UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

53345-11

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September 4, 2003

Cristina Griffin Agent for Sterling Pulp Chemicals LTD. c/o Delta Analytical Corp. 7910 Woodmont Ave. Suite 1000 Bethesda, MD 20814

Subject:

Technical Sodium Chlorite

EPA Registration No. 53345-11 Application Date: June 4, 2003 Receipt Date: June 13, 2003, 2003

Dear Ms. Griffin:

The following amendments, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, are acceptable with the conditions listed below:

Proposed Amendment

- Amend First Aid Statements in accordance with PR Notice 2001-1
- Change "Inert" to "Other" in Ingredient Statement

Conditions

- 1. Add the following to the First Aid Statement: "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. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice."
- 2. Add the following note directly beneath the First Aid Statement: "Note to Physician: Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage."
- 3. Revise "Mix dilute with water only." to read "Only mix or dilute with water or non-oxidizable materials."

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4. Revise the Precautionary Statements to read, "DANGER: Corrosive. Causes irreversible eye damage and skin burns. May be fatal if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through skin. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. Wear protective clothing, goggles or face shield, and use only Neoprene gloves when handling. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, or using tobacco. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse."

General Comments

A stamped copy of the labeling accepted with conditions is enclosed. Submit one (1) copy of your final printed label before distributing or selling the product bearing the revised labeling.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (703) 308-6264.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Brennis Product Manager (32)

Regulatory Management Branch II

Antimicrobials Division (7510C)

Technical Sodium Chlorite

Sodium Dioxide Precursor FOR MANUFACTURING USE ONLY

FOR USE IN GENERATING CHLORINE DIOXIDE TO CONTROL MICRO-ORGANISMS IN WATER AND WASTE WATER.

DANGER

SEE PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS AND FIRST AID INFORMATION.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARD TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS **DANGER:** Corrosive, causes eve and skin damage. Do not get in eye, on skin, or on clothing. Wear goggles, or face shield, and use only Neoprene gloves, when handling. May be fatal if swallowed or inhaled. Irritating to nose and throat. Do not breathe dust.

PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL HAZARDS

Strong oxidizing agent. Mix dilute with water only. Mixing with acids, or alcohol, or other chemicals may cause evolution of chlorine and chlorine dioxide gas mixture which is toxic and may be explosive.

Combustible materials contaminated with technical sodium chlorite may burn rapidly. Keep handling areas and equipment clean and free of oils, greases, combustibles and dust. Do not contaminate product with garbage, dirt, organic matter, paint products, solvents, acids, vinegar, beverages, oils, pine oils, dirty rags or other foreign matter.

Do not expose to hot surfaces, sparks or open flame. Contact with acids may release toxic gas.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is toxic to fish. Do not discharge effluent containing this product directly 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.

Federal Insecticide, s, and Rodenticide Act as for the pesticide, d under EPA Reg. No. FIRSTAID

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if in Eyes: Hold eye open and rinse slowing and the with water for 15-20 minutes, then continue rinsing eve. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

If on Skin or Clothing: Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

If Swallowed: Call 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.

HOT LINE NUMBER

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. You may also contact the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 for emergency medical treatment information.

Note to Physician: Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage.

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:
 Sodium Chlorite
 80.0 %

 OTHER INGREDIENTS:
 20.0 %

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal Law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Intended for use only in manufacturing, formulating, mixing, or repacking of products used to generate chlorine dioxide for use as a sterilizing, sanitizing and disinfecting agent, microorganism control and as a chemical oxidant. Sterling Pulp Chemicals can provide information on product composition, toxicity, methods of use, restrictions, limitations and effectiveness. manufacturer, formulator, mixer or repacker is responsible for obtaining EPA registration for their specific product(s).

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

DO NOT CONTAMINATE WATER. FOOD OR FEED BY STORAGE OR DISPOSAL

Storage: Avoid exposure to high temperatures during storage. Store remote from other chemicals and combustible materials. Do not skid or slide drums.

Pesticide Disposal: Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

Container Disposal: Triple rinse (or equivalent) all containers and offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by other procedures approved of by state and local authorities.

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