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Phostoxin containers have a new look. Beginning in 2007, Degesch America, Inc. will be switching Phostoxin Tablets and Pellets to a new color coded flask. The new Tablet Flask, pictured on the left is identified by the blue cap. Each flask contains about 333 Phostoxin Tablets and each case contains 21 flasks. The new Pellet Flask, pictured on the right is identified by the green cap. Each flask contains about 1,666 Phostoxin Pellets and each case contains 21 flasks.



Degesch America, Inc. Recertification School



Approximately 100 participants gathered on April 26th at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton, Virginia for the 2007 edition of our Recertification School. A knowledgeable line-up of speakers covered topics including Integrated Pest Management, Respiratory Protection, Gas Detection, Structural Fumigation and Commodity Fumigation. The 2008 Recertification School will be held once again at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel and will be conducted on April 17th. Start making plans now to join us.

Methyl Bromide Update

(The following was copied from EPA Correspondence)

EPA Pesticide Program Updates from EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs

05/16/07

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides>

Methyl Bromide Inventory Continues Downward Trend - News Brief

The methyl bromide inventory held by U.S. companies at the end of 2006 continues to shrink, according to data released by EPA today. The data show a steady decline in the inventory since 2003, when the Agency began collecting such information.

Methyl bromide is an ozone-depleting chemical that has been used as a general pesticide across a wide range of agricultural sectors for many years. Under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the Clean Air Act, the United States phased out new production and import of methyl bromide, except for allowable exemptions for users who have no technically and economically feasible alternatives.

The data that EPA is releasing includes, in aggregate form, the inventory held by approximately 35 companies in the United States at the end of 2006. The methyl bromide inventory data, displayed graphically below, shows a steady decline - approximately 16,422 metric tons in 2003, 12,994 metric tons in 2004, 9,974 metric tons in 2005, and 7,671 metric tons in 2006 - and demonstrates that the United States continues to manage its domestic inventory appropriately.

The phaseout of new production and import, and the orderly reduction in the existing inventory, are facilitating a transition to alternatives in a manner consistent with previous successful phaseouts of ozone-depleting substances, such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and halons. The United States continues to protect the ozone layer and meet its obligations under the Montreal Protocol while meeting the needs of American farmers.

For more information on the phaseout of methyl bromide, please visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr>

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DHS Publishes New Rule Affecting Methyl Bromide

(The following was copied from Chemtura's 'Fumigation Fax')

On April 9 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published an interim final rule in the Federal Register, "Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards" (72 FR 17688; 6 CFR 27), which is effective June 8, 2007, except for Appendix A of part 27. Appendix A contains the DHS list of covered "chemicals of interest" and is still in a comment period until May 9, 2007.

The interim rule establishes DHS reporting procedures for facilities storing certain amounts of listed chemicals above a threshold amount. Methyl bromide and several other fumigants (e.g. chloropicrin, phosphine, and sulfuryl fluoride) are covered by this regulation and are listed with a threshold level of “Any Amount.”

This means that covered facilities possessing or planning to possess any amount of methyl bromide will be required to submit a Top Screen report, giving basic information about the facility and the chemicals in possession at the facility. The Top Screen information may be submitted to DHS electronically using the “Chemical Security Assessment Tool” found at the web site www.dhs.gov/chemicalsecurity.

The Top Screen report is due 60 days after the effective date of Appendix A for facilities already possessing a listed chemical. Facilities planning to possess a listed chemical after the effective date of Appendix A must submit a Top Screen report within 60 days after taking possession of the chemical.

DHS will evaluate the Top Screen information and will notify facilities whether additional reporting is required. At the next level of reporting, facilities will be required to submit Security Vulnerability Assessments and Site Security Plans and complete other activities as required by the standard. The threshold level of methyl bromide required to trigger these additional reporting responsibilities is not known.

Covered facilities must also keep records associated with the Top Screen documents, Security Vulnerability Assessments, Site Security Plans, and other activities and documents required by the new DHS regulation. Please see the DHS regulation for specific requirements and retention periods for records required for your facility.

Chemtura will be following this rule closely and we will let you know when Appendix A becomes effective and will keep you informed of any changes or developments in the final rule.

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS

Diacon®-D

(The following was copied from a Diacon®-D Press Release)

EPA Approves Diacon®-D for insect control in Stored Commodities and On-Farm Use

The Professional Agriculture division of Central Life Sciences introduces Diacon®-D, an EPA approved, tolerance exempt insect growth regulator (IGR), to control stored product insects by breaking their life cycle by preventing larvae from maturing into adults. Diacon-D is a dry formulation, with versatile applications, including direct to grain, top-dress or empty bin treatment.

(S)-Methoprene, the active ingredient in Diacon-D, protects stored grains and raw agricultural

commodities from damaging insects by interfering with the natural process of insect development. Diacon-D is effective against a broad range of insect pests, such as: almond moth, Indian meal moth, cigarette beetle, lesser grain borer, saw-toothed grain beetle, merchant grain beetle, red and confused flour beetle, and others. Diacon-D may also be used to treat pet food, animal feedstuffs, birdseed and cotton hulls.

“We are pleased to be able to provide our customers with both a liquid, Diacon® II, and a dry formulation, Diacon-D, to meet their stored product insect control needs on-farm, as well as off-farm storage sites,” said Mark Taylor, business manager for Central Life Sciences’ Professional Agriculture division. “We understand that stored product insects cost American agriculture millions of dollars in damage each year, and we are proud to expand our product usage to assure that storage operators are able to maximize the effectiveness of their insect control programs and help protect our customers’ profits.”

The Professional Agriculture division of Central Life Sciences is a leading producer of chemical and biological products for insect control in American agriculture. About Central Life Sciences The Professional Agriculture division, which markets Diacon®-D, is part of Wellmark International, dba Central Life Sciences, a strategic business unit of Central Garden & Pet (NASDAQ: CENT). Central Life Sciences is dedicated to creating healthier environments and making life better for people, plants and companion animals around the world. As inventors of insect growth regulator technology more than 30 years ago, the founders of Central Life Sciences pioneered the way for biorational pest control: using the insect’s chemistry as a means to reduce pest populations.

For information about Diacon-D contact info@degeschamerica.com.

People in the News

Retirement



Earlier this year George Luzaich, Vice President -Sales & Marketing for Degesch America, Inc. retired after many years with the company. George started his career with J-Chem (now DAI-Houston Division) in the 1970’s as an assistant to Jim Cook, the inventor of the J-System Low Air Flow Recirculation Method. After a brief stint away from DAI, George returned in the early 1980’s and founded the Gulf Division in Reserve, LA. George left Louisiana in 1986 and transferring to our Weyers Cave, VA manufacturing facility where he was appointed Director of Division Operations. In 1991 George assumed the duties of Vice President where he remained until his retirement in January. A testament to George’s value to the fumigation industry were the kind words offered by many attendees at his retirement party. George was instrumental in the growth and success of DAI and we wish him the best. Although he is no longer a part of the day to day operations of our company George will continue to offer his support and advice as a consultant.

Promotions

Herb Yeaman has been appointed Vice President-Sales & Marketing. Herb's introduction to the fumigation industry came in 1974 when he worked as a Fumigation Technician while attending Barton College. After graduating in 1977 Herb was employed by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for several years before returning to DAI in 1983. In 1985 Herb founded the DAI-Richmond Division where he remained as manager until 2000 when he was appointed DAI Director of Division Operations.

Susan Nichols has been appointed to the position of Administrator of Regulatory Affairs. Prior to her appointment, Susan was an Administrative Assistant working with the DAI management team in several capacities. Her work in helping secure the present labeling for DAI products makes her uniquely qualified to provide the data necessary to keep our products at the forefront of the fumigation industry.

Dennis Ryman has been appointed to the position of Technical Director. Prior to his appointment, Dennis managed the Quality Assurance lab at DAI where he oversaw the product specifications of our fumigants. Dennis and his expertise are available to all users of DAI products and services.