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Mr. Tommy Mason
President
Good House Keeping
Maintenance Supplies, Inc.
906 Martin Luther King Dr.
Thomasville, NC 27360

SUBJ: Docket No. FIFRA-04-2008-3003(b)
Good House Keeping Maintenance Supplies, Inc.

Dear Mr. Mason:

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 CFR Part 22.

Please make note of the provisions in the Final Order, with respect to payment of the assessed penalty of \$5,755. The initial payment in the amount of \$959.17 is due within 30 days from the effective date of the CAFO. Remaining payments are due as set forth in Paragraph 30 of the CAFO. As required by Paragraph 31 of this CAFO, 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 FIFRA-04-2008-3003(b).

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. EPA, Cincinnati Accounting Operations address identified in Paragraph 30 of the CAFO. Should you have any questions about your compliance status in the future, please call me or Ms. Melba Table at (404) 562-9086.

Sincerely,

Jeanne M. Gettle
Chief
Pesticides and Toxic
Substances Branch

Enclosures

cc: Shannon Joyner, NCDACS

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In the Matter of:)
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Good Housekeeper) Docket No. **FIFRA-04-2008-3003(b)**
Maintenance Supplies, Inc.)
)
Respondent.)
_____)

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide, 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 CFR Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 (EPA). Respondent is Good Housekeeper Maintenance Supplies, Inc.
2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 CFR § 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 CFR § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

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 CFR § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Melba Table
Pesticides Management Section
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960
(404) 562-9086.

5. Respondent is Good Housekeeping Maintenance Supplies, Inc., a North Carolina corporation, located at 906 Martin Luther King Dr., Thomasville, NC 27360.
6. Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), and as such is subject to FIFRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
7. On or about May 18, 2006, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted an inspection at Good Housekeeping Maintenance Supplies, Inc.
8. During the aforementioned inspection, the products "Heavy Duty 575 Neutral Cleaner & Deodorizer and Heavy Duty Neutral Lemon Quat Cleaner & Deodorizer," were identified as being produced and distributed by the Respondent.

9. “Heavy Duty 575 Neutral Cleaner & Deodorizer and Heavy Duty Neutral Lemon Quat Cleaner & Deodorizer,” are pesticides as defined in Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), which includes any substance or mixture or substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.
10. A” pest” is defined in Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(t), as any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under Section 25(c)(1) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136w(c)(1).
11. Respondent “distributes or sells” pesticides. The term “to distribute to sell” as defined by Section 2(gg) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(gg), includes to distribute, sell, offer for sale, hold for distribution, hold for sale, hold for shipment, ship, deliver for shipment, or release for shipment.
12. At the time of the inspection, Heavy Duty 575 Neutral Cleaner & Deodorizer and Heavy Duty Neutral Lemon Quat Cleaner & Deodorizer were not registered as pesticides with EPA.
13. At the time of the inspection, Heavy Duty 575 Neutral Cleaner & Deodorizer and Heavy Duty Neutral Lemon Quat Cleaner & Deodorizer were offered for sale by Respondent.
14. It is unlawful according Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), for any person to distribute or sell to any person any pesticide that is not registered under Section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a.

15. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), on at least two occasions by offering the two pesticides Heavy Duty 575 Neutral Cleaner & Deodorizer and Heavy Duty Neutral Lemon Quat Cleaner & Deodorizer for sale and Respondent is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.
16. At the time of the inspection, Respondent produced the pesticides Heavy Duty 575 Neutral Cleaner & Deodorizer and Heavy Duty Neutral Lemon Quat Cleaner & Deodorizer in an establishment that was not registered with the Administrator of EPA as a pesticide-producing establishment.
17. Produce is defined in Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(w), to include to manufacture, prepare, compound, propagate or process any pesticide.
18. It is unlawful according to Section 12(a)(2)(L) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(L), to produce a pesticide in any State unless the establishment is registered with the Administrator of EPA as set forth in Section 7 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e.
19. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(2)(L) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(L), and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.
20. 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.
21. Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), requires EPA to consider the appropriateness of the assessed penalty to the size of business of the Respondent, the effect on Respondent's ability to continue in business, and the gravity of the violation.

22. After consideration of the factors set forth in Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), the EPA proposes to assess a total civil penalty of FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$5,755), plus interest at four percent per annum, 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.

III. Consent Agreement

23. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations.
24. 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.
25. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
26. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of FIFRA.
27. 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.

28. 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.

IV. Final Order

29. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$5,755), plus interest at four percent per annum, which shall be paid according to the schedule agreed upon, as shown in this section.
30. **The first installment payment of \$959.17 shall be made on January 1, 2008, or within 30 days from the date this CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, whichever is later.**

The remaining three installment payments will be made as set forth below:

DATE	AMOUNT
May 1, 2008	\$1,006.47
September 1, 2008	\$997.01
January 1, 2009	\$987.55
May 1, 2009	\$978.09
September 1, 2009	\$968.61

31. 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:

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

The check shall reference the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO [“Good Housekeeper Maintenance Supplies, Inc., FIFRA-04-2008-3003(b)”].

32. 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, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

Melba Table
Pesticides Management Section
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

and

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

33. 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.
34. 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 principle amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.

35. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
36. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
37. 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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V. Effective Date

38. 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:

Good Housekeeper Maintenance Supplies, Inc.

By: Paul M (Signature) Date: 11/5/07
Name: Paul Thomas Mason (Typed or Printed)
Title: President (Typed or Printed)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Kenneth Mitchell
By: Beverly H. Banister Date: 12/4/07
Director
Air, Pesticides and Toxics
Management Division
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 28th day of December 2008.

Susan B. Schub
Susan B. Schub
Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of: Good Housekeeper Maintenance Supplies, Inc., FIFRA Docket No. 04-2008-3003(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated.

For Complainant:

Melba Table

(Via EPA's internal mail)

U.S. EPA - Region 4, 4APT-PTSB

Pesticides Management Section

61 Forsyth Street

Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

Bob Caplan

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Office of Environmental Accountability

U.S. EPA - Region 4

61 Forsyth Street

Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

For Respondent:

Tommy Mason

(Via Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested)

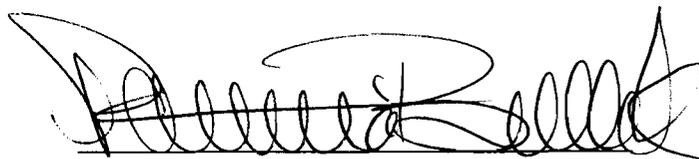
Good Housekeeping

Maintenance Supplies, Inc.

906 Martin Luther King Dr.

Thomasville, NC 27360

Date: 1-7-08



Regional Hearing Clerk

United States Environmental

Protection Agency, Region 4

Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center

61 Forsyth Street

Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

(404) 562-9511

EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORIGINATING OFFICE:

(Attach a copy of the final order and transmittal letter to Defendant/Respondent)

This form was originated by: Saund, Wilson on 12/26/07
(Name) (Date)

in the EAD/OATGL/OLS at 9504
(Office) (Telephone Number)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
USAO COLLECTS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Order/Consent Agreement
FMO COLLECTS PAYMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
DOJ COLLECTS | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This is an original debt. | <input type="checkbox"/> This a modification. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Receivable |

PAYEE: Good Housekeeping Maintenance Supplies Inc
(Name of person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment)

For Oversight Billing, the anniversary date, or the date specified in the order, or the date as directed by the program office to initiate billing: _____
(Date)

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 5755
(If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: FIERA 04 2008 3003(6)

The Site Specific Superfund Account Number: _____

The Designated Regional /Headquarters Program Office: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

The IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number is: _____ Date _____

If you have any questions, please call: Erny Whitney of the Financial Management Section at (404) 562-8238.
Russandra (Rusty) Brown (404) 562-8267

DISTRIBUTION:

A. **JUDICIAL ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the **FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER** should be mailed to:

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Environmental Enforcement Section
Department of Justice/RM 1647
P.O. BOX 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station
Washington, DC 20044 | 2. Originating Office (EAD)
3. Designated Program Office |
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B. **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order should be sent to:

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| 1. Originating Office | 3. Designated Program Office |
| 2. Regional Hearing Clerk | 4. Regional Counsel (EAD) |