

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Date:

October 22, 2018

To:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

From:

David Cobb

Unit Chief, Toxics Enforcement Unit

Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Subject:

Requested action to be taken regarding the Eco-Friendly Bed bug Traps in the

shipment with master bill of lading number 023-49939400

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 Eco-Friendly Bed bug Traps in the import 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 following information pertains to the shipment of the Eco-Friendly Bed bug Traps:

- The consignee is Amazon.com.kydc LLC, 33333 LBJ FWY, Dallas TX 75241-7203.
- The shipper is Zhang RM 102 10BD 35 Yach II Ave Jing, China.
- The ship date was October 15, 2018.
- The quantity was four boxes, containing a total of 101 kilograms.
- The product is individually labeled as Eco-Friendly Bed bug Traps.
- The port of entry is Denver International Airport, Denver, Colorado.
- The country of origin is China.

The shipment that arrived at the border for import was in violation of FIFRA section 12(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. Under FIFRA, a product that makes pesticidal claims is a pesticide, and it must be registered with the EPA prior to distribution or sale. This product, Eco-Friendly Bed bug Traps, makes pesticidal claims. The packaging of this product indicates that it traps bed bugs. Therefore, this product cannot be allowed entry into the United States. On October 19, 2018 EPA assisted Assistant Port Director JoAnn Winks of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Bureau of Customs and Border Protection on an inspection to make this determination.

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

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