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NOTICE

To: Fertilizer Industry

Foliar Application of Elemental Sulfur

On April 10, 2003, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) distributed a notice to industry stating that products containing elemental sulfur, with directions for use for foliar application, are fungicides and require registration with the Department of Pesticide Regulation.

Further review has been conducted on the use of foliar-applied elemental sulfur as a source of sulfur. As a result of this review, CDFA decided that foliar application of elemental sulfur is not an efficacious source for sulfur. Additionally, there is evidence that foliar-applied sulfur creates health concerns for field workers that must be addressed through worker safety directions on the label. This Department will approve products containing elemental sulfur intended for soil application only.

Therefore, all firms with product labels containing directions for the foliar application of elemental sulfur are required to remove the directions for foliar application from the label or provide us with an acceptable source other than elemental sulfur.

Any questions regarding this notice may be addressed to Maryam Khosravifard at the number above.

Sincerely,

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