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GLENN COUNTY GROWER/ FIELD WORKER HANDOUT

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Before you apply or hire a pest control operator to apply any pesticide to an agricultural commodity you must obtain:

1. An operator identification number for non-restricted pesticides.
2. A restricted materials permit before you apply state restricted materials or Section 18 pesticides.
3. If you plan to use any restricted material, including state restricted or federal restricted, Section 18 materials, or groundwater protection chemicals you must first pass a private applicator test. If you have obtained and hold a valid qualified applicators license, qualified applicators certificate, pilots license or a pest control advisor license you may also obtain a restricted materials permit.

RECORD KEEPING (Use Reports)

1. Growers are responsible for submitting pesticide use reports to the agricultural commissioner by the **10th day** of the month following the month the pesticide application was made. If the pest control operator does the work they are responsible for reporting the use to the agricultural commissioner. Growers must maintain use records for both the applications that they made and the applications the pest control operator made for two years. These records must be made accessible to employees and be site specific.
2. Growers that have employees that handle pesticides must maintain a copy of training records (see worker safety handout).

NOTICE of INTENTS

1. Notice of Intent must be **submitted 24 hours prior** to the application. You must wait 24 hours after your notice of intent is filed before you can apply restricted materials. If you need to apply sooner than the 24 hours you must obtain authorization from the Agricultural Commissioners office. Call **530.934.6569** to file your notice of intent.

The following information is required for a Notice of Intent:

1. Your name, date and time of call
2. Your telephone number
3. Permittee's name and permit number
4. Location (Site ID)
5. Material, formulation and method
6. Rate, dilution/volume
7. Commodity and acreage
8. Pest to be controlled
9. Applicator (Grower or Pest Control Business)
10. Application date

- A. If the application is not started within 4 days or completed within 2 weeks due to uncontrollable Conditions a new notice of intent must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the next intended date.
- B. The Agricultural Commissioner, in deciding whether to issue a permit or when evaluating a NOI, must consider adverse environmental impacts, feasible alternatives to pesticide use, including no pesticide application, or mitigation measures that would substantially lessen any significant adverse impact on the environment. **The permit application does not become valid until the NOI for the job has been received and approved by the Agricultural Commissioner.**
- C. The NOI may be submitted by the permittee, Authorized Agent, or the Pest Control Business, but **the Permittee shall be responsible for compliance with all Permit Conditions.** A request for a waiver of the 24- hour NOI may *only* be made by the Permittee or Authorized Agent.

PROTECTION of BEES

1. Growers or PCO's must notify the Tri-Counties Bee Notification Service @ 530.934.6666 at least 48 hours prior to the application of pesticides that are toxic to honey bees. Notification is required when these pesticides are applied to blooming crops, plants, or cover crops.
2. Notification must be received by 2:00 pm of each day. For applications scheduled on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, the notification must be received by Friday at 2:00 pm.

TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE and DISPOSAL

1. When transporting pesticides, secure the load, use sideboards or tie down the load. Do not transport in the same compartment as food, feed, or persons.
2. All pesticides must have the registrant's label on them, if using service containers; proper labeling must be on the container. In all cases a copy of the registered labeling, which includes supplemental labeling, Section 18's or experimental use permits allowing the use must be at the application site.
3. All pesticides must be attended or stored in an approved locked enclosure. The storage area shall be posted, readable at a distance of 25 feet and be in English or any other appropriate language other than English when it may be anticipated that persons who do not understand the English language will come to the enclosure. For pesticide containers larger than 55 gallons the container shall have a locked enclosure.
4. Do not store any pesticide in any container of a type commonly used for food, drink, or household products.
5. Procedure for Disposal:

- A. Except for containers to be returned to the registrant, each emptied container that has held less than 28 gallons of a liquid pesticide that is diluted for use shall be rinsed and drained by the user at time of use as follows:

1. Empty container in the normal manner and drain an additional 30 seconds
2. Add the correct amount of rinse solution, (water or designated spray carrier).

<u>Container Size</u>	<u>Minimum Amount of Rinse Solution</u>
1 Gallon or less	1/4 Container Volume
5 Gallons	1 Gallon
Over 5 Gallons	1/5 Container Volume

3. Rotate (agitate) and up-end container to get rinse over all interior area.
4. Drain rinse solution from container into your spray or mix tank, allow container to drain 30 seconds after normal emptying.
5. Repeat steps 2, 3 and 4 above a minimum of two (2) times so as to provide a total of three rinses. On the third rinse puncture head of one and five gallon metal containers adjacent to pour spout to facilitate draining.
6. After the container is rinsed into spray tank, spray the solution onto the crop that is being treated.

- B. In lieu of the above procedure, approved automatic rinsing systems may be used.
Such as:
 - 1. Closed mixing and loading systems.
 - 2. Jet Rinse
- C. Only containers processed in one of the above manners may be disposed of in the Glenn County Sanitary Landfill site, or may be recycled by a program approved by the State Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulations.
 - 1. Empty pesticide containers shall not be allowed to accumulate.
 - 2. The storage of partially filled pesticide containers should be kept to a minimum.
- D. After rinsing, discard clean caps. Drums must be cut into quarters, either length-wise or cross-wise and all rubber and/or metal components removed. Also all labels must be removed. All containers should be clean and dry when delivered to the collection center. Glenn County Landfill is your collection center, located at the end of County Road 33 and west of Artois.
- E. Each pesticide container greater than 5 gallons, disposed of at the landfill, must be identified with the name of permittee/responsible party and their telephone number. A permanent ink marker shall be used.
- F. It is illegal to burn plastic of any kind. Paper bags and boxes that have held pesticide containers that are not lined with plastic can be burned only at the mix/load site. You may also dispose of them at the landfill. Transporting the boxes or bags to another site for burning is illegal.
- G. Glenn County Landfill will not accept uncut drums for disposal.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION

- 1. Pesticide residues have been detected in California wells. The following guidelines are established to help prevent wellhead contamination.
 - A. A buffer area of 100 feet from the wellhead should be established away from where pesticides are mixed and loaded, stored, containers rinsed or from where soil applied pesticides on the groundwater protection list are applied.
 - B. No well should serve as a catchment or receiving basin for surface water runoff from where pesticides have been applied.
 - C. Utilize an approved backflow prevention device or air-gap separation when filling spray rigs.

EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES: PESTICIDE FIELD WORKER SAFETY REGULATIONS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

Emergency medical care shall be planned for in advance. Employer should locate facility where emergency care is available for employees who will be working in treated fields. The employees and their supervisor in the field shall be informed of the name and location of a physician or medical facility. Employees that may be ill due to pesticide exposure or if exposure to a pesticide has occurred that might lead to an illness, the employee must be taken to a physician immediately.

TRAINING

All employees shall be trained using EPA approved training materials prior to entering treated fields. This training is good for 5 years. Treated fields are those that have been treated with a pesticide or had a restricted interval in effect within the last 30 days. Treated fields include roads, paths, ditches, borders and headlands.

TOILETS AND HAND WASHING FACILITIES

With sufficient water, soap and single use towels, must be provided. This decontamination site must be accessible within ¼ mile.

POSTING/PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES/SYMPTOMS OF PESTICIDE POISONING

Field work supervisors shall be informed of what posting means, the activities prohibited during a reentry interval, and the usual symptoms of organophosphate and carbonate poisoning.

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

- 6618. Notice of Applications (please see attached)
- 6619. Notice of Completed Applications (please see attached)
- 6700. Scope (please see attached)
- 6761.1 Application-Specific Information for Fieldworkers (please see attached)
- 6770. Field Entry After Scheduled or Completed Pesticide Applications (please see attached)
- 6771. Requirements for Early Entry Employees (please see attached)
- 6772. Restricted Entry Intervals (please see attached)
- 6774. Restricted Entry Interval Adjustments (please see attached)
- 6776. Field Posting (please see attached)

California Code of Regulations

(Title 3. Food and Agriculture)

DIVISION 6. PESTICIDES AND PEST CONTROL OPERATIONS

Division 6. Pesticides and Pest Control Operations

Chapter 3. Pest Control Operations

Subchapter 2. Work Requirements

Article 1. Pest Control Operations Generally

6618. Notice of Applications.

(a) This subsection applies to the use of any pesticide for the commercial or research production of an agricultural plant commodity. Notifications required by this subsection must be given orally or in writing and completed prior to the use of any pesticide and in ample time for all subsequent notifications to be made and for all persons notified to take appropriate action. This time will differ depending on the circumstances of each notification.

(1) Each person performing pest control shall assure that the operator of the property to be treated receives notice of the scheduled application. The notice must be in a manner the person can understand and include:

(A) The date of the scheduled application;

(B) The location and description of the field to be treated;

(C) The pesticide product name(s), U.S. EPA registration number(s), and active ingredient(s);

(D) Spray adjuvant product name(s) and California registration number(s), if applicable;

(E) The applicable restricted entry interval;

(F) If the pesticide product labeling requires the posting of treated fields-and

(G) Any other precautions printed on the pesticide product labeling, or included in applicable laws and regulations, related to the protection of employees or other persons during or after application.

(2) If there is a change in the date of the scheduled application specified in (a) (1) (A), each person performing pest control shall assure that the operator of the property receives notice of this change prior to the application.

(3) The operator of the property shall assure that notice of the scheduled application is given to employees covered under section 6700 (which includes fieldworkers) and their employers working on the operator's property except as provided in (a)(5). The operator of the property is not required to provide notice to persons who will apply the pesticide(s) or supervise the application for which the notice is intended.

(4) Any employer notified of a scheduled application by the operator of the property shall assure that notice of the scheduled application is given to his or her employees working on the operator's property except as provided in (a)(5).that may have employees on or within 1/4 mile of the field during the application or the restricted entry interval. The pest control business or labor contractor receiving notice shall give notice to his or her employees. In lieu of giving notice to the licensed pest control business or the licensed lab

(5) The notice specified in subsections (a) (3) and (4) is not required to be given to an employee covered under section 6700 (which includes fieldworkers) or their employer if the operator of the property can assure that:

(A) The field to be treated is posted pursuant to section 6776(b-f), unless the pesticide product labeling requires both oral notification and the posting of treated fields; or

(B) From the start of the application and until the notice of completion pursuant to section 6619(c) is received, the employee or employer will not enter or walk within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the field to be treated.

(6) The operator of the property shall assure that notice is given to persons, other than those specified in subsection (a)(3), whom the operator of the property has prior knowledge that he or she will likely enter the field to be treated on the date of the application or while the restricted entry interval is in effect. This notice is not required when a field to be treated is posted as specified in section 6776(b-f).

(7) The notices specified in subsection (a) (3), (4), and (6) must be in a manner the person can understand and include:

(A) The date of the scheduled application;

(B) The location and description of the field to be treated; and

(C) Instructions not to enter the field to be treated until authorized by the operator of the property.

(8) If there is a change in the date of the scheduled application specified in (a) (7) (A), then a new notice must be provided to persons specified in (a) (3), (4), and (6) prior to the application.

(b) This subsection applies to the use of any pesticide for purposes other than the commercial or research production of an agricultural plant commodity. Notifications required by this subsection must be given orally or in writing and be completed prior to the use of any pesticide and in ample time for all subsequent notifications to be made and for all persons notified to take appropriate action. This time will differ depending on the circumstances of each notification.

(1) Each person performing pest control shall assure that the operator of the property receives notice of the scheduled application. The notice must be in a manner the person can understand and include:

(A) The date of the scheduled application;

(B) The identity of the pesticide (including spray adjuvants, if applicable) by brand or common chemical name; and

(C) Any other precautions printed on the pesticide product labeling or included in applicable laws or regulations related to the protection of employees or other persons during the application.

(2) The operator of property shall assure that notice is given to all persons who are on the property to be treated, or who may enter during the application or the period of time that any restrictions on entry are in effect, except for the persons who made or supervised the application for which the notice is intended. The notice must be in a manner the person can understand and include:

(A) The date of the scheduled application;

(B) The identity of the pesticide (including spray adjuvants, if applicable) by brand or common chemical name; and

(C) Precautions to be observed as printed on the pesticide product labeling or included in applicable laws or regulations related to the entry of the treated area.

(3) Compliance by licensed Structural Pest Control Operators with the notice requirements of Section 8538 of the Business and Professions Code meets the requirements of this subsection.

(4) Compliance by public agencies with the notice or barrier requirements of Section 12978 of the Food and Agricultural Code meets the notice requirements of this subsection.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 12976 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 11501, 12980, and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code; and Section 8538, Business and Professions Code.

6619. Notice of Completed Applications.

(a) Any person applying pesticides for the commercial or research production of an agricultural plant commodity shall assure that the operator of the property treated receives notice, orally or in writing, and within 24 hours of completion of the pesticide application. This notice must include the following information:

- (1) The location of the property, including the site identification number, and acreage treated;
- (2) The pesticide product name(s), U.S. EPA registration number(s) and active ingredient(s);
- (3) Spray adjuvant product name(s) and California registration number(s), if applicable;
- (4) The date and hour the application was completed; and

(5) The applicable reentry and pre-harvest intervals, unless a copy of a written recommendation for the subject application made by a licensed agricultural pest control adviser, properly completed, was given to the operator of the property treated.

(b) The operator of the property treated shall maintain a written record of the application completion notice(s) he or she receives from the person applying the pesticide(s) by site.

(c) The operator of the property shall assure that notice of completed application is given to employees covered under section 6700 (which includes fieldworkers) and their employers except as provided in (e). The operator of the property is not required to provide notice to persons who will apply the pesticide(s) or supervise the application for which the notice is intended.

(d) Any employer who receives the notice of completed application from the operator of the property shall assure that notice of completed application is given to his or her employees except as provided in (e).

(e) The notices specified in subsections (c) and (d) are not required to be given to an employee covered under section 6700 (which includes fieldworkers) or their employer if the operator of the property can assure that:

(1) The field is posted pursuant to section 6776(b-f), unless the pesticide product labeling requires both oral notification and posting of treated fields; or

(2) During the restricted entry interval, that employee or employer will not enter or walk within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the treated field.

(f) The notices specified in subsections (c) and (d) must be given orally or in writing and in a manner the person can understand and include:

(1) The location and description of the treated field;

(2) The time during which entry is restricted; and

(3) Instructions not to enter the treated field until the restricted entry interval have expired, except as provided in section 6770.

(g) The operator of the property shall assure that notice is given orally or in writing to persons, other than those specified in subsection (c), whom the operator of the property has prior knowledge that he or she will likely enter the treated field during the restricted entry interval. This notice is not required when a field is posted as specified in section 6776(b-f). The notice must be in a manner the person can understand and include:

(1) The location and description of the treated field;

(2) The time during which entry is restricted; and

(3) Instructions not to enter the treated field until the restricted entry interval have expired.

(h) A pest control business shall maintain a written record that documents the following:

- (1) The name of the operator of the property treated;
- (2) The location of the property, including the site identification number;
- (3) The date and time the notice of completed application was given; and
- (4) The method of notification, including the name of the person notified, if a person was notified.

(a) The records required pursuant to this Section must be retained for two years and made promptly available to the director or commissioner upon request.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 11456, 12976 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 11501 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

California Code of Regulations (Title 3. Food and Agriculture)

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Subchapter 3. Pesticide Worker Safety

Article 1. General Scope and Purpose

6700. Scope.

This group specifies work practices for:

- (a) Employees who mix, load, apply, store, transport, or otherwise handle pesticides for any use, except for manufacturing, formulating or repackaging of pesticides; and
- (b) For employees who are exposed to residues of pesticides after application to fields.

The requirements of this group do not allow a lower standard of protection when pesticide labeling statements require a higher standard of protection.

The requirements of this group do not apply to storage and transportation of pesticides in the manufacturer's sealed or closed container. In general, the work practices and safety requirements stated in this group are designed to reduce risk of exposure and to ensure availability of medical services for employees who handle pesticides, and to provide safe working conditions for field and other workers.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 11456 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 12980 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

6761. Hazard Communication for Field Workers.

(a) Whenever employees are working as field workers in a treated field, the employer shall display at the worksite, a copy of a completed written Hazard Communication Information for Employees Working in Fields (Pesticide Safety Information Series leaflet A-9). In the event that fieldworkers gather at a central location prior to transportation to the worksite, the Pesticide Safety Information Series leaflet A-9 may instead be displayed at that central location. Pesticide Safety Information Series leaflet A-9 shall be written by the department in English and Spanish. Upon request, the employer shall read to the requesting employee, in a language understandable to that employee, Pesticide Safety Information Series leaflet A-9. Pesticide Safety Information Series leaflets are available from the department.

(b) The operator of the property shall maintain in a central location at the workplace accessible to employees, including the employees of labor contractors, who enter a treated field, the following:

(1) Pesticide use records specified in Section 6624(b), (c), (d) and (e) for pesticides that have been applied to the field within the last two years;

(2) A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), as specified in Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Section 5194, for each pesticide listed in the pesticide use records referred to in subsection (b)(1). If the MSDS is not provided by the registrant of a pesticide, the operator of the property shall:

(A) Within seven working days of a request for a MSDS from an employee, employee representative or employee's physician, make written inquiry to the registrant of the pesticide, asking that a MSDS be sent to the operator of the property. If the operator of the property has made a written inquiry within the last twelve months as to whether the pesticide is subject to the requirement for a MSDS or the operator of the property has made a written inquiry within the last six months requesting new, revised or later information on the MSDS, the operator of the property need not make additional written inquiry. A copy of the written inquiry shall immediately be sent to the person requesting the MSDS;

(B) Notify the requester of the availability of the MSDS or provide a copy of the MSDS to the requester within fifteen days of receipt of the MSDS from the registrant; and

(C) If a response has not been received from the registrant within twenty-five working days of the date the inquiry was made; send the department a copy of the inquiry with a notation that no response has been received. The operator of the property is not precluded from obtaining and providing the MSDS utilizing other more expedient methods in lieu of those provided in this subsection.

(c) The operator of the property shall inform his or her employees, before they are allowed to enter a treated field, of the location and availability of any records and other documents required by subsections (a) and (b). If the employees are employed by a labor contractor, the operator of the property shall inform the labor contractor of the location or changed location, of the records and other documents. The labor contractor shall provide that information to his or her employees. If the location of the records and other documents changes, the operator of the property and the labor contractor shall promptly inform his or her employees of the new location. The employer, including the labor contractor, shall also inform their employees that they, their physicians and their representatives have a right of access to the information and that the employees are protected against discharge or other discrimination due to the exercise of their rights under this Section.

(d) The operator of the property shall provide, upon request of his or her employee, an employee of a labor contractor, employee representative, or an employee's physician, access to any records, documents and information required to be maintained by this chapter. Access shall be granted as soon as possible and not to exceed forty-eight hours from the date of the request.

INFORMATIONAL NOTE: Other requirements relating to hazard communication can be found in Sections 6602, 6618, 6619, 6724, 6726, 6738, 6744, 6764, 6766, 6770, and 6776.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 12980 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code; and 29 Codes of Federal Regulations, Part 1910.1200.

6761.I. Application-Specific Information for Fieldworkers.

(a) The operator of property used for the commercial or research production of an agricultural plant commodity shall display at a central location the following application-specific information, while fieldworkers are employed to work in treated fields on the operator's property:

- (1) Identification of the treated field;
- (2) Time and date of the application;
- (3) Restricted entry interval;
- (4) Product name(s), U.S. EPA registration number(s), and active ingredient(s); and
- (5) Spray adjuvant product name(s) and California registration number(s) if applicable.

(b) The information must be displayed when the operator of the property receives notice of the completion of an application and before any fieldworkers are allowed to enter the treated field. The information must include all applications that have been made to any field on the operator's property. The information must remain displayed until the area no longer meets the definition of a treated field or fieldworkers will no longer be on the operator's property, whichever occurs earlier.

(d) The operator of the property and any employer with fieldworkers hired to work on the operator's property, shall display, at the worksite or at a central location where fieldworkers gather, a description of the location of the application-specific information display whenever their fieldworkers are working in a treated field. The description of the location must be specific enough for fieldworkers to find and have unimpeded access to the displayed application-specific information. The location description must be included in the appropriate section of, or as an attachment to, the Hazard Communication Information for Employees Working in Fields (Pesticide Safety Information Series leaflet A-9) pursuant to section 6761(a).

(c) The original or copies of documents otherwise required to be maintained by this chapter may be used to meet the requirements of this Section, provided they contain the information required by this Section.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 11501, 12973, 12980, and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

6770. Field Entry after Scheduled or Completed Pesticide Application.

(a) The operator of the property shall not allow or direct employees covered under section 6700 (which includes fieldworkers) or their employers (except for those persons who were scheduled to apply the pesticide(s) or supervise the application) to enter a field on the date of the scheduled application unless the operator assures that:

- (1) The application has not occurred; and
- (2) The application will not occur during the time the employees are in the field to be treated.

(b) The operator of the property shall not allow or direct employees covered under section 6700 (which includes fieldworkers) or their employer to enter a treated field until the operator has received the notice of completion as specified in section 6619(c), and the restricted entry interval has expired or the operator of the property has assured that the restrictions and exceptions pursuant to section 6770(d) have been met.

(c) Any employer hired by the operator of the property shall not allow or direct any of his or her employees to enter a treated field until the employer has received confirmation from the operator of the property that the notice of completion as specified in section 6619(c) has been received, and the restricted entry interval has expired or the operator of the property has assured that the restrictions and exceptions pursuant to section 6770(d) have been met.

(d) The operator of the property and any hired employer shall not allow or direct any of his or her employee(s) to enter a treated field before the restricted entry interval stated on pesticide product labeling or listed in Section 6772 has expired except as below or otherwise expressly authorized by the director pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 170.112 (d) or (e).

(1) Pesticide handling activities. Employees may enter a treated field during a restricted entry interval to conduct pesticide handling activities, including soil incorporation (mechanical or watered-in), provided the employer assures that they are wearing the personal protective equipment specified on the pesticide product labeling for handling activities.

(2) No contact activities. Employees may enter a treated field during a restricted entry interval provided the employer assures that:

(A) There will be no contact with anything that has been treated, including soil, water, air, equipment, or plant surfaces. Operating tractors or other equipment from inside an enclosed cab or when shields or other control methods, such as operator placement, physically prevent contact of the employee with anything that has been treated is considered to be a 'no contact' activity for the purposes of this section provided the required personal protective equipment is immediately available to use if the employee leaves the tractor or other equipment.

(B) Inhalation exposure does not exceed any pesticide product labeling standard or, for greenhouses, the ventilation criteria in section 6769 have been met.

(3) Short-term, limited-contact activities. Employees may enter a treated field during a restricted entry interval specified on pesticide product labeling to conduct limited contact activities (including limited contact irrigation) that are necessary and unforeseen, provided the employer assure that:

(A) The restricted entry interval is not for a pesticide product with the requirement on the labeling for both oral notification and the posting of treated fields (double notification);

(B) At least four hours have elapsed since the end of the application;

(C) Inhalation exposure does not exceed the applicable pesticide product labeling standard or, for greenhouses, the ventilation criteria in Section 6769 have been met;

(D) Exposure is minimal and limited to the feet, legs (below the knees), hands, and forearms (below the elbows);

(E) The personal protective equipment required for early entry is used by the employees. The personal protective equipment and/or work clothing must conform with the label requirements for early entry PPE or consist of at least coveralls, socks, chemical resistant footwear, chemical resistant gloves, and protective eyewear (if eyewear is required by the pesticide product labeling for early entry workers), whichever is more protective;

(F) The time in treated fields under a restricted entry interval does not exceed 8 hours in any 24-hour period for each employee entering under this exception; and

(G) The exception granted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for short-term, limited-contact activities is in effect.

(4) Short-term, high-contact activities. Employee may enter a treated field during a restricted entry interval specified on pesticide product labeling to conduct other activities, not included in (d)(1), (2), and (3) that do not involve hand labor provided the employer assures that:

(A) At least four hours have elapsed since the end of the application;

(B) Inhalation exposure does not exceed any pesticide product labeling standard or, for greenhouses, the ventilation criteria in Section 6769 have been met;

(C) The personal protective equipment specified on pesticide product labeling for early entry is used by the employees. The personal protective equipment and/or work clothing must either conform with the label requirements for early entry PPE; or consist of at least coveralls, socks, chemical resistant footwear, chemical resistant gloves, and protective eyewear (if eyewear is required by the pesticide product labeling for early entry workers), whichever is more protective; and

(D) Entry does not exceed one hour in any 24-hour period for any employee.

(E) Employees may enter a treated field after the expiration of the restricted entry interval specified on pesticide product labeling and while a restricted entry interval specified in Section 6772 is in effect to conduct activities, other than hand labor, provided that employees are wearing work clothing with long sleeves and legs, shoes with socks, and gloves.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 12980 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

6771. Requirements for Early Entry Employees.

(a) Before any employee may enter a field under restricted entry as permitted by section 6770, the employer shall assure that the employee has been informed of the following manner that he or she can understand.

- (1) Specific restrictions and conditions pursuant to section 6770 about the work activity to be performed;
- (2) Pesticide product labeling precautionary statements related to human hazards;
- (3) Symptoms of poisoning;
- (4) Emergency first aid and decontamination procedures for pesticide injuries or poisonings, including emergency eye flushing techniques;
- (5) How to obtain emergency medical care;
- (6) The prevention, recognition, and first aid for heat-related illness if personal protective equipment is used;
- (7) The need for, use, and care of personal protective equipment required for early entry into treated fields;
- (8) That clothing and personal protective equipment may be contaminated with pesticide residues;
- (9) Instructions for removing and storing such clothing and equipment, and laundering such equipment; and
- (10) The importance of washing thoroughly at the end of the exposure period.

(b) The employer shall provide all required personal protective equipment and provide for its cleaning (according to pesticide labeling instructions or, absent any instructions, washed in detergent and hot water), repair and replacement when it cannot be adequately cleaned or properly repaired. The employer shall assure that all personal protective equipment is inspected before each day of use. The employer shall assure that all personal protective equipment is kept separate from personal clothing, in a pesticide free, specifically designated place, when not in use. All required personal protective equipment required for employees must meet the applicable standards in Section 6738 and 6739.

(c) The employer shall assure that personal protective equipment is used correctly for its intended purpose.

(d) The employer shall assure that cleaned personal protective equipment is dried or stored in a well ventilated place to dry. The employer shall assure that contaminated personal protective equipment is kept and washed separately from other clothing or laundry.

(e) Personal protective equipment must remain the property of the employer. Employees shall not be allowed or directed to take home pesticide contaminated personal protective equipment. The employer shall inform any person

who cleans or launders personal protective equipment that the equipment may be contaminated, about the hazards presented, and how to properly handle and clean it.

(f) The employer shall assure that at least one pint of eye flush water is immediately accessible (carried by the employee or on the vehicle being operated by the employee) to each employee who is performing, during any restricted entry interval specified on pesticide product labeling, early entry activities in a treated field for which the pesticide product labeling requires protective eyewear.

(g) The employer shall assure that employees engaged in tasks pursuant to Section 6770(d) (3) and (4) are provided, at the place where they remove personal protective equipment, sufficient water (of a quality and temperature that will not cause illness or injury when it contacts the skin or eyes or if it is swallowed), soap, and clean or single use towels so that they may wash thoroughly at the end of the exposure period. When provided at the place where employees remove personal protective equipment, hand washing facilities provided in conjunction with toilet facilities pursuant to Title 8 California Code of Regulations, section 3457 (Field Sanitation), shall be considered adequate for the purposes of this section.

(h) The employer shall assure that a clean, pesticide-free place for storing personal clothing and putting on personal protective equipment at the start of work and taking off personal protective equipment at the end of the exposure period is provided for employees.

(a) The employer shall take appropriate measures to prevent heat related illness, when necessary.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 12980 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

6772. Restricted Entry Intervals.

(a) The restricted entry intervals specified in this Section shall be applied according to the following:

- (1) Other restricted entry intervals are found on pesticide product labeling. In case of an inconsistency between the pesticide product labeling and this Section, the longer restricted entry interval shall be followed;
- (2) If more than one restricted entry interval in this Section is applicable to a given situation, the longer restricted entry interval shall apply, except as provided in Section 6774;
- (3) When reference is made to pounds of a pesticide in a restricted entry interval, the reference means pounds of active ingredient;
- (4) A day is considered to be a 24-hour period beginning at the conclusion of the application to the identified field or portion of a field.

(b) The restricted entry intervals in days in the following table apply to the pesticide/crop combinations listed.

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PESTICIDE	CROPS					OTHER CROPS
	APPLES	CITRUS	CORN	GRAPES	PEACHES/ NECTARINES	
Chlorpyrifos		2				
Diazinon		5		5	5	
Malathion		1		1	1	
Methidathion (Supracide)		30				
Methomyl (Lannate)				7(C)		
Phorate (Thimet)			7			
Phosmet (Imidan)				5	5	
Propargite (Omite/Comite)	21	42	7	30	21	21(F)(G)
Sulfur				3(H)		

Footnotes:

(C) Applications of methomyl made after August 15, have a 21-day restricted entry interval. This interval may be terminated after 10 days if leaf samples tested pursuant to Section 6774 (c) (4) show 0.1 micrograms per square centimeter or less of dislodge able foliar residue of methomyl.

(F) The restricted entry interval for strawberries and field grown roses treated with propargite is 3 days.

(G) The restricted entry interval for cotton fields treated with propargite is seven days. However, from the end of the restricted entry interval until the beginning of harvest, the employer shall assure that employees entering propargite treated cotton fields wear work clothing with long sleeves and legs and gloves.

(H) This restricted entry interval for sulfur applies from May 15 through harvest in the counties of: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare; and during March and April in Riverside County.

INFORMATIONAL NOTE FOR Section 6772: The inclusion of a restricted entry interval in this Section does not imply that the use of a pesticide is currently registered. Consult the pesticide product labeling for permitted registered uses.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 12980 and 12981 Food and Agricultural Code.

6774. Restricted Entry Interval Adjustments.

(a) The adjustments in this Section apply only to restricted entry intervals specified in Section 6772.

(b) Whenever a mixture of two or more organophosphate pesticides is applied, the restricted entry interval shall be lengthened by adding to the longest applicable restricted entry interval listed in 6772, 50 percent of the next longest applicable restricted entry interval.

(c) When there is no foliage on the plant that has been treated by a pesticide and any crop or weed cover in the treated area is not over four inches in height, the restricted entry interval shall be reduced by 50 percent, but in no case to less than the restricted entry interval specified on the pesticide product labeling.

(d) A restricted entry interval may be shortened to not less than the restricted entry interval specified on the pesticide product labeling upon verification by the county agricultural commissioner that one of the following has occurred:

(1) Two inches of rainfall within any seven-day period following the pesticide application;

(2) The equivalent of two inches of rainfall has been applied evenly above all plants by sprinkler irrigation equipment within any seven-day period following the pesticide application;

(3) For tree crops, at least 50 gallons of water has been applied at one time under pressure and evenly distributed to each tree; or

(4) The plants have been tested by a procedure acceptable to the director and determined to have no residues or to have residue levels that the director considers not to be hazardous.

(e) Whenever the pesticide product labeling specifies that a restricted entry interval be adjusted when outdoor applications are made in areas that receive less than 25 inches of average annual rainfall, the restricted entry interval specified for the dry areas shall apply to all outdoor applications in the State. A county agricultural commissioner, upon presentation of valid rainfall data from an official governmental source showing that an area within his or her county receives 25 inches or more of average annual rainfall, may exempt that area from this requirement.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 12980 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

6776. Field Postings.

(a) The operator of the property shall assure that signs are posted around treated fields in the following circumstances:

(1) Whenever required by pesticide product labeling, unless access to the treated field is controlled in a manner that assures no employee (other than the handlers making the application) will enter, work in, remain in, or walk within 1/4 mile during the application and the restricted entry interval;

(2) All greenhouse applications, unless access is controlled in a manner that assures no employee (other than the handlers making the application) will enter, work in, remain in, or pass through the greenhouse during the application and the restricted entry interval; and

(3) Any application that results in a restricted entry interval of greater than seven days (after adjustment pursuant to Section 6774).

(b) The signs shall be of a size so that the wording specified in (2) and (3) is readable and the skull and crossbones symbol is clearly visible, to a person with normal vision, from a distance of 25 feet. Signs complying with the size requirements of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 170.120 are considered to be readable at 25 feet. The signs shall contain the following:

- (1) The skull and crossbones symbol near the center of the sign;
- (2) The words 'DANGER' and 'PELIGRO' and 'PESTICIDES' and 'PESTICIDAS' in the upper portion of the sign;
- (3) The words 'KEEP OUT' and 'NO ENTRE' in the lower portion of the sign;
- (4) Whenever the sign is used to indicate a restricted entry interval of more than 7 days, the following information in the lower portion of the sign:
 - (A) The date of unrestricted entry;
 - (B) The name of the operator of the property; and
 - (C) The field identification, (if any); and
- (5) All letters and the symbol shall be of a color which sharply contrasts with their immediate background
- (6) The Spanish portion of the sign may be replaced with another non-English language which is read by a majority of workers who do not read English. The replacement sign must be in the same format and meet the same size and other requirements as the original.

(c) The signs shall:

- (1) Be posted before the application begins but shall not be posted unless a pesticide application is scheduled within the next 24 hours;
- (2) Remain posted and clearly legible throughout the application and the restricted entry interval; and,
- (3) Be removed within three days after the end of the restricted entry interval and before any entry prohibited during a restricted entry interval.

(d) The signs shall be posted so that they are visible at all usual points of entry to the treated area, including each road, footpath, walkway, or aisle that enters the treated field, and each border with any labor camp adjacent to the treated field. If there are no identified usual points of entry to the treated field, signs shall be posted at the corners of the treated field. When a treated field is adjacent to an unfenced public right-of-way, such as a road, trail, or path, additional signs shall be posted at each end of the treated field and at intervals not exceeding 600 feet along the treated field's border with the right-of-way.

(e) When a pesticide product with the signal word 'DANGER' on the label, or a minimal exposure pesticide listed in Section 6790, is being applied to a field through an irrigation system, signs shall be posted in the manner specified in

(d). These signs shall contain the following:

- (1) An octagon stop sign symbol at least eight inches in diameter containing the word 'STOP' in English;
- (2) The words 'KEEP OUT' and 'NO ENTRE' above the symbol and the words 'PESTICIDES IN IRRIGATION WATER' and 'PESTICIDAS EN AGUA de RIEGO' below the symbol;
- (3) All letters shall be at least 2-1/2 inches tall; and
- (4) All letters and the symbol shall be of a color which sharply contrasts with their immediate background.

(f) When a fumigant is applied to a field, signs shall be posted in the manner specified in (d). These signs shall contain the following information instead of the information specified in (b):

- (1) The skull and crossbones symbol; and

(2) The following statements:

- (A) 'DANGER/PELIGRO';
- (B) 'Area under fumigation, DO NOT ENTER/NO ENTRE';
- (C) '(Name of Fumigant) Fumigant in use';
- (D) The date and time of the fumigation; and
- (E) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicator.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Sections 12980 and 12981, Food and Agricultural Code.