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CLIENT/MATTER NUMBER 085904-0141

Kathy Robinson Regional Hearing Clerk EPA – Region 7 901 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street Kansas City, KS 66101

Re:

FIFRA-07-2007-0002

Dear Ms. Robinson:

Thank you for your correspondence dated November 13, 2006 in connection with the above-referenced action. I apologize for the oversight and have enclosed an additional copy of Howard Johnson's Enterprises' Answer to U.S. EPA's Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing dated October 13, 2006. We have made a note of this requirement for all future filings.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best Regards,

Katherine E. Lazarski

Enclosure

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION VII 901 NORTH 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

## BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE MATTER OF	)	Docket No. FIFRA-07-2007-0002
Howard Johnson's Enterprises, Inc.,	)	
Respondent.	)	
	)	

## <u>ANSWER</u>

Respondent Howard Johnson's Enterprises, Inc. ("HJE"), by its attorneys, Foley & Lardner LLP, answers U.S. EPA's Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing as follows.

- 1. The allegations in paragraphs 1 through 3 state legal conclusions to which no answer is required.
- 2. HJE admits the allegation in paragraph 4 to the extent that HJE is a pesticide producing establishment located at 1301 Industrial Drive, Neosho, Missouri and assigned EPA Establishment NO. 32802-MO-001. HJE is a Missouri corporation and it is qualified to do business in the state of Missouri. The remainder of paragraph 4 states a legal conclusion to which no answer is required.
- 3. With respect to the allegations in paragraphs 6 through 12, the Federal Insectici de, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act ("FIFRA") (7 U.S.C. § 136 et. seq.) and implementing regulations (40 C.F.R. parts 152-180) are legal requirements that speak for themselves, and HJE denies the allegations to the extent inconsistent therewith.

- 4. HJE lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 13.
- 5. HJE admits the allegations in paragraph 14 to the extent that HJE produced 18 pound bags and 36 pound bags of Greenskeeper's Secret Crabgress Preventer Plus ("Greenskeeper's) at its facility in Neosho, Missouri and that facility is assigned EPA Est. No. 32802-MO-001. HJE admits that certain shipments of Greenskeeper's to T and N, Inc. were labeled with EPA Registration No. 2217-697-066840 and EPA Establishment Numbers BA326T533 and BA327U522.
  - 6. HJE admits the allegation in paragraph 15.
- 7. HJE lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraphs 16-18.
- 8. The allegations in paragraph 19 state legal conclusions to which no answer is required.
- 9. With respect to Count 1 and the allegations in paragraphs 21-24, HJE admits that Sales Invoice 20462 documents the shipment of 7,440 eighteen-pound bags of Greenskeeper's to T and N, Inc. HJE admits that the bags bore labels stating EPA Registration No. 2217-697-66850 and Establishment No. 32802-WI-1(B). The remainder of the allegations in paragraphs 21-24 state legal conclusions to which no answer is required.
- 10. With respect to Count 2 and the allegations in paragraphs 26-29, HJE admits that Sales Invoice 20483 documents the shipment of 2,520 eighteen-pound bags of Greenskeeper's to T and N, Inc. HJE admits that the bags bore labels stating EPA Registration No. 2217-697-66850 and Establishment No. 32802-WI-1(B). The remainder of the allegations in paragraphs 26-29 state legal conclusions to which no answer is required.

- 12. With respect to Count 4 and the allegations in paragraphs 30-39, FIJE aums was Sales Invoice 20538 documents the shipment of 2,400 thirty-six-pound bags of Greenskeeper's to T and N, Inc. HJE admits that the bags bore labels stating EPA Registration No. 2217-697-66850 and Establishment No. 32802-WI-1(B). The remainder of the allegations in paragraphs 36-39 state legal conclusions to which no answer is required.
- 13. With respect to Count 5 and the allegations in paragraphs 41-44, HJE admits that Sales Invoices 20576 and 20577 document the shipment of 240 eighteen-pound bags and 2,460 thirty-six pound bags of Greenskeeper's to T and N, Inc. HJE admits that the bags bore labels stating EPA Registration No. 2217-697-66850 and Establishment No. 32802-WI-1(B). The remainder of the allegations in paragraphs 41-44 state legal conclusions to which no answer is required.
- 14. With respect to Count 6 and the allegations in paragraphs 46-49, HJE admits that Sales Invoice 20604 documents the shipment of 1,260 thirty-six-pound bags of Greenskeeper's to T and N, Inc. HJE admits that the bags bore labels stating EPA Registration No. 2217-697-66850 and Establishment No. 32802-WI-1(B). The remainder of the allegations in paragraphs 46-49 state legal conclusions to which no answer is required.
- 15. With respect to Count 7 and the allegations in paragraphs 51-54, HJE admits that Sales Invoice 20846 documents the shipment of 1,380 thirty-six-pound bags of Greenskeeper's