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BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of)

Kemira Chemicals, Inc.)
1950 Vaughan Road)
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144)

Respondent)

Docket No. FIFRA-07-2009-0012

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 7 and Kemira Chemicals, Inc. 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 Renovation, 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 Kemira Chemicals, Inc. 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 Kemira Chemicals, Inc., a pesticide producer, located at 1950 Vaughan Road, Kennesaw, Georgia. The Respondent is and was at all times relevant to this action a “person” as defined by Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), and a corporation qualified to do business in the state of Georgia.

Section III

Statutory and Regulatory Background

5. 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 animal) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under Section 25(c)(1).

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(w), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3 define the term “produce” to mean to manufacture, prepare, propagate, compound, or process any pesticide or device or active ingredient.

9. Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(w), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3 define the term “producer” to mean any person who manufactures, prepares, compounds, propagates or processes any pesticide or device or active ingredient used in producing a pesticide (such actions include packaging, repackaging, labeling, and relabeling a pesticide).

10. 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.

11. Section 2(q)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(q)(1)(A), states, in pertinent part, a pesticide is misbranded if its labeling bears any statement which is false or misleading.

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. Registrants may distribute or sell their registered product under another person’s name and address instead of, or in addition to, their own, as allowed by regulation at 40 C.F.R. § 152.132. 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 FIFRA, and both the registrant and the distributor may be held liable for violations pertaining to the distributor product. Supplemental distribution is permitted upon notification to EPA if specific conditions, stated at 40 C.F.R. § 152.132(a) through (e), are

met. As a requirement of supplemental distribution, the label of the distributor product must be the same as that of the registered product, with exceptions stated at 40 C.F.R. § 151.132(d)(1) through (5).

Section IV

General Factual Allegations

14. Kemira Chemicals, Inc. is the registrant for the pesticide AMA-209, EPA Registration Number (Reg. No.) 9386-23. EPA's records indicate that on May 2, 1991, EPA was informed of Kemira Chemicals, Inc.'s intent to supplementally distribute the product AMA-209, EPA Reg. No. 9386-23, through Chemtron Corporation, using the product name MBA 2209, and the distributor product number, EPA Reg. No. 9386-23-57484.

15. On or about April 4, 2007, a representative of the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) conducted an inspection at the Chemtron Corporation facility, located at 3500 Harry S. Truman Road, St. Charles, Missouri, for the purpose of determining Respondent's compliance with the requirements of FIFRA. Records including product labels, sales invoices, purchase orders, and bills of lading documenting Chemtron Corporation's production and sale or distribution of the pesticide MBA 2209, EPA Reg. No. 9386-23-57484, were collected during the inspection.

Violations

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

Count 1

17. The facts stated in paragraphs 14 and 15 are realleged and incorporated as if fully stated herein.

18. Documentation collected during the inspection referenced in paragraph 15 revealed that Chemtron Corporation, sold or distributed one 20-gallon drum of the product MBA 2209, EPA Reg. No. 9386-23-57484, to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 211 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL, as documented on bill of lading number 7228 and purchase order number 51590, dated December 20, 2006.

19. The distributor product MBA 2209 was misbranded in that the label failed to bear the following statements that appeared on the label submitted by Kemira Chemicals, Inc. and accepted by EPA on April 15, 2002, for EPA Reg. No. 9386-23, as required under the provisions of Section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a:

- A correct First Aid statement;
- Correct Precautionary Statements for Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals;
- Correct Physical and Chemical Hazards Statement.

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

21. Pursuant to Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l, and based on the facts stated in paragraphs 14 through 20, it is proposed that a civil penalty of \$4,680 be assessed against Respondent.

Section V

Consent Agreement

22. For purposes of this proceeding, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above.

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

24. Respondent waives its right to contest any issue of fact or law set forth above and its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

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

29. 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.

30. 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.

31. 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 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 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 charge 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 \$4,680 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Final Order. Such payment shall identify Respondent by name and docket number and shall be by certified or cashier's check made payable to the "United States Treasury" and sent to:

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

Wire transfers should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

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
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

and

Kristen Nazar, Attorney
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 7
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

3. Respondent and Complainant shall each bear their own costs and attorneys' fees incurred as a result of this matter.

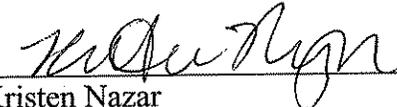
COMPLAINANT
U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Date: 4/13/09



William A. Spratlin
Director
Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division

Date: 4/13/09



Kristen Nazar
Office of Regional Counsel

IT IS SO ORDERED. This Order shall become effective immediately.

Date: Apr. 15, 2009 
ROBERT L. PATRICK
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 Consent Agreement and Final Order was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy hand delivered to
Attorney for Complainant:

Kristen Nazar
Assistant Regional Counsel
Region VII
United States Environmental Protection Agency
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Copy by Certified Mail Return Receipt to:

Carolina Den-Brok Perez
Vice President and General Counsel
Kemira Chemicals, Inc.
1950 Vaughan Road
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

Dated: 4/16/09



Kathy Robinson
Hearing Clerk, Region 7