

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Jennifer Czarneski, President ClorDySis Solutions, Inc. 5 Concord Road Lebanon, New Jersey 08833

Re:

In the Matter of ClorDySis Solutions, Inc.

Docket No. FIFRA-02-2012-5107

Dear Ms. Czarneski:

Enclosed is a copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order in the above-referenced proceeding, signed by the Regional Judicial Officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2.

Please note the payment provisions of the Agreement. Please arrange for payment of the penalty according to the instructions given in the Final Order.

Sincerely,

Naomi P. Shapiro

Assistant Regional Counsel

cc: Marcedius Jameson, Administrator

Pesticide Control & Coastal and Land Use Compliance & Enforcement Program

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

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In the Matter of

ClorDiSys Solutions, Inc.

Respondent.

Proceeding Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, as amended.

Respondent.

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

Docket No. FIFRA-02-2012-5107

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This administrative proceeding for the assessment of a civil penalty was initiated pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 1361(a), of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136 et seq. ("FIFRA" or "the Act"). On April 10, 2012, Complainant in this proceeding, the Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance, United States Environmental Protection Agency, ("EPA"), Region 2, issued a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, Docket No. FIFRA-02-2012-5107, to Respondent ClorDiSys Solutions, Inc. The Complaint alleges fifteen violations of FIFRA: one violation of Section 12(a)(2)(N), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(N), importation of a pesticide without filing a Notice of Arrival prior to its arrival in the United States; two violations of Section 12(a)(1)(A), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(C), distribution or sale of an unregistered pesticide; and twelve violations of Section 12(a)(1)(C), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(C), distribution of a pesticide the composition of which differs from its registration. The Complaint further seeks a total civil penalty of \$87,500.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Respondent is ClorDiSys Solutions, Inc., located at 5 Concord Road, Lebanon, New
 Jersey 08833 (hereinafter, "Respondent").
 - 2. Respondent is incorporated in the State of New Jersey.
- 3. Respondent is a "person" as defined by FIFRA Section 2(s), 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), and as such, is subject to FIFRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 4. Respondent is a "distributor or seller" within the meaning of Section 2(gg) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(gg).
- 5. Respondent is a "wholesaler," "dealer," or "other distributor" within the meaning of Section 14(a)(1) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §1361(a)(1).
- 6. Respondent operates a facility located at 5 Concord Road, Lebanon, New Jersey 08833 (the "facility") which produces chlorine dioxide sterilization and decontamination solutions for medical facilities, some of which are registered pesticides. Said facility is an "establishment," as defined by Section 2(dd) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 135(dd), and has been assigned EPA Reg. No. 080802-NJ-001.
- 7. On September 3, 2009 and September 29, 2010, authorized inspectors from EPA's Region 2 Office conducted inspections at the Facility (hereinafter "R2 Inspections").
- 8. In the Complaint, EPA alleged that, during the R2 inspections, inspectors obtained copies of records demonstrating that pesticide products were imported by Respondent without the prior submittal of a Notice of Arrival.
- 9. In the Complaint, EPA alleged that, during the R2 inspections, inspectors obtained copies of records demonstrating that Respondent distributed and sold an unregistered pesticide to buyers in Mississippi and Canada.

- 10. In the Complaint, EPA alleged that, during the R2 inspections, inspectors obtained copies of records demonstrating that Respondent distributed and sold a registered pesticide for which the composition differs from its registration.
- 11. Based on the R2 inspections, EPA alleged in the Complaint one instance of importation of a pesticide without filing a Notice of Arrival prior to its arrival in the United States within the meaning of Section 12(a)(2)(N) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(N).
- 12. Based on the R2 inspections, EPA alleged in the Complaint two instances of distribution or sale of an unregistered pesticide within the meaning of Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A).
- 13. Based on the R2 inspections, EPA alleged in the Complaint a total of twelve instances of distribution of a pesticide the composition of which differs from its registration within the meaning of Section 12(a)(1)(C) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(C).
- 14. The parties met to discuss settlement on August 7, 2012. At this settlement meeting, Respondent provided evidence that the composition of the pesticide referenced in paragraph 13, above, was consistent with its registration and sales of it were therefore not in violation of FIFRA.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Based upon the foregoing, and pursuant to Section 22.18 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. § 22.18, it is hereby agreed as follows:

- 1. Respondent shall, immediately upon the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Final Order, comply with FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136 et seq., and its implementing regulations. Respondent certifies that it is now in compliance with the requirements of FIFRA and its implementing regulations.
- Respondent shall hereafter maintain compliance with the statutory provisions of FIFRA, as amended, 7 U.S.C. Section 136 et seq., and its implementing regulations.
- 3. Respondent shall pay, by cashier's or certified check, or by electronic fund transfer, a civil penalty in the amount of **fifteen thousand**, **five hundred dollars** (\$15,500) on or before forty-five (45) days after the date of signature of the Final Order at the end of this document.
- 4. Payment must be received at the address listed in Paragraph 5, below, or the EFT must be received by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, on or before the due date specified above (the date by which payment must be received shall hereafter be referred to as the "due date").
 - a. Failure to pay the penalty in full according to the above provisions will result in referral of this matter to the United States Department of Justice or the United States Department of the Treasury for collection or other appropriate action.
 - b. Furthermore, if the payment is not received on or before its due date, interest will be assessed at the annual rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to the Debt Collection Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3717, on the overdue amount from the due date through the date of payment. In addition, a late payment handling charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) will be assessed for each thirty (30) day period (or any portion thereof) following the due date in which the balance remains unpaid.

- c. A 6% per annum penalty also will be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of its due date. Any such non-payment penalty charge on the debt will accrue from the date the penalty payment becomes due and is not paid.
- d. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Section 22.31(b), the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall be the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. E.P.A. Region 2, New York, New York.
- 5. If payment is made by cashier's or certified check, such payment shall be payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America." The check shall be identified with the notation of the name and docket number of this case as follows: In the Matter of ClorDiSys Solutions, Inc.

 Docket No. FIFRA-02-2012-5107.

Such check shall be mailed to:

United States Environmental Protection Agency Fines & Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If Respondent chooses to pay by electronic fund transfer ("EFT"), Respondent shall provide the following information to its remitter bank:

- a. Amount of Payment
- b. SWIFT address:
 FRNYUS33
 33 Liberty Street
 New York, N.Y. 10045
- c. Account Code for Federal Reserve Bank of New York receiving payment: 68010727

- Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA routing number: 021030004
- e. Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read: "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"
- f. Name of Respondent: ClorDiSys Solutions, Inc.
- g. Case Docket Number: FIFRA-02-2012-5107

Respondent shall also send proof of each payment, whether by check or EFT, to:

Naomi Shapiro Assistant Regional Counsel Office of Regional Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway, 16th Floor New York, N.Y. 10007-1866

and

Office of the Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway, 16th Floor New York, N.Y. 10007-1866;

- 6. Respondent has read the Consent Agreement, understands its terms, finds it to be reasonable and consents to the issuance and its terms. Respondent consents to the issuance of the accompanying Final Order. Respondent agrees that all terms of settlement are set forth herein.
- 7. For the purpose of this proceeding and in the interest of an expeditious resolution of this matter, Respondent admits (a) the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint; and (b) the facts stipulated herein.
- 8. The civil penalty provided for herein is a penalty within the meaning of Title 26, Section 162(f) of the United States Code, 26 U.S.C. § 162(f), and is not a deductible expenditure for purposes of federal law.

- 9. This Consent Agreement is being voluntarily and knowingly entered into by the Complainant and Respondent to resolve (conditional upon full payment of the civil penalty herein, and the accuracy of the Respondent's certifications in this proceeding) the civil and administrative claims alleged in the Complaint. Nothing herein shall be read to preclude EPA or the United States, on behalf of EPA, however, from pursuing appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violation of law.
- 10. Respondent explicitly and knowingly consents to the assessment of the civil penalty as set forth in this Consent Agreement and agrees to pay the civil penalty in accordance with the terms of this Consent Agreement.
- 11. Respondent explicitly and knowingly waives its right to request or to seek any
 Hearing on this Consent Agreement or on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein, or
 on the accompanying Final Order.
- 12. The Respondent agrees not to contest the validity or any term of this Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CA/FO") in any action brought: a) by the United States, including EPA, to enforce this CA/FO, or b) to enforce a judgment relating to this CA/FO.
- Respondent waives its right to appeal this Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order.
- 14. This Consent Agreement and any provision herein shall not be construed as an admission of liability in any criminal or civil action or other administrative proceeding, except in an action or proceeding to enforce or seek compliance with this Consent Agreement and its accompanying Final Order.

- 15. Respondent explicitly waives any right it may have pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.8 to be present during discussions with or to be served with and to reply to any memorandum or communication addressed to the Regional Administrator, Deputy Regional Administrator, or Regional Judicial Officer for Region 2, where the purpose of such discussion, memorandum, or communication is to discuss a proposed settlement of this matter or to recommend that such official accept this Consent Agreement and issue the attached Final Order.
- 16. This Consent Agreement and Final Order does not relieve Respondent of its obligations to comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state or local law, nor shall it be construed to be a ruling on, or a determination of, any issue related to any federal, state or local permit. This Consent Agreement and Final Order does not waive, extinguish, or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of FIFRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 17. Nothing in this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall be construed as a release from any other action under any law and/or regulation administered by EPA.
- 18. Each undersigned signatory to this Consent Agreement certifies that he or she is duly and fully authorized to enter into and ratify this Consent Agreement and Final Order and all the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement and Final Order.
- 19. The provisions of this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall be binding upon both EPA and Respondent, its officers/officials, agents, authorized representatives and successors or assigns.

- 20. Any failure by Respondent to perform fully any requirement herein will be considered a violation of this CA/FO, and may subject Respondent to a civil judicial action by the United States to enforce the provisions of this CA/FO.
 - 21. Each party hereto agrees to bear its own costs and fees in this matter.
- 22. Respondent consents to service upon itself of a copy of this Consent Agreement and Final Order by an EPA employee other than the Regional Hearing Clerk.
- 23. Each signatory of this Consent Agreement certifies that he or she is duly and fully authorized to enter into the terms of this Consent Agreement and to legally bind the party on behalf of which he or she signs this Consent Agreement.

RESPONDENT:	Ann		
	Jennifer Carneski, President ClorDiSys Solutions, Inc.		
DATE	9/13/18		

COMPLAINANT:

Dore LaPosta, Director Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

FINAL ORDER

The Regional Judicial Officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, ratifies the foregoing Consent Agreement. The Consent Agreement entered into by the parties to this matter, is hereby approved, incorporated herein, and issued as an Order pursuant to Section 14(a)(1) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a)(1) and 40 C.F.R. § 22.18. The effective date of this Order shall be the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, New York, New York.

Helen S. Ferrara

Regional Judicial Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency - Region 2

290 Broadway, 16th Floor

New York, New York 10007

DATE: September 19, 2012

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day caused to be sent the foregoing fully executed CONSENT AGREEMENT and FINAL ORDER, bearing the below-referenced docket number, in the following manner to the respective addressees below:

Original and One Copy by Hand:

Office of Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2 290 Broadway, 16th floor New York, New York 10007-1866

Copy by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested:

> Jennifer Czarneski, President ClorDiSys Solutions, Inc. 5 Concord Road Lebanon, New Jersey 08833

Dated: _	SEP 2 0 2012			
	New York, New York			

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