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Mr. Jeff Jones
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Subject: Boric Acid Manufacturing Grade
EPA Registration No.: 1624-117
Amendment Date: December 3, 2010
EPA Receipt Date: December 6, 2010

Dear Mr. Jones,

The following amendment submitted in connection under the provisions of FIFRA, as amended, is acceptable with conditions.

Proposed Amendment

Update Precautionary and Storage/Disposal Statements

Conditions

Revise the label as follows:

- 1.) Manufacturing Use Products (MUPs) do not support efficacy claims such as fungicide, insecticide, or algacides because specific directions on how to utilize the product to obtain these claims must be presented on the label. These types of products are utilized to formulate end-use products that will support directions. Therefore, you must revise the claim immediately following the product name to state "For formulation into antimicrobial products."
- 2.) The 1st paragraph under the "Directions for Use" must be modified to illustrate the use patterns/sites for which the active ingredient/this product may be used when formulating end use products by stating:

This product is a soluble inorganic powder for formulating antimicrobial end-use products for use in/on: wood preservation, materials preservation, residential premises, industrial, institutional, and commercial premises, swimming pools, and re-circulating industrial water

SYMBOL	processes and systems.						
SURNAME							
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General Comments

A stamped accepted label with conditions is enclosed. Submit three (3) copies of your final printed labeling before distributing or selling the product bearing the revised labeling.

Should you have further questions concerning this letter, please contact me by telephone at (703) 308-6416 or by e-mail at campbell-mcfarlane.jacqueline@epa.gov or Stacey Grigsby by telephone at (703) 308-6440 or by email at grigsby.stacy@epa.gov. When submitting information or data in response to this letter, a copy of this letter should accompany the submission to facilitate processing.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Campbell-McFarlane
 Acting Product Manager (PM-34)
 Regulatory Management Branch 2
 Antimicrobials Division (7510P)

Enclosure: Stamped Label

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Boric Acid

Manufacturing Grade

ACCEPTED
with COMMENTS
EPA Letter Dated:
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Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act as amended, for the pesticide registered under EPA Reg. No. 1624-117

For the formulation of insecticides/fungicides/algacides and for use as a material preservative.

Active ingredient:

Boric Acid (H₃BO₃) 100%
[Boric Oxide (B₂O₃) equivalent 56.3%]

EPA Reg. No. 1624-117 EPA Est. No. 1624-CA-2

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

CAUTION

NOT FOR FOOD OR DRUG USE

FIRST AID

In case of emergency: Call the 24 hour medical emergency number (see below), a Poison Control Center or doctor for treatment advice. Have the product container or label with you when calling or going for treatment.

If in eyes: Hold the eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing.

If swallowed: Call the emergency number listed below or a Poison Control Center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a Poison Control Center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

If on skin or clothing: Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse the skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.

If inhaled: Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENT

HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION. Causes moderate eye irritation. Harmful if swallowed. Avoid contact with eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, ponds, estuaries, oceans or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product to sewer systems without previously notifying the local sewage treatment plant authority. For guidance contact your State Water Board or Regional Office of the EPA.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal Law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

This product is a soluble inorganic powder for formulating into certain end-use products: insecticides/fungicides for wood treatment; insecticides for mop, spot, and crack and crevice treatment in residential, industrial, institutional and commercial buildings; algacides for water treatment in swimming pools and spas and recirculating cooling water systems; bacteriostat in/on absorbent materials for inhibiting the growth of bacteria which causes odor i.e. Kitty litter, and material preservative (e.g. in-can preservative for paints, coatings, stains, inks and dyes).

This product shall not be used to formulate or repackage a registered product in paints, stains, coatings, inks and dyes intended for use in arts, crafts or finger paints. Nor shall it be used to formulate or repackage a registered product for use in any broadcast carpet, rug or upholstery application.

Formulators and repackagers are responsible for obtaining their own registrations.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

Pesticide Storage: Store in a dry place. Do not store where children or animals may gain access.

Pesticide Disposal: Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

Container Handling: Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Completely empty bag into application equipment. Then offer for recycling, if available, or dispose of empty bag in a sanitary landfill or by incineration, or if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

Notice: Neither manufacturer nor seller shall be liable in respect to any injury or damages suffered by reason of the use of this product for a purpose not indicated by the label, or when used contrary to the directions or instructions hereon, nor with respect to breach of any warranty not expressly specified herein. Buyer accepts this material subject to these terms, and assumes full risk of usage and handling except when used or handled in accordance with this label.

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55.1 lb net contents (25 kg net)

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