



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

March 25, 2015

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

LC- 8J

CERTIFIED MAIL: No.7011 1150 0000 2643 8371
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Janelle Kay
Stone Soap Company, Inc.
Pyxis Regulatory Consulting, Inc.
4110 136th St. Ct. NW
Gig Harbor, Washington 98332

Consent Agreement and Final Order In the Matter of
Stone Soap Company, Inc., Docket No. **FIFRA-05-2015-0034**

Ms. Kay:

Enclosed please find a copy of a fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in resolution of the above case. This document was filed on March 25, 2015, with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

The civil penalty in the amount of \$2,550 is to be paid in the manner described in paragraphs 23 and 24. Please be certain that the docket number is written on both the transmittal letter and on the check.

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Estrella Calvo".

Estrella Calvo
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section

Enclosure

6. Respondent consents to the assessment of the civil penalty specified in this CAFO, and to the terms of this CAFO.

Jurisdiction and Waiver of Right to Hearing

7. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in this CAFO and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations in this CAFO.

8. Respondent waives its right to request a hearing as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c), any right to contest the allegations in this CAFO and its right to appeal this CAFO.

9. Respondent certifies that it is complying with FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §§ 136-136y.

Statutory and Regulatory Background

10. Under FIFRA, no person shall produce any pesticide unless the establishment in which it is produced is registered with EPA. Section 7(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.20(a).

11. The term “person” means any individual, partnership, association, corporation, or any organized group of persons whether incorporated or not. Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s).

12. The term “produce” means to manufacture, prepare, compound, propagate, or process any pesticide, or to package, repackage, label, relabel or otherwise change the container of any pesticide. Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(w), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

13. The terms “pesticide” and “pesticidal product” mean any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest. Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

14. The term “establishment” means any site where a pesticide or pesticidal product is produced, or held, for distribution or sale. Section 2(dd) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(dd), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

15. Section 14(a)(1), 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(1), provides that any registrant, commercial applicator, wholesaler, dealer, retailer or other distributor who violates any provision of FIFRA may be assessed a civil penalty by EPA of not more than \$5,000 for each offense. The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 note, and its implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 19 increased this amount to \$7,500 for each offense occurring after January 12, 2009.

Factual Allegations and Alleged Violations

16. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent owned or operated a facility located at 2000 Pontiac Drive, Sylvan Lake, Michigan (Stone Soap facility).

17. Respondent “produced” “Avian Control” at the Stone Soap facility in 2013, within the meaning of Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(w), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

18. “Avian Control” constitutes a “pesticide” and “pesticidal product,” within the meaning of Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

19. The Stone Soap facility constitutes an “establishment,” within the meaning of Section 2(dd) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(dd), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3

20. At all times relevant to this Complaint, prior to Respondent obtaining an EPA Establishment Registration on January 20, 2015, the establishment was not registered with EPA.

21. Respondent violated Section 7(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.20(a) by producing a pesticide at the unregistered establishment identified in Paragraph 16.

Civil Penalty

22. Pursuant to Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), Complainant determined that an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is \$2,550. In determining the penalty amount, Complainant considered the appropriateness of the penalty to the size of Respondent's business, the effect on Respondent's ability to continue in business, and the gravity of the violation. Complainant also considered EPA's FIFRA Enforcement Response Policy, dated December 2009.

23. Within 30 days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent must pay a \$2,550 civil penalty for the FIFRA violations by sending a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

U.S. EPA
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
Post Office Box 979077
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

The check must note Stone Soap Company, Inc. and the docket number of this CAFO.

24. Respondent must send a notice of payment that states Respondent's name, complete address and the case docket number to EPA at the following addresses when it pays the penalty:

Regional Hearing Clerk (E-19J)
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Estrella Calvo (LC-8J)
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard.
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Mark J. Palermo (C-14J)
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

25. This civil penalty is not deductible for federal tax purposes.

26. If Respondent does not pay timely the civil penalty, EPA may refer the matter to the Attorney General who will recover such amount by action in the appropriate United States district court under Section 14(a)(5) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(5). The validity, amount and appropriateness of the civil penalty are not reviewable in a collection action.

27. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 901.9, Respondent must pay the following on any amount overdue under this CAFO. Interest will accrue on any amount overdue from the date payment was due at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury. Respondent must pay a \$15 handling charge each month that any portion of the penalty is more than 30 days past due. In addition, Respondent must pay a 6 percent per year penalty on any principal amount 90 days past due.

General Provisions

28. This CAFO resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in the CAFO.

29. This CAFO does not affect the rights of EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law.

30. This CAFO does not affect Respondent's responsibility to comply with FIFRA and other applicable federal, state and local laws.

31. This CAFO is a "final order" for purposes of EPA's FIFRA Enforcement Response Policy.

32. The terms of this CAFO bind Respondent, its successors and assigns.

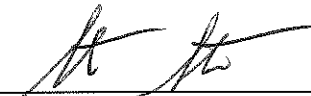
33. Each person signing this agreement certifies that he or she has the authority to sign for the party whom he or she represents and to bind that party to its terms.

34. Each party agrees to bear its own costs and attorneys' fees, in this action.

35. This CAFO constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Stone Soap Company, Inc., Respondent

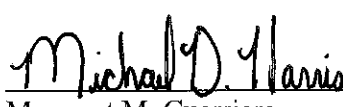
3/4/15
Date



Steven Stone
Executive Vice President
Stone Soap Company, Inc.

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Complainant

3/17/15
Date

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Margaret M. Guerriero
Director
Land and Chemicals Division


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Final Order

This Consent Agreement and Final Order, as agreed to by the parties, shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk. This Final Order concludes this proceeding pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18 and 22.31. IT IS SO ORDERED.

3-23-2015

Date



Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Consent Agreement and Final Order*, which was filed on March 25, 2015 in the following manner to the addressees:

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Return-receipt:

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Attorney for Complainant:


Mark J. Palermo
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Copy by E-mail to

Regional Judicial Officer:

Ann Coyle
coyle.ann@epa.gov

Dated: March 25, 2015



LaDawn Whitehead
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

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