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From: David Cobb
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Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

To: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection
Sweetgrass, Montana 3310

Subject: Requested action to be taken regarding the Aquanova UV + Ozone Spa Sanitizers in shipment with entry number 551-98448876 FIFRA-08-2021-0019

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 Aquanova UV + Ozone Spa Sanitizers 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. section 12.114.

The following information pertains to the shipment of the Aquanova UV + Ozone Spa Sanitizers:

- The importer is Artic Spas Colorado Springs, 8805 Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907.
- The manufacturer is Blue Falls Manufacturing Limited, 4549-52 Street, Thorsby, Alberta T0C2 P0, Canada.
- The broker is A.N. Deringer, Inc., 110 Central Avenue, Sweet Grass, Montana, 59484, point of contact, Kurt Bush, kbush@anderinger.com.
- The ship date is December 13, 2020.
- Bill number is NMJT203191
- The quantity is 1 unit, 5 pounds.
- The port of entry is Sweetgrass, Montana 3310.
- The country of origin is Canada.

The shipment that arrived at the border for import was in violation of FIFRA section 12(a)(2)(L), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(L), which states that it is unlawful for any person who is a producer to violate

the provisions of FIFRA section 7(a), 7 U.S.C. § 136e(a), by producing a pesticide or pesticidal device subject to the Act in an unregistered establishment. 40 C.F.R. § 167.20. (See 40 C.F.R. section 152.500 for requirements for devices.)

Under FIFRA, a device that makes pesticidal claims is a pesticidal device, and it must be produced in an establishment registered with the EPA prior to distribution or sale. Antimicrobial pesticide devices are devices with claims that they can be used to destroy or suppress the growth of harmful microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, or fungi on inanimate objects and surfaces.

Pesticidal claims made in relation to the Aquanova UV + Ozone Spa Sanitizers include, “With the unique combination of ozone (O3) and UV-C technologies, AQUANOVA is the ultimate ozonator for sanitizing hot tub water.” An intended use statement from the manufacturer stated, “It is a device that creates ozone by passing air through an electric field combined with UV-C. This ozone is then pushed into the water of a hot tub to help in the sanitation of the water.”

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 December 23, 2020, the Customs and Border Patrol unit chief in Sweetgrass, Montana, was informed by the EPA that it should deny entry of this shipment.

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.