

CHLORPYRIFOS CANCELLATION PLANS IN THE USA

Dow announces chlorpyrifos cancellation plans

Earlier this year, Dow AgroSciences announced that its plans to notify the U.S. EPA of its intention to cancel certain uses and registrations for chlorpyrifos. The company will no longer support non-agricultural and public health uses of chlorpyrifos.

For the purposes of these use cancellations, non-agricultural use patterns are defined in 40 CFR 170.103 and include pest control in such use sites as golf courses, road medians, industrial plant sites as well as indoor and outdoor residential and commercial pest control.

Labels for the following end-use products will be amended to remove non-agricultural and public health uses:

- Dursban 4E-N
- Dursban 50W in WSP

The company said it intended to submit amended labels for the end-use products listed. Once the EPA accepts the amended labels, Dow AgroSciences will have 12 months from the date of acceptance to fully implement the amended labels on product packaging. According to EPA, there will be no "stop use" date, and existing stocks of the end-use products listed above can be used, consistent with their package labels, until stocks are depleted.

Labels for the following end-use products will be cancelled:

- Dursban 1F
- Dursban 1G
- Dursban 2.5G
- Dursban 2E
- Dursban 4E
- Dursban ME-02
- Dursban ME-04
- Dursban Pro
- Dursban TC (and alternate brand name Tenure™)
- Lentrek 6WT
- Dursban WT (and alternate brand name Lentrek WT)

Existing stocks of these products in Dow AgroSciences warehouses may be sold by Dow AgroSciences until inventory is depleted or for 12 months, whichever occurs first. Inventory of the products listed above in the hands of distributors, retailers, and end users may be sold and used as labeled until stocks are depleted.

Dow AgroSciences will maintain current state registrations through 2009. After state registrations expire, existing inventory in the channel of trade may not be sold; however, products may continue to be used according to package labels.

This information is provided in good faith based on discussion with the EPA and on similar past experiences. The EPA may impose timelines that are longer or shorter than what anticipated. Dow AgroSciences says it will work with the EPA to attempt to make this transition for its customers as efficiently as reasonably possible.

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