christine@epa.gov](mailto:tokarz.christine@epa.gov), if you have any questions concerning this matter.