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VIA EMAIL

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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**Re: Gharda Chemicals International, Inc. (EPA Company No. 93182) - Request for (1) Voluntary Cancellation of Certain Chlorpyrifos Food Use Registrations and (2) Sub-labels for Non-Food Uses**

Dear Ms. Friedman:

On behalf of Gharda Chemicals International, Inc. (Gharda), I submit this response to the March 1, 2022 letter of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency), in which EPA requested that Gharda voluntarily cancel registrations and/or uses impacted by EPA’s decision to revoke all chlorpyrifos tolerances.

Consistent with its commitment to EPA in the weeks leading up to EPA’s Final Rule revoking all chlorpyrifos tolerances, and pursuant to Section 6(f)(1)(A) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), Gharda requests voluntary cancellation of the food use registrations identified in Table 1. These uses comprise all of Gharda’s currently registered food uses of chlorpyrifos **except** the eleven uses in select regions identified in EPA’s December 2020 Proposed Interim Decision as critical, high-benefit crop uses (the **Eleven Uses**).

**Table 1: Gharda Chemicals International, Inc. Voluntarily Cancelled Food Uses**

Product name	EPA Registration No.	Voluntarily Cancelled Food Uses
<b>Chlorpyrifos Technical</b>	93182-3	<b>Alfalfa (except in AZ, CO, IA, ID, IL, KS, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WI, WI), Asparagus (except in MI), Banana, Blueberry, Caneberry, Cherimoya, Citrus Fruits (except in AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TX), Corn, Cotton (except in AL, FL, GA, NC, SC,</b>

		<p>VA), Cranberries, Cucumber, Date, Feijoa, Figs, Grapes, Kiwifruit, Leek, Legume Vegetables (except soybean), Mint, Onions (dry bulb), Pea, Peanuts, Pepper, Pumpkin, Sorghum, <b>Soybeans (except in AL, CO, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, WI, WV, WY)</b>, Sunflowers, <b>Sugar Beets (except in IA, ID, IL, MI, MN, ND, OR, WA, WI)</b>, Sugarcane, <b>Strawberries (except in OR)</b>, Sweet Potatoes, Tree Fruit, (<b>apples [except in AL, DC, DE, GA, ID, IN, KY, MD, MI, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, TN, VA, VT, WA, WV]</b>, pears, <b>cherries [except tart cherries in MI]</b>, plums/prunes, <b>peaches [except in AL, DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, MI, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, SC, TX, VA, VT, WV]</b> and nectarines), Tree Nuts (almonds, filberts, pecans and walnuts), Vegetables (cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, collards, kale, kohlrabi, turnips, radishes, and rutabagas), and <b>wheat (except spring wheat in CO, KS, MO, MT, ND, NE, SD, WY and winter wheat in CO, IA, KS, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, OK, SD, TX, WY)</b>.</p>
<p><b>Pilot 4E Chlorpyrifos Agricultural Insecticide</b></p>	<p>93182-7</p>	<p><b>Alfalfa (except in AZ, CO, IA, ID, IL, KS, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WI, WI)</b>, <b>apple (except in AL, DC, DE, GA, ID, IN, KY, MD, MI, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, TN, VA, VT, WA, WV)</b>, <b>asparagus (except in MI)</b>, brassica (cole), leafy vegetables, radish, rutabaga, turnip, <b>citrus fruits and citrus orchard floors (except in AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TX)</b>, corn (field corn and sweet corn, including corn grown for seed) <b>cotton (except in AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, VA)</b>, cranberries figs, grape, legume vegetables (succulent or dried, except soybean), onions (dry bulb), peanut, pear, peppermint and spearmint, sorghum (milo), <b>soybean (except in AL, CO, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, WI, WV, WY)</b>, <b>strawberry (except in OR)</b>, <b>sugar beet (except in IA, ID, IL, MI, MN, ND, OR,</b></p>

		WA, WI), sunflower, sweet potato, almond, walnut (dormant/delayed dormant sprays), tree fruits and almond (trunk spray or preplant dip) tree nuts (foliar sprays) tree nut orchard floors, <b>wheat (except</b> spring wheat in CO, KS, MO, MT, ND, NE, SD, WY and winter wheat in CO, IA, KS, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, OK, SD, TX, WY), <b>cherries (except</b> tart cherries in MI), and <b>peaches (except</b> in AL, DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, MI, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, SC, TX, VA, VT, WV).
<b>Pilot 15G Chlorpyrifos Agricultural Insecticide</b>	93182-8	<b>Citrus and citrus orchards (except</b> in AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TX), broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale, kohlrabi, broccoli raab, Chinese broccoli, onions, radishes, rutabagas, sweet potatoes, corn, <b>asparagus (except</b> in MI), <b>alfalfa (except</b> in AZ, CO, IA, ID, IL, KS, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WI, WI), sorghum, <b>soybeans (except</b> in AL, CO, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, WI, WV, WY), peanuts, <b>sugar beets (except</b> in IA, ID, IL, MI, MN, ND, OR, WA, WI), turnips, and sunflowers.

Gharda understands that cancellation of the food uses outlined in Table 1 will result in cancellation of the same food uses for the supplemental distribution product identified below in Table 2.

**Table 2: Supplemental Distribution Product**

<b>Distributor Product Number</b>	<b>Distributor Company Name</b>	<b>Distributor Product Name</b>
93182-7-55467	Tenkoz, Inc.	Govern Insecticide

Gharda understands that a notice of receipt of this voluntary cancellation request will be published in the Federal Register, as required by Section 6(f) of FIFRA. Gharda further understands that the notice may allow up to a 180-day period after publication for public comment, during which time EPA may not approve or reject the request, and that the registrant may request that the comment period be waived. Gharda is not requesting waiver of the comment period. Gharda also understands that it is the Agency’s policy to consider comments

received during the public comment period before making its final determination on such a request.

Gharda is not in a position to voluntarily cancel its registration for the Eleven Uses at this time, given the litigation pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Gharda stands prepared to engage in a dialogue with EPA and/or the Department of Justice concerning the Eleven Uses at the appropriate time.

Gharda nevertheless understands that while the litigation is pending there can be no use, distribution, or sale of chlorpyrifos products for use on food by Gharda, its distributors and dealers, and other downstream uses. Accordingly, Gharda has suspended the sale and distribution of its chlorpyrifos product labeled for use on food, consistent with EPA's revocation order. Gharda is also prepared to accept return of its branded product from its distributors and dealers back to its possession and control for relabeling, export, or storage. Gharda is committed to working to ensure that its chlorpyrifos product does not enter the U.S. food supply while EPA's revocation order remains under review by the Eighth Circuit.

With the Agency's permission, Gharda is prepared to submit a request to EPA for sub-labels for its technical and end-use products that would include only non-food uses. This would limit continued domestic distribution, sale, and use of Gharda's relabeled chlorpyrifos products to non-food uses only, consistent with EPA's revocation order. This request is faithful to EPA's revocation order and also preserves Gharda's rights in the ongoing litigation, consistent with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and FIFRA. Gharda is prepared to work with the Agency on a plan for relabeling consistent with this request.

I can be reached at (215) 791-0956 or [sramanathan@gharda.com](mailto:sramanathan@gharda.com) to discuss these issues at the Agency's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ram Seethapathi', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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