
From: Dixon Monty USGR
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 4:30 PM
To: Abbott John USGR
Cc: Dieterle Roland Mario CHBS
Subject: FW: Call from John Mirenda of Dole on paraquat CFI decision on Friday 7th Sept

Hi John,

Katherine's surgery went well! She has about an hour of recovery room time then I can get her home. There are a couple of issue's Roland would like our thoughts upon including this email.

My thoughts to Roland's question (red text) is that we should perhaps instead of mentioning Parkinson's directly, say something to the effect that. "registrants have a statutory responsibility to notify the EPA of any information they come into possession of that would be relevant to the evaluation of the safety of registered products". I am not sure about the language, perhaps we can discuss and I would like to get Roland an answer as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Monty

From: Dieterle Roland Mario CHBS
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2007 8:04 AM
To: Dixon Monty USGR
Subject: FW: Call from John Mirenda of Dole on paraquat CFI decision on Friday 7th Sept

Monty

I want to be very sure not to say sth wrong and ask you to confirm the statement on PQ and PD (in red). We need a quick reply...

Thanks and best regards,

Roland

From: Scott David CHBS
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2007 13:50
To: Dieterle Roland Mario CHBS; Estevez Jose CRSJ; Hernandez Jaime COBO
Cc: Brown Richard Anthony CHBS
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John Mirenda called me to tell me of their concerns on the paraquat CFI decision.

Dole currently have a class action running against themselves and Dow on DBCP, an old nematicide, thus they are particularly sensitive on the Parkinson's aspect of the CFI decision.

They have clearly done a lot of research on the internet on the issue and found the Rochester papers and the Paraquat RED which does not mention Parkinson's.

John said this issue was "a rising cake" and has prompted high level discussions with their senior VPs of legal and marketing Dr Farewell and Michael Carter.

Their concern is the Parkinson health liability that may accrue with the Dole use of paraquat.

He says their EU lawyer recognises the distinction between an outright ban and the removal from annex 1

Dole have also retained a US based toxicologist Laura Plunkett based in Houston Texas on this issue who may be contacting us.

Their problem is that Pineapple is very important as a profitable growing crop and they have no alternative to paraquat for post harvest crop residue management. Add this to Dole's current corporate policy not to use products that are banned in the EU and they do have a major problem.

He offered that their corporate policy may need to be revised - which means they may make paraquat an exception.

"The removal of paraquat would be a major blow to the current business, particularly Pineapple, which is an overriding concern"

Specifically he asked for

1. A statement on Paraquat and Parkinson's from Syngenta - which I have from Lionel
2. The EPA's position was on the Parkinson issue and if they had reviewed any of the recent data.

Having spoken to Roland my draft on the second point would be

The EPA are aware of the Parkinson issue with paraquat via the PRF mechanism and have so far not reverted to the registrants indicating they do not see this as an issue.

Roland can you confirm you're happy with this and I can respond to Dole.

Regards

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