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From: David Cobb
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To: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection
Pembina, North Dakota 3401

Subject: Requested action to be taken regarding the Lysol Simply All-Purpose Cleaner
FIFRA-08-2023-0032

By this memorandum, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, is informing the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that the Lysol Simply All-Purpose Cleaner in the shipment described below should be **Denied Entry-Refused Delivery** into the United States pursuant to the authority of section 17(c) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. § 136o(c), and the implementing regulations at 19 C.F.R. § 12.114. The shipment was inspected by EPA Officers at the Pembina, North Dakota Port of Entry on April 13, 2023, and was determined to be out of compliance.

The following information pertains to the shipment of the Lysol Simply All-Purpose Cleaner:

- The consignee is Ken Cain, 1604 Briarstone Way, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227.
- The shipper UPS, 222 South 5th Street, Pembina, North Dakota 58271.
- The vendor is Better Health Medical, 14250 85 Avenue Northwest, Edmonton, Canada T5R3Z2.
- The shipment was imported under Section 321.
- The file date was April 13, 2023.
- The quantity is 2 bottles with a total net weight of 4 pounds.
- The port of entry is Pembina, North Dakota 3401.
- The country of origin is Canada.

The shipment that arrived at the border for import was in violation of FIFRA section 12(a)(1)(A), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), which states that it is unlawful for any person to distribute or sell any pesticide that is not registered under section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a.

Under FIFRA section 2(u), 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), a pesticide is any substance (or mixture of substances) intended for a pesticidal purpose, i.e., use for the purpose of preventing, destroying, repelling, or

mitigating any pest or use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant. Additionally, 40 C.F.R. § 152.15 states: “A substance is considered to be intended for a pesticidal purpose, and thus to be a pesticide requiring registration, if... [t]he person who distributes or sells the substance claims, states, or implies (by labelling or otherwise) ... [t]hat the substance... can or should be used as a pesticide.”

Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(t) defines “pest” as “(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-organisms on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under section 136w(c)(1) of this title.”

Section 2(p) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(p), defines “label” as “the written, printed, or graphic matter on, or attached to, the pesticide or device or any of its containers or wrappers” and defines “labeling” in part, as “all labels and all other written, printed, or graphic matter – (A) accompanying the pesticide or device at any time; or (B) to which reference is made on the label or in literature accompanying the pesticide....”

The label of the Lysol Simply All-Purpose Cleaner contained the following claims:

- “Eliminates Bacteria”

Lysol Simply All-Purpose Cleaner is thus a pesticide subject to FIFRA regulation.

Lysol Simply All-Purpose Cleaner is not registered pursuant to section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a. Therefore, Lysol Simply All-Purpose Cleaner is an unregistered pesticide. Importing Lysol Simply All-Purpose Cleaner in the shipment referenced above is a violation of FIFRA section 12(a)(1)(A), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), as a distribution or sale of an unregistered pesticide.

The shipment that arrived at the border for import is also in violation of FIFRA section 12(a)(2)(N), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(N), because a registrant, wholesaler, dealer, retailer, or other distributor failed to correctly file reports required by the Act. As required by 19 C.F.R. § 12.114, a Notice of Arrival of Pesticides and Devices (NOA), EPA form 3540-1, and a copy of one product label must be submitted. Therefore, the shipment that arrived at the border was also in violation of FIFRA section 12(a)(2)(N), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(N).

The Agency hereby notifies U.S. Customs and Border Protection that this merchandise has been refused admission and recommends that this merchandise be re-exported or destroyed within 90 calendar days from the date of this Notice.

On April 13, 2023, the Customs and Border Patrol Cargo Team in Pembina, North Dakota was informed by the EPA that it would deny entry of this shipment.

Please contact Christine Tokarz, FIFRA Import Coordinator, by phone at (303) 312-6147 or by email at tokarz.christine@epa.gov if you have any questions concerning this matter.