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From: David Cobb

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To: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Port of Sweetgrass, Montana 3310

Subject: Requested action to be taken regarding the products in shipment with entry number SCS-

98616742 FIFRA-08-2024-0040

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 (CBP) that the pesticide products 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 (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. § 1360(c), and the implementing regulations at 19 C.F.R. §12.114. On May 19, 2024, a Customs and Border Protection Officer inspected the shipment at the Sweetgrass, Montana Port of Entry. EPA reviewed the information and accompanying photos to make this compliance determination.

The following information pertains to the shipment of the shipment:

- The importer is Genics Inc, 27717 Acheson Road, Acheson, Alberta, T7X6B1 Canada.
- The consignee is Express Logistics, 1595 Erie Street, North Kansas City, Missouri 64116-3804.
- The broker is UPS, <u>UPSNB.PGATeam@ups.com</u>.
- The arrival date was May 19, 2024.
- The bill number is HSPM910524.
- The quantities are:
 - Genic Cub20, 71653-9 weighing 27,216 pounds.
 - CuRap 22, 71653-12 weighing 10,584 pounds.
- The port of entry is Sweetgrass, Montana, 3310.
- The country of origin, as entered in ACE, is Canada.

Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(t) defines "pest" as "(1) any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or (2) any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-

organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other micro-organisms on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under section 136w(c)(1) of this title."

Section 2(p) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(p), defines "label" as "the written, printed, or graphic matter on, or attached to, the pesticide or device or any of its containers or wrappers" and defines "labeling" in part, as "all labels and all other written, printed, or graphic matter – (A) accompanying the pesticide or device at any time; or (B) to which reference is made on the label or in literature accompanying the pesticide...."

Genics CuB 20, EPA Reg Number, 71653-9:

MISBRANDED- The shipment that arrived at the border for import was in violation of FIFRA section 12(a)(1)(e), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(e), because a registrant, wholesaler, dealer, retailer, or other distributor sold or distributed a pesticide which is misbranded in that the labeling has a statement, design, or graphic representation that is false or misleading. The label for the product that attempted import did not have the following required language, "and waterproof gloves".

Genics CuB 20, EPA Reg Number, 71653-9 and Genics CuRap 22 EPA Reg Number 71653-12:

FAILURE TO FILE REPORTS - The pesticide producer establishment where these products were produced, 71653-CAN-01, has not submitted their 2023 Annual Pesticide Production Report, therefore it is in violation of 12(a)(2)(B)(i), an establishment refused to PREPARE, MAINTAIN, or SUBMIT any RECORDS required under sections 5, 7,ii 8, 11, or 19.

Therefore, the pesticide products in the shipment referenced above cannot be allowed entry into the United States.

The EPA hereby notifies CBP that this merchandise should be refused admission pursuant to the authority of FIFRA § 17(c), 7 U.S.C. § 136o(c), and the implementing regulations at 19 C.F.R. § 12.114. The importer should export this merchandise or dispose of the products under supervision of the CBP within ninety calendar days from the date of this memorandum or within such additional time as the District Director of CBP specifies. Failure to do so may result in either the destruction of the merchandise as authorized by FIFRA or in any action necessary to enforce the terms of any bond under which the shipment has been released to the consignee. Alternatively, CBP may elect to seize the products as a prohibited importation pursuant to their authorities as set out at 19 U.S.C. § 1595a(c)(2)(A).

On May 19, 2024, the EPA informed the CBP Cargo Chief in Sweetgrass, Montana, that it would 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.