# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

In the Matter of

Contract Filling Incorporated

Respondent

Proceeding under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended.:

CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND FINAL ORDER

Docket No. FIFRA-02-2008-5121



#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This administrative proceeding for the assessment of a civil penalty was initiated pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 136 1 (a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136 et seq. ("FIFRA" or "the Act"). Complainant in this proceeding, the Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance, United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region 2, issued a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Respondent, Contract Filling Incorporated located at 10 Cliffside Drive, Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009.

The Complainant charged Respondent with two (2) violations of 7 U.S.C. § 136e(c)(1) and 40 C.F.R. § 167.85, the requirements under FIFRA governing the submission of an annual Pesticide Report for Pesticide-Producing Establishments ("Pesticide Report"). Said violations are unlawful under FIFRA §12(a) (2) (L), 7 U.S.C. § 136j (a) (2) (L).

#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Parties to this Consent Agreement agree that the title to this proceeding should properly read "In the Matter of Contract Filling Incorporated".
- 2. This Consent Agreement is being entered by Respondent on behalf of Contract Filling Incorporated and the Respondent is authorized for purposes of this Consent Agreement to bind Contract Filling Incorporated.
- 3. Respondent's establishment is registered under Section 7 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e. Its assigned EPA Establishment Number is 074315-NJ-001.
- 4. Pursuant to Section 7(c) of FIFRA and 40 C.F.R. § 167.20(f), any producer operating an establishment registered under Section 7 shall submit annually to the EPA the types and amounts of pesticides and, if applicable, active ingredients used in producing pesticides, which the producer is currently producing, has produced during the past year, and has sold or distributed during the past year.
- 5. Title 40 C.F.R. § 167.85 provides that a producer operating an establishment must submit the annual pesticide production report (the "Report") on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, even if the producer has produced no pesticidal product for that reporting year.
- 6. Respondent failed to submit annual pesticide production reports for 2006 and 2007 for EPA Establishment Number 074315-NJ-001.
- 7. Therefore, Respondent violated Section 7(c) (1) of FIFRA, Section 12(a) (2) (L) of FIFRA, and 40 C.F.R. § 167.85.
- 8. Respondent requested inactivation of the establishment on July 2, 2008, after receipt of said Complaint. Respondent has not performed pesticide related activities while registered under FIFRA Section 7.

#### **CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Based on the foregoing, and in accordance with federal laws and regulations, it is agreed that:

- 1. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint.
- Respondent agrees to waive any jurisdictional objections regarding proper service of the Complaint and/or any other questions concerning acquisition of personal jurisdiction of Contract
   Filling Incorporated.
- 3. Respondent shall comply at all times with the requirements of Section 7 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e and the applicable regulations.
- 4. Respondent admits the specific factual allegations set forth in the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law in this Consent Agreement.
- 5. Complainant agrees to waive all penalties assessed in the Complaint due to Respondent's termination of its establishment registration and submission of a zero pesticide production report for 2006 and 2007. Such waiver is consistent with the provisions of the FIFRA Enforcement Response Policy (ERP).
- 6. Nothing in this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with all applicable provisions of FIFRA and other environmental laws.
- 7. Nothing in this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall preclude Complainant from further enforcement action, including the assessment of civil penalties, arising from the violation of any environmental laws.
- 8. This Consent Agreement is being entered into by the parties in full settlement of all civil liabilities that might have attached as a result of the allegations in the Complaint. Respondent has read the Consent Agreement and Final Order, finds it reasonable, and consents to its issuance and its terms.

- 9. Respondent explicitly waives its right to request a hearing on the Complaint, this Agreement, or the attached Final Order.
- 10. Respondent waives any right it may have pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.08 to be present during discussions with or to be served with and to reply to any memorandum or communication addressed to the Regional Administrator or the Deputy Regional Administrator where the purpose of such discussion, memorandum, or communication is to recommend that such official accept this Consent Agreement and issue the attached Final Order.
- 11. This Consent Agreement shall be binding on both parties to this action, their officers, directors, employees, successors, and assigns.
- 12. The undersigned representative of each party to this Consent Agreement certifies that he or she is duly authorized by the party whom he or she represents to enter into the terms and conditions of this Agreement and bind that party to it.
- 13. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees in the action resolved by this Consent Agreement.
- 14. Respondent consents to service upon Respondent by a copy of this Consent Agreement and Final Order by an EPA employee other than the Regional Hearing Clerk.

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RESPONDENT: Contract Filling Incorporated
BY: Joseph Just Authorizing Signature
NAME: JOSEPH LIZZI
(PLEASE PRINT)
TITLE: Director of Regulatory Affair
DATE: 2/11/09
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COMPLAINANT:
Bore LaPosta, Director
Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2
290 Broadway
New York NY 10007

DATE: 2-20-2009

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## FINAL ORDER

The Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, ratifies the foregoing Consent Agreement. The Consent Agreement, entered into by the parties to this matter, is hereby approved, incorporated herein, and issued as an Order. The effective date of this Order shall be the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region 2, New York, New York.

George Pavlou

Acting Regional Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2

290 Broadway

New York, New York 10007

DATE:

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have this day caused to be sent the Consent Agreement, the above-referenced docket number, in the following manner to the respective addressees below:

Original and One Copy by Interoffice Mail:

Office of Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2 290 Broadway, 16th floor New York, New York 10007-1866

**USPS First Class Mail** 

Mr. Joseph Lizzi Director Regulatory Affairs Contact Filling Inc. 10 Cliffside Drive Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009

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