

Environmental Protection Agency

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contaminant or impurity in the product and its subsequent elimination from the product.

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§ 159.159 Information obtained before promulgation of the rule.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, information held by registrants on August 17, 1998 which has not been previously submitted to the Agency, but which is reportable under the terms of this part, must be submitted to the Agency if it meets any of the following criteria:

(1) Information is otherwise reportable under § 159.184, and pertains to an incident that is alleged to have occurred on or after January 1, 1994, and to have involved any of the following:

(i) A fatality or hospitalization of a human being.

(ii) A fatality of a domestic animal.

(iii) A fatality or fatalities to fish or wildlife, if the incident meets the criteria for the exposure type and severity category designation "W-A" set forth in § 159.184(c)(5)(iii).

(2) Submission of the information is requested by the Agency pursuant to § 159.195(c).

(b) If a registrant possesses information required to be submitted by paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the registrant must submit on or before June 16, 1999 in accordance with § 159.156(c), (d), and (e) an inventory of the incidents that meet the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1) of this section. Such an inventory must include the separate number of incidents that meet the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii), and (a)(1)(iii) of this section, and for each type of incident, the total numbers of fatalities or hospitalizations involved.

(c) If a registrant possesses information required to be submitted by paragraph (a)(2) of this section, the information must be submitted in accordance with any schedule contained in the Agency's request for the information.

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§ 159.160 Obligations of former registrants.

(a) *General.* A former registrant is obliged to continue to submit information concerning the registration of a pesticide product previously held by the registrant and otherwise reportable under the provisions of this part for a period of 5 years after the registration of the pesticide product has been canceled or transferred to another registrant, with the exceptions provided by paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Exceptions.* Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section, a former registrant is not obligated to report information pursuant to this part if any of the following conditions are applicable:

(1) The information is first obtained by the person more than 1 year after the date on which the person ceased to hold the registration of the product to which the information pertains, and the person holds no active pesticide registrations, or for some other reason cannot reasonably be expected to receive information concerning the formerly registered product.

(2) The information is associated solely with an inert ingredient, contaminant, impurity, metabolite, or degradate contained in a product, and the information is first obtained by the person more than 1 year after the date upon which the person ceased to hold the registration of the product.

(3) The information is associated with an active ingredient or a formerly registered product, and the active ingredient or every active ingredient contained in the formerly registered product has not been contained in any pesticide product registered in the United States for any part of the 3-year period preceding the date on which the person first obtained the information.

(4) The information pertains solely to a formerly registered product that no longer meets the definition of "pesticide" in section 2(u) of FIFRA (7 U.S.C. section 136(u)).

(c) *Information arising from litigation.* Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, a former registrant is obliged to submit information otherwise reportable under this part concerning formerly-registered pesticide

products which arises in the course of litigation concerning the effects of such products, regardless of when the information is first acquired, provided that neither of the provisions of paragraphs (b)(3) or (b)(4) of this section are met. Such information shall be submitted in the same manner and according to the same schedules as it would have to be submitted by a current registrant of a pesticide product to which the information pertained.

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§ 159.165 Toxicological and ecological studies.

Adverse effects information must be submitted as follows:

(a) *Toxicological studies.* (1) The results of a study of the toxicity of a pesticide to humans or other non-target domestic organisms if, relative to all previously submitted studies, they show an adverse effect under any of the following conditions:

- (i) That is in a different organ or tissue of the test organism.
- (ii) At a lower dosage, or after a shorter exposure period, or after a shorter latency period.
- (iii) At a higher incidence or frequency.
- (iv) In a different species, strain, sex, or generation of test organism.
- (v) By a different route of exposure.

(2) Acute oral, acute dermal, acute inhalation or skin and eye irritation studies in which the only change in toxicity is a numerical decrease in the median lethal dose (LD₅₀), median lethal concentration (LC₅₀) or irritation indices, are not reportable under this part unless the results indicate a more restrictive toxicity category for labeling under the criteria of 40 CFR 156.10(h).

(b) *Ecological studies.* The results of a study of the toxicity of a pesticide to terrestrial or aquatic wildlife or plants if, relative to all previously submitted studies, they show an adverse effect under any of the following conditions:

(1) At levels 50 percent or more lower than previous acute toxicity studies with similar species, including determinations of the median lethal dose (LD₅₀), median lethal concentration

(LC₅₀), or median effective concentration (EC₅₀).

(2) At lower levels in a chronic study than previous studies with similar species.

(3) In a study with a previously untested species the results indicate the chronic no observed effect level (NOEL) is 10 percent or less of the lowest LC₅₀ or LD₅₀ for a similar species.

(4) For plants when tested at the maximum label application rate or less, if either of the following conditions is met:

(i) More than 25 percent of terrestrial plants show adverse effects on plant life cycle functions and growth such as germination, emergence, plant vigor, reproduction and yields.

(ii) More than 50 percent of aquatic plants show adverse effects on plant life cycle functions and growth such as germination, emergence, plant vigor, reproduction and yields.

(c) Results from a study that demonstrates any toxic effect (even if corroborative of information already known to the Agency), must be submitted if the pesticide is or has been the subject of a Formal Review based on that effect within 5 years of the time the results are received. Within 30 calendar days of the publication of a Notice of Commencement of a Formal Review in the FEDERAL REGISTER, all information which has become reportable due to the commencement of the Formal Review must be submitted.

(d) *Incomplete studies.* Information from an incomplete study of the toxicity to any organism of a registered pesticide product or any of its ingredients, impurities, metabolites, or degradation products which would otherwise be reportable under paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of this section must be submitted if the information meets any one of the following three sets of criteria:

(1) *Short-term studies.* A study using a test regimen lasting 90 calendar days or less, and all of the following conditions are met:

- (i) All testing has been completed.
- (ii) A preliminary data analysis or gross pathological analysis has been conducted.
- (iii) Final analysis has not been completed.