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PESTICIDE REGISTRATION (PR) NOTICE 97-8

NOTICE TO MANUFACTURERS, PRODUCERS, FORMULATORS AND REGISTRANTS
OF PESTICIDE PRODUCTS

ATTENTION: Persons Responsible for the Registration of Pesticide Products

SUBJECT: Time Extension of PR Notice 96-7 - Termiticide Labeling

On October 1, 1996, the Agency issued PR Notice 96-7 concerning certain labeling statements and product performance for soil treatment termiticide products. PR Notice 96-7 was intended to bring uniformity to termiticide labeling. That Notice stated EPA's position that registrants and supplemental distributors should not distribute or sell product bearing labeling inconsistent with the Notice after October 1, 1997.

It has been brought to the Agency's attention that many registrants have stocks of termiticide product which are ready for distribution, but which will not comply with the labeling requirements by October 1, 1997 as required in PR Notice 96-7. The Agency also has been informed that registrants which have obtained an EPA approval for revised labels still do not have adequate time to relabel their products by the October 1, 1997. Lastly, a few registrants have submitted labeling in response to PR Notice 96-7 and have not received an EPA approved label.

For these reasons, and to prevent the potential for inadequate supplies of termiticide products in commerce, EPA intends to grant a 90-day extension to permit the distribution or sale of products not bearing labeling consistent with PR Notice 96-7. The Agency is therefore extending the effective date to <u>January 1, 1998</u> for all products distributed or sold by registrants and supplemental registrants to bear approved labeling which is consistent with PR Notice 96-7 and complies with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). This notice does not change any of the other labeling provision or effective dates in PR Notice 96-7.

If you wish further information on this notice, you may contact Linda G. Arrington, Ombudsman, Registration Division, at 703-305-5446, or by E-mail at Arrington.Linda@epamail.epa.gov.

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