ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).]

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA or the Agency) issuance, pursuant to section 6(a)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), of an amended cancellation order for the pesticide product Foremost 4809–ES Insect-O-Fog, a pesticide product containing Piperonyl butoxide and Pyrethrins. The registrant of Foremost 4809–ES Insect-O-Fog—Delta Foremost Chemical Corp.—has requested an extension of the May 11, 2011 deadline after which the original cancellation order prohibited the registrant of Foremost 4809–ES Insect-O-Fog from selling or distributing that product except for export or disposal. Under the provisions of this amended cancellation order as specified below, sale or distribution of existing stocks of Foremost 4809–ES Insect-O-Fog by the registrant is extended and is now permitted through May 11, 2013 (a 2-year extension of the May 11, 2011 deadline set forth in the original cancellation order).

DATES: This amended cancellation order is effective as of the date of signature.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

The Agency included in the original notice a list of those who may be potentially affected by this action. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2009–1017. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at http://www.regulations.gov, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S–4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

II. Background

In the Federal Register of May 11, 2010 (75 FR 26227) (FRL–8882–4), EPA announced the Agency’s final order for the cancellations, voluntarily requested by the registrants and accepted by the Agency, of the products listed in Table 1 of that Federal Register Notice, pursuant to section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA. Foremost 4809–ES Insect-O-Fog (EPA Registration Number 001203–00011) was listed in Table 1 of that Federal Register Notice. That cancellation order followed a February 3, 2010 (75 FR 5644) (FRL–8807–6) Federal Register Notice of Receipt of Requests from the registrants listed in Table 2 of the May 11, 2010 Federal Register Notice to voluntarily cancel product registrations. The registrant of Foremost 4809–ES Insect-O-Fog was listed in Table 2 of the May 11, 2010 Notice. In the February 3, 2010 Notice, EPA indicated that it would issue an order implementing the cancellations unless the Agency received substantive comments within a 30-day comment period that would merit its further review of those requests or unless the registrants withdrew their requests. The Agency received comments on the February 3, 2010 Notice, but none merited EPA’s further review of the requests. None of the registrants withdrew their requests. Accordingly, EPA issued in the May 11, 2010 Notice a cancellation order granting the requested cancellations, and providing that any distribution, sale, or use of the products subject to that cancellation order was permitted only in accordance with the existing stocks provisions of that order. The existing stocks provisions of the May 11, 2010 cancellation order provided as follows:

The registrants may continue to sell and distribute existing stocks of products listed in Table 1 until May 11, 2011, which is 1 year after the publication of the Cancellation Order in the Federal Register. Therefore, the registrants are prohibited from selling or distributing products listed in Table 1, except for export in accordance with section 17 of FIFRA, or proper disposal. Persons other than the registrant may sell, distribute, or use existing stocks of products listed in Table 1 until existing stocks are exhausted, provided that such sale, distribution, or use is consistent with the terms of the previously approved labeling on, or that accompanied, the canceled products.

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Delta Foremost Chemical Corp. has requested an extension of the May 11, 2011 deadline after which the original cancellation order prohibited the registrant of Foremost 4809–ES Insect-O-Fog from selling or distributing that product except for export or disposal. When EPA issued the original cancellation order on May 11, 2010, the Agency anticipated that 1 year would be enough time to allow all of the registrant’s existing stocks of Foremost 4809–ES Insect-O-Fog to be sold and enter the channels of trade. However, because of an unforeseen drop in demand due to the general economic downturn, the registrant was unable to sell all of its existing stocks of that pesticide product by May 11, 2011. This pesticide product was canceled due to a voluntary request for cancellation by the registrant. There is no significant risk concern regarding Foremost 4809–ES Insect-O-Fog. Therefore, EPA believes that a 2-year extension of the May 11, 2011 deadline after which Delta Foremost Chemical Corp. is prohibited from selling or distributing its existing stocks of Foremost 4809–ES Insect-O-Fog—i.e., through May 11, 2013—is consistent with the purposes of FIFRA.

III. What action is the agency taking?

This amended cancellation order allows the registrant, Delta Foremost Chemical Corporation, to sell or distribute existing stocks of EPA Registration Number 001203–00011 through May 11, 2013. All provisions of the May 11, 2010 cancellation order that are not in conflict with today’s order remain in effect. This amended cancellation order is effective as of the date of signature.

IV. What is the agency’s authority for taking this action?

EPA is taking this action pursuant to section 6(a)(1) of FIFRA.

V. Amended Cancellation Order

Pursuant to section 6 of FIFRA, EPA hereby issues an amended cancellation order for the registration of Foremost 4809–ES Insect-O-Fog (EPA Registration Number 001203–00011) that extends the May 11, 2010 cancellation order to May 11, 2013.
has required payment of an annual maintenance fee to keep pesticide registrations in effect. The fee due last January 15, 2011, has gone unpaid for 254 registrations. Section 4(i)(5)(G) of FIFRA provides that the EPA Administrator may cancel these registrations by order and without a hearing; orders to cancel all 254 of these registrations have been issued within the past few days.

DATES: A cancellation is effective on the date the cancellation order is signed.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to persons who produce or use pesticides, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice, consult the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2011–0558. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at http://www.regulations.gov, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S–4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

II. Background

Section 4(i)(5) of FIFRA, as amended in October 1988 (Pub. L. 100–532), December 1991 (Pub. L. 102–237), and again in August 1996 (Pub. L. 104–170), requires that all pesticide registrants pay an annual registration maintenance fee, due by January 15 of each year, to keep their registrations in effect. This requirement applies to all registrations, which are all those granted under FIFRA section 3 as well as those granted under FIFRA section 24(c) to meet special local needs. Registrations for which the fee is not paid are subject to cancellation by order and without a hearing.

The Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act Amendments of 1991, Public Law 102–237, amended FIFRA to allow the EPA Administrator to reduce or waive maintenance fees for minor agricultural use pesticides when she determines that the fee would be likely to cause significant impact on the availability of the pesticide for the use. The Agency has waived the fee for 194 minor agricultural use registrations at the request of the registrants.

In fiscal year 2011, maintenance fees were collected in one billing cycle. The Pesticide Registration Improvement Renewal Act (PRIRA) was passed by Congress in October 2007. PRIRA authorized the Agency to collect $22 million in maintenance fees in fiscal year 2011. In late 2010, all holders of either FIFRA section 3 registrations or FIFRA section 24(c) registrations were sent lists of their active registrations, along with forms and instructions for responding. They were asked to identify which of their registrations they wished to maintain in effect, and to calculate and remit the appropriate maintenance fees. Most responses were received by the statutory deadline of January 15. A notice of intent to cancel was sent in February, 2011, to companies who did not respond and to companies who responded, but paid for less than all of their registrations. Since mailing the notices of intent to cancel, EPA has maintained a toll-free inquiry number through which the questions of affected registrants have been answered.

Maintenance fees have been paid for about 15,327 FIFRA section 3 registrations, or about 95% of the registrations on file in December 2010. Fees have been paid for about 2,053 FIFRA section 24(c) registrations, or about 90% of the total on file in December 2010. Cancellations for non-payment of the maintenance fee affect about 238 FIFRA section 3 registrations and about 16 FIFRA section 24(c) registrations.

The cancellation orders generally permit registrants to continue to sell and distribute existing stocks of the canceled products until January 15, 2012, 1 year after the date on which the fee was due. Existing stocks already in the hands of dealers or users, however, can generally be distributed, sold, or used legally until they are exhausted. Existing stocks are defined as those stocks of a registered pesticide product which are currently in the United States and which have been packaged, labeled, and released for