

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Dianne Allemang Vice President, Global Regulatory Affairs Cheminova, Inc. 1600 Wilson Boulevard Suite 700 Arlington, Virginia 22209

Re: Docket No.: FIFRA-04-2010-9130(b)

Cheminova, Inc.

Dear Ms. Allemang:

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 \$22,500 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. Cheryn Jones at (404) 562-9006.

Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by EPA.

Sincerely.

Jeaneanne M. Gettle

Chief, Pestidides and Toxic

Substances Branch

Enclosures

cc: Steven Herman

Beveridge & Diamond

Ms. Karen Hunt NC Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ATLANTA, GEORGIA

In the Matter of:)	
Cheminova, Inc.)) Docke	et No.: FIFRA-04-2010-9130(b)
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Respondent,)	

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

- This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide, 1. Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a) (hereinafter "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 Cheminova, Inc.
- 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.

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II. Preliminary Statements

- 3. The authority to take action under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(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:

Keri Powell
Associate Regional Counsel
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

III. Specific Allegations

- Respondent Cheminova, Inc., is incorporated in the State of Delaware, and is headquartered at One Park Drive, Suite 150, Durham, North Carolina 27712.
- 6. Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), in that it is a corporation, and as such is subject to FIFRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 7. Respondent is a "registrant" as defined by Section 2(y) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(y) in that it is a person who has registered pesticides pursuant to the provisions of FIFRA.
- 8. Respondent is a "producer" as defined by Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(w), in that it is a person who manufacturers, prepares, compounds, propagates, or processes any pesticide.

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- 9. "Pesticide" is defined by Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), to mean any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.
- 10. Respondent produces pesticides "to distribute or sell" as that term is defined by Section 2(gg) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §136(gg), in that the pesticides are held for distribution, held for sale, held for shipment, shipped, delivered for shipment, released for shipment or received and (having so received) delivered or offered to deliver.
- In a letter dated December 22, 2009, Respondent voluntarily disclosed to EPA the violations of selling or distributing two pesticides, Edition Tank Mix EPA Reg. No. 67760-90, and Edition Broadspec, EPA Reg. No. 67760-89, whose strength or purity fell below the professed standard of quality expressed on the labels when sold or distributed.
- 12. Section 2(c)(1) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(c)(1) defines "adulterated" to include any pesticide if its strength or purity falls below the professed standards of quality as expressed on its labeling under which it is sold.
- 13. Section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E), states that it is unlawful for any person in any State to distribute or sell to any person any pesticide which is adulterated or misbranded.
- 14. Respondent sold or distributed eight adulterated shipments of Edition Tank Mix and sixteen adulterated shipments of Edition Broadspec.
- 15. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E), on at least twenty-four occasions and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.

- Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §136l(a), in conjunction with the Debt Collection
 Improvement Act of 1996, authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty.
- 17. EPA's Audit Policy, "Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosure, Correction and Prevention of Violations," 65 Fed. Rcg. 19618 (April 11, 2000), allows reduction of the gravity-based civil penalty associated with a self-disclosed violation.
- 18. After consideration of the factors set forth in Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C.
 § 136l(a)(4), and EPA's Audit Policy, EPA proposes to assess a total civil penalty of
 TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$22,500) 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

- 19. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations.
- 20. 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.
- Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay
 the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
- Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance
 with all relevant requirements of FIFRA.
- 23. 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.

24. 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.

V. Final Order

- 25. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$22,500) which shall be paid within 30 days from the effective date of this CAFO.
- 26. Respondent shall remit the penalty 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 the Docket Number of the CAFO.

27. 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;

Cheryn L. Jones
Pesticides Section
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960; and

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

- 28. For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.
- 29. 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.
- 30. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
- 31. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
- 32. 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

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

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:				
Respondent: Docket No.:	Cheminova, Inc. FIFRA-04-2010-9130(b)			
ву: <u>Jan</u>	e Allemana (si	gnature) Date: 10/15/10		
Name: Dian	e Allemana (T	yped or Printed)		
Title: VICE Pr	esident, Regulatory (T)	yped or Printed)		
Complainant: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				
By: June / y. Beverly H. Bar	4. Szzz	Date: 11/1/24/10		
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Air, Pesticides	and Toxics			
Management				
61 Forsyth Stre				
Atlanta, Georg	ia 30303-8960			
APPROVED AND	SO ORDERED this // day of	of November 20/0.		
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Susan B. Schub

Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date set out below, I filed the original and one copy of the 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 Cheminova, Inc., Docket

Number: FIFRA-04-2010-9130(b), to the addressees listed below.

Ms. Dianne Allemang
Vice President, Global Regulatory Affairs
Cheminova, Inc.
1600 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 700
Arlington, Virginia 22209

(via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

Steven A. Herman, Esq. Beveridge & Diamond 1350 I Street, N.W Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20005-3311 (via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

Cheryn Jones
Pesticides Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

(via EPA's internal mail)

Keri Powell
Associate Regional Counsel
Office of Environmental Accountability

U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Date: 11-19-10

(via EPA's internal mail)

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4

Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth St., SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303

(404) 562-9511

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