Marketplace Label Enforcement Perspectives

Web-Distributed Quality Assurance and Enforcement Issues

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EPA Market Place Inspection To Determine Compliance With FIFRA Section 8(a)(b), 9(a), 12(a)(2)(b)

Terms

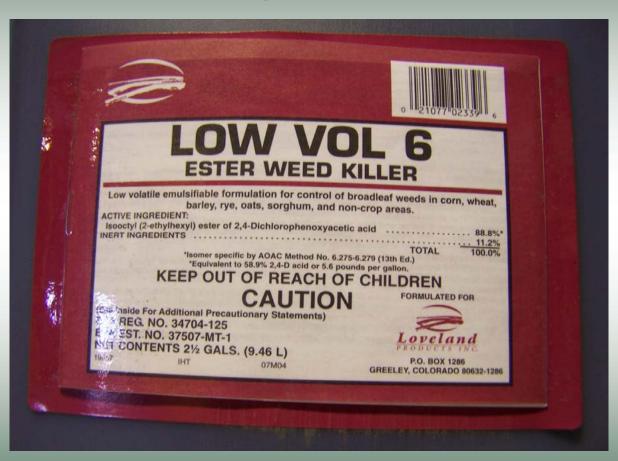
FIFRA Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

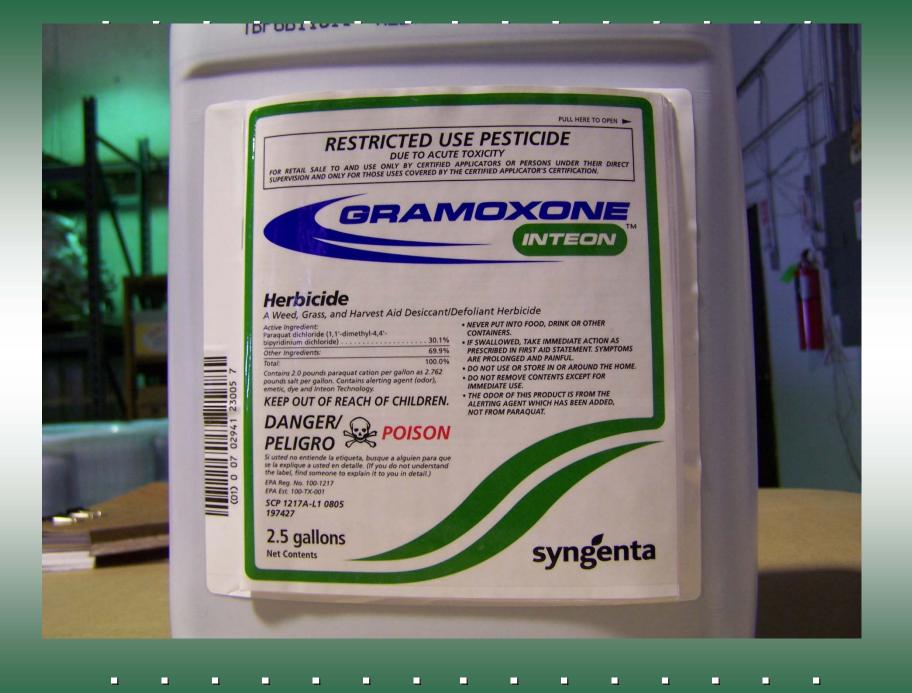
Section 8 Books and Records

Section 9 Inspection of Establishment

Section 12 Unlawful Acts

There is more to identifying a label than the EPA Registration Number





Label Revision Code

- Some registrants do not change the label ID when the label is revised - Not a requirement
- Having the same label ID is not an absolute guarantee that it is the same label
- The label submitted may not list a specific size (i.e. net contents) or it may list several sizes. Doesn't really matter as long as the use directions and precautionary statements are the same for all sizes
- E-labeling may help to resolve some of the issues

Observations

- Some registrants do not use label ID
- Registrants do not keep labels current with state registration office
- Labels on file can be years old
- Registrant may only supply one label when different quantity sizes are sold

Registration Data Base

EPA REG. NO.	Product Name	Label ID
62719-516	Showcase Specialty Herbicide	900-012008 / 00259388
62719-517	Accord XRT Herbicide	900-012365 / 00256092
62719-517	Durango Herbicide	900-012369 / 00256536

EPA-FIFRA Marketplace Inspection

- Download registration database
- Find EPA REG. NO.
- Compare Label ID
 - If same move on
 - If different check required label elements

Pesticide Labeling Checklist

- Pesticides Packaged, Labeled and Released for Shipment/ Section 9(a)
 - Brand Name(s)
 - EPA Registration Number(s)
 - Labeling and Label Review/40
 CFR Part 156

Pesticide Labeling Checklist continued

- Child-Resistant Packaging Requirements for Each Pesticide Product Packaged and Labeled and Distributed-Sold/40 CFR Part 157
- Criteria Requiring Child-Resistant Packaging (push top caps-non ag crops)
- Unit Packaging

2007 Inspection Results Database to Inspection Findings #1

- Inspected all pesticides at ag dealership
- 84 pesticides
- 20% of the label ID's matched WSDA registration database
- 3 unregistered

2007 Inspection Results Database to Inspection Findings #2

- Inspected all pesticides at ag dealership
- 25 pesticides
- 20% of the label ID's matched WSDA registration database
- 1 unregistered

Investigations Critical to identify pesticide label used during the application

- Obtain a label from the applicator
- Getting a label from the registration office using only the EPA REG. NO. may be misleading
- Label language changes without notice

Case Example

- Case involved human exposures
- Requested a label from the registration office giving the product name and EPA REG. NO.
- Office label was 18 pages for 55 gallon drums
- Pesticide used was bulk-11 page label
- Same EPA Reg No, different label ID

Labeling Responsibility

- Bulk Delivery from registrant to dealer
 - Registrant is responsible to give tank label to transportation company
 - Upon delivery transportation company puts label on tank and fills in EPA Establishment number, and net contents delivered
 - If tank label is same OK to update information

Labeling Responsibility

- Repackaging at dealership
 - Dealer Affixes Use Label
 - Dealer affixes container label
 - EPA Establishment Number
 - Net Contents

E-labeling

- Require label identifier
- If label changes the label identifier/revision code needs to change
- The label submitted may not need to list a specific size (i.e. net contents) as long as the use directions and precautionary statements are the same for all sizes
- A database that could quickly and easily tell which label(s) are registered and approved for use at any given moment

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