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MEMORANDUM NO. 824

TO: All Pest Control Licensees

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SUBJECT: Labeling of Service Containers for the Transportation or
Temporary Storage of Pesticides

This memorandum should serve to clarify a number of questions the Bureau has been receiving regarding labeling service containers for transportation and temporary storage of pesticides in the field.

In 1976, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Enforcement issued a policy statement which acknowledged the value of utilizing service containers and outlined several requirements associated with their use. This policy was rescinded in 1979, and the aforementioned "requirements" then became "recommendations".

The Department, in an attempt to adopt the Agency's recommendations, promulgated a rule in Chapter 5E-14.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, which requires that "*Pesticides kept in containers other than application equipment shall be accurately identified by permanent, durable label or tag, showing the common or chemical name(s) of principal active ingredient(s) and providing information required by EPA regulations or recommendations.*"

Service containers must be in compliance with this rule. Service containers must therefore be labeled in accordance with the USEPA recommended information provided below:



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A) An abbreviated label including the following information must be securely attached to the service container;

1. Pesticide Concentrate
 - a. The name, address, and telephone number of the pest control firm
 - b. Product Name
 - c. EPA registration number (From Product Label)
 - d. Name and percentage of active ingredients
 - e. Signal word from registered label

2. Use-dilution Preparations (Diluted ready-to-use formulations)
 - a. The name, address, and telephone number of the pest control firm
 - b. Product name, preceded by the word "Diluted"
 - c. EPA Registration number, preceded by the words "Derived From"
 - d. Name and percentage of active ingredient as diluted
 - e. Signal word from the registered label

B) A reference copy of the EPA accepted labeling for the registered product must be in the possession of the firm at its place of business at the time of the application and be made available to the appropriate regulatory official of the Agency upon request;

C) The user must comply with all use instructions, warnings, precautions and prohibitions which appear on the EPA accepted label or labeling;

D) The service container must conform in all aspects with any applicable container or packaging requirements for pesticide products;

E) The pesticide in the service container cannot be sold, distributed or given away for application or use by any other person; and

F) All pesticide concentrates used in the field shall be kept under lock when in unattended service vehicles.

It is the responsibility of certified operators in charge, licensees, and their identification card holders to see to it that their service containers are properly labeled accordingly.

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