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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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IN THE MATTER OF)
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FRM CHEM, INC.,) DOCKET NO. FIFRA-07-2008-0035
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RESPONDENT)

ORDER GRANTING COMPLAINANT'S MOTION TO AMEND THE COMPLAINT

ORDER GRANTING COMPLAINANT'S MOTION TO
CONSOLIDATE MATTERS IN PART AND DENYING IN PART

On October 2, 2009, Complainant filed a Motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint and to Consolidate Matters. Respondent has not filed a response.^{1/}

Complainant seeks leave to amend the Complaint in the above-cited matter in order to add two counts alleging that Respondent FRM Chem, Inc. ("Respondent FRM" or "FRM") committed further violations of FIFRA. Complainant also seeks leave to amend the "Statutory & Regulatory Background" and "Factual Allegations" sections of the Complaint to incorporate law and factual allegations relevant to the proposed additional counts. Finally, Complainant seeks leave to amend its reference in the Complaint to Respondent FRM's address. Respondent has not filed a response to the Motion. See 40 C.F.R. 22.16(b). For good cause shown, Complainant's unopposed Motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint is GRANTED.

^{1/} Any party who fails to timely respond to a written motion waives any objection to the granting of the motion. 40 C.F.R. § 22.16(b).

Additionally, Complainant seeks to consolidate the above-cited matter (In the Matter of FRM Chem, Inc., Docket No. FIFRA-07-2008-0035) with three other cases: In the Matter of Advanced Products Technology, Inc., ("Advanced Products"), FIFRA-07-2008-0036, In the Matter of Synisys, Inc., ("Synisys"), FIFRA-07-2009-0041, and In the Matter of Custom Compounders, Inc., ("Custom Compounders") FIFRA-07-2009-0042.

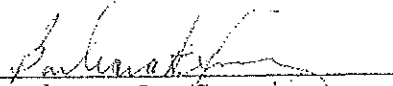
Section 22.12(a) of the Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. § 22.12(a), governs consolidation of matters at issue in two or more proceedings. Specifically, Section 22.12(a) of the Rules of Practice provides as follows:

The Presiding Officer or the Environmental Appeals Board may consolidate any or all matters at issue in two or more proceedings subject to these Consolidated Rules of Practice where: there exist common parties or common questions of fact or law; consolidation would expedite and simplify consideration of the issues; and consolidation would not adversely affect the rights of parties engaged in otherwise separate proceedings.

40 C.F.R. § 22.12(a).

In support of its motion, Complainant states that FRM, Advanced Products, Synisys, and Custom Compounders are all run by the same corporate officers, directors, and supervisors. All four Respondents share the same business address. Complainant further claims that the cases are related to the sale of one or both of the FRM-produced unregistered pesticides, to several common costumers, and therefore, the matters will involve many of the same witnesses and documents. Accordingly, Complainant argues that the cases should be consolidated in order to expedite and simplify consideration of the issues. Respondent has not filed a response objecting to the Motion to Consolidate. See 40 C.F.R. 22.16(b). For good cause shown, the FRM and Advanced Products matters are consolidated and the Motion to Consolidate is GRANTED in part.

No cases have been received by the Office of Administrative Law Judges in the Matter of Synisys, Inc., FIFRA-07-2009-CC41 or in the Matter of Custom Compounders, Inc., FIFRA-07-2009-CC42. Therefore, the Synisys and Custom Compounders matters cannot be consolidated with FRM and Advanced Products at this time. Accordingly, Complainant's Motion to Consolidate is DENIED in part.



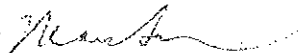
Barbara A. Gunning
Administrative Law Judge

Dated: October 28, 2009
Washington, DC

In the Matter of *FRM Chem, Inc.*, Respondent.
Docket No. FIFRA-07-2008-0035

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Order Granting Complainant's Motion to Amend the Complaint, Order Granting Complainant's Motion to Consolidate Matters in Part and Denying in Part**, dated October 28, 2009, was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below.



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