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ATLANTA GEORGIA 30303-8960

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u>
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Laland Booth, Owner Booth International Company 11731-3 Phillips Highway Jacksonville, Florida 32256

Re: Docket No. FIFRA-04-2010-3046(b) Booth International Company

Dear Mr. Booth:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

As stated in Section V of the CAFO, the assessed penalty of \$2,430.00 is due within 30 days from the effective date. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the company and the docket number of this case.

Penalty payment questions should be directed to Ms. Lori Weidner either by telephone at (513) 487-2125 or by written correspondence to her attention at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cincinnati Accounting Operations address identified in the CAFO. Should you have any questions about this matter or your compliance status in the future, please call me at (404) 562-8979 or Ms. Patricia Livingston at (404) 562-9171.

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Sincerely,

Jeaneanne M. Gettle Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosures

cc:

Craig Bryant, FLDACS File No. 108-287-1077

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ATLANTA, GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:		
Booth International Company	Docket No.: FIFRA-04-2010-3046(b)	
Respondent.) 	

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

- 1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide,
 Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a) (FIFRA), and pursuant
 to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil
 Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated
 Rules), 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics
 Management Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 (EPA).
 Respondent is Booth International Company.
- 2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

- 3. The authority to take action under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under FIFRA to EPA Region 4 by EPA Delegation 5-14, dated May 11, 1994.
- 4. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(c)(4), the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Patricia Livingston Pesticides Section U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960 (404) 562-9171.

- Respondent is Booth International Company, a Florida corporation, located at 11731-3 Phillips Highway, Jacksonville, Florida.
- 6. Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), and as such is subject to FIFRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

III. Specific Allegations

- On or about September 15, 2008, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted an inspection at Booth International Company, 11731-3 Phillips Highway, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.
- 8. The investigation following the aforementioned inspection revealed that the product "Odor Guard" was offered for sale by the Respondent.
- 9. The product is a pesticide according to Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), which defines "pesticide" to include any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest.

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- 10. A pest is defined in Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(t), as any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under Section 25(c)(1) of F1FRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136w(c)(1).
- 11. Respondent "distributes or sells" pesticides. The term "to distribute or sell" as defined by Section 2(gg) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(gg), which includes to distribute, sell, offer for sale, hold for distribution, hold for sale, hold for shipment, ship, deliver for shipment, or release for shipment, deliver or offer to deliver.
- 12. Respondent made pesticidal claims on its website for "Odor Guard" and the product was not registered as a pesticide with EPA.
- 13. Under Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), it is unlawful for any person in any State to distribute or sell any pesticide that is not registered under Section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a.
- 14. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), by offering an unregistered pesticide for sale and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*.
- 15. Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a), in conjunction with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty.
- 16. Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a)(4), requires EPA to consider the appropriateness of the assessed penalty to the size of business of the Respondent, the effect on Respondent's ability to continue in business, and the gravity of the violation.

 After consideration of the factors set forth in Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C.

§ 136l(a)(4), the EPA proposes to assess a total civil penalty of TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$2,430) against the Respondent for the above-described violations. Civil penalties under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

IV. Consent Agreement

- 17. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set forth above.
- 18. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement.
- 19. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
- 20. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of FIFRA.
- 21. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of the violations contained herein. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent to the United States. Other than as expressed herein, neither EPA nor Complainant waives any right to bring an enforcement action against Respondent for violation of any federal or state statute, regulation or permit, to initiate an action for imminent and substantial endangerment, or to pursue criminal enforcement.
- 22. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO.
 The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this
 CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of FIFRA.

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V. Final Order

23. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED

THIRTY DOLLARS (\$2,430) which shall be paid within 30 days from the effective date

of this CAFO and Respondent shall remit the penalty payment by either a cashier's or

certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and shall send
the check via U.S. mail to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000.

The check shall reference on its face the name of the Respondent and Docket Number of this CAFO.

24. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check and a written statement that the payment is being made in accordance with this CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Patricia Livingston
Pesticides Section
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960; and

Saundi Wilson
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

constitute a violation of this CAFO.

26. 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. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the date

of entry of this CAFO, if the penalty is not paid by the date required. A charge will also

be assessed to cover the administrative costs, both direct and indirect, of overdue debts.

In addition, a late payment penalty charge shall be applied on any principal amount not

paid within 90 days of the due date.

27. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.

28. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.

29. The undersigned representative of the party to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully

authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally binds that party to

this CAFO.

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VI. Effective Date

The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the 30. Regional Hearing Clerk.

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Respondent: Booth International Company Docket No.: FIFRA-04-2010-3046(b)		
By: July Brief	(Signature) Date:	7-26-2010
Name: LAland Booth	_(Typed or Printed)	
Title: Pess.	_ (Typed or Printed)	
By: Carol L Kemker, Adding Division Director Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960	Agency Date:	8/10/10

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 12 day of Queen 20/0.

Susan B. Schub

Regional Judicial Officer

foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order and served a true and correct copy of the

foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of Booth International Company,

Docket Number: FIFRA-04-2010-3046(b), to the addressees listed below.

Laland Booth, Owner Booth International Company 11731-3 Phillips Highway Jacksonville, Florida 32256 (via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

Patricia Livingston Pesticides Section U.S. EPA Region 4

61 Forsyth Street S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303

Robert Caplan

(via EPA's internal mail)

(via EPA's internal mail)

Associate Regional Counsel
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Date: August 12, 2010

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4

Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-9511