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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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Ms. Lydia Cox, Ph.D., DABT Director of Regulatory Affairs Nichino America, Inc. 4550 New Linden Hill Road, Suite 501 Wilmington, DE 19808-2951

SUBJECT: Flubendiamide Cancellation Ordered by Environmental Appeals Board

Dear Ms. Cox:

By order of the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB), in In re Bayer CropScience LP and Nichino America, Inc., FIFRA Appeal No. 16-01, the EPA registrations issued under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) for BELT SC Insecticide (EPA Reg. No. 264-1025), FLUBENDIAMIDE Technical (EPA Reg. No. 71711-26), VETICA Insecticide (EPA Reg. No. 71711-32), and TOURISMO Insecticide (EPA Reg. No. 71711-33) are cancelled as of July 29, 2016. As a result of this final decision, the sale, distribution, and use of flubendiamide products by Bayer CropScience LP and Nichino America, Inc. is prohibited in accordance with the terms set forth in the Notice of Intent to Cancel, 81 Fed. Reg. at 11,560.

While Nichino America, Inc. may no longer sell or distribute VETICA Insecticide and TOURISMO Insecticide, other persons, including distributors and retailers, may continue to sell and distribute existing stocks of those pesticides until those stocks are exhausted. In addition, the use of existing stocks of VETICA Insecticide and TOURISMO Insecticide in the hands of end users (growers) as of July 29, 2016, is allowed until those stocks are exhausted. EPA requests that Nichino America, Inc. forward this letter to their distributors and retailers about the EAB decision on existing stocks.

If you have any questions, please contact either Mr. Carmen J. Rodia, Jr. by phone at (703) 306-0327 or via e-mail at <u>Rodia.Carmen@epa.gov</u> or Mr. Richard J. Gebken by phone at (703) 305-6701 or via e-mail at <u>Gebken.Richard@epa.gov</u>.

Sincerely yours,

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