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Steve Wratten, A-2ND
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Dear Mr. Wratten:

Subject: Label Amendment Extending 2,4-D Use in Reduced or No-Tillage Soybeans
 (Pre-plant Only)
 RT Master
 EPA Reg. No. 524-531

The Agency is conditionally amending the registration of the above-referenced product under the authority of section 3(c)(7)(B) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). This amendment allows the continued use of the subject product on reduced or no-tillage soybeans (pre-plant only) with a maximum permissible level for residues of the herbicide in or on soybeans of 0.02 ppm until December 31, 2004. This conditional registration will expire automatically on December 31, 2004. Sale or distribution of the subject product bearing labeling for this use on reduced or no-tillage soybeans (pre-plant only) after December 31, 2004 will be illegal. The tolerance authorizing residues of the subject product will also expire on December 31, 2004. If and when a permanent tolerance is established, EPA will entertain an application to amend the registration of the subject product to remove all special limitations on the duration of the soybean use.

This amendment only extends the expiration date of the time-limited registration for soybeans. No label revisions are permitted by this amendment. For this reason, the Agency is not requiring you to submit draft labeling with the new expiration date for this action. Therefore, the Agency's latest stamped accepted copy of your label for this product for preplant use on soybeans (with the prior expiration date of December 31, 2001) will continue to constitute proof of the Agency's acceptance of the label for subject product.

Sincerely yours,

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