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1. GUIDANCE ON STORAGE STABILITY DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDE PRODUCTS – REVISED DOCUMENT

As part of BPU's ongoing commitment to provide information to Approval Holders we produced guidance on product storage stability in 2002. The finalised guidance document was placed on our website at the end of 2002, but was always intended as a working document that would be amended as appropriate.

We are therefore taking this opportunity to inform stakeholders of the following significant amendment to the guidance document, in order to clarify further our position with regard to Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) and product storage stability data submissions, as follows:

With regard to the generation of product storage stability data, although it is not a requirement to store the product under GLP conditions, the analysis for the active ingredient must ALWAYS be conducted in compliance with the principles of GLP. For this reason a GLP compliant report must be submitted to address product storage stability for all studies that commence after 30 September 2004 otherwise the study will be deemed unacceptable.

The revised guidance document can be viewed via our website at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/hthdir/noframes/storstabil.pdf>

If you have any comments or questions then please contact Steven Buchanan on 0151 951 4494, fax: 0151 951 3317, e-mail: steven.buchanan@hse.gsi.gov.uk or by letter to the address at the end of this newsletter.

2. LABELLING TO CHIP 3 – JULY 2004 DEADLINE NOW PASSED

As Approval Holders should be aware, all biocidal products, including non-agricultural pesticides now have to be classified and labelled according to the criteria set out in the Dangerous Preparations Directive 99/45/EC. This Directive is implemented in the UK through the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002, more commonly known as CHIP 3. It is the Approval Holders responsibility to include any additional information required by CHIP3 on their product labels. Further information regarding CHIP3 can be found in Newsletter Issue Number 63 (<http://www.hse.gov.uk/hthdir/noframes/pestnews.htm>). If you have any questions on **COPR related labelling**, please contact the Approvals Group at the address at the end of this Newsletter.

3. PUBLICATION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES EVALUATIONS ON DICHLORVOS AND TCMSP

The Advisory Committee on Pesticides's (ACP) Evaluation of the active substance Dichlorvos used as a public hygiene insecticide was published in April 2004 (ACP Evaluation No. 211). This review was carried out as part of the Anticholinesterase reviews conducted by HSE for public hygiene insecticides and wood preservatives, and by the Pesticides Safety Directorate for agricultural products. The review considered the physical-chemistry, mammalian toxicology and efficacy of dichlorvos, and includes the risk assessments carried out for operator and consumer exposure. The Evaluation reflects the outcome of the 283rd, 284th, 285th and 290th meetings of the ACP in 2001/2002.

The ACP's Evaluation of the antifouling active ingredient 2,3,5,6-Tetrachloro-4(Methylsulfonyl) Pyridine [TCMSP] was published in July 2004 (ACP Evaluation No. 213). This review was conducted as part of the review of the so-called 'Booster Biocides' used in antifouling products. The evaluation gives details of the data that was considered during the review, including physical-chemistry, mammalian toxicity and operator exposure.

Both documents are available as priced publications from :

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And will soon appear on-line where they can be viewed free of charge at :
http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/acp_home.asp

4. OPEN MEETING OF THE BIOCIDES CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Biocides Consultative Committee (BCC) is the advisory committee established to provide the UK Competent Authority (HSE) with advice on the evaluation of biocides under the Biocidal Products Directive/Regulations. The Committee comprises an independent Chair and independent expert members as well as lay members to represent consumer, environmental and employee interests. The Committee is to hold its first 'open meeting' on Tuesday 19 October 2004 at 2:00 at the Maritime Museum, Albert Dock, Liverpool where the Chairman and Members of the Committee will discuss various aspects of the Committee's work with the audience, focusing on the implementation of the Biocidal Products Directive in the UK. Admission is free, but will be by ticket only.

Requests for tickets should include the names of all attendees and can be submitted either by email (bcc@hse.gsi.gov.uk) or in writing to:

BCC Secretariat,
Room 123,
Magdalen House,
Stanley Precinct,
Bootle, L20 3QZ.

By Monday 20th September 2004. Tickets are allocated on a first-come first-served basis and will be sent out after the closing date of Monday 20 September. Attendees are invited to submit written questions in advance, to the above address.

5. PROSECUTION OF WOOD TREATMENT FIRM

HSE's Inspectorate recently undertook a prosecution at Hastings Magistrates Court of Anglian Timber Limited for breaches of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act (HSW) and the Control of Pesticides Regulations (COPR). The

company, when using Copper Chrome Arsenic wood preservatives, was machining wet treated timber, as well as transporting wet treated timber out of the treatment site on lorries, contravening the COPR approval of the wood preservative. The company was also found to have provided inadequate welfare facilities and inadequate personal protective equipment for employees, breaching the HSW Act.

The Magistrates fined the company a total of £30,000; £20,000 for breaching HSW, and £5,000 each for two offences under COPR. This case highlights the need for employers to take suitable steps when using pesticides to ensure that people and the environment are not put at risk.

Further information is available in the 'South East' Regional News section of the Government News Network (www.gnn.gov.uk) under the item "Company Fined over Incident in Battle", dated 17 August 2004.

If you require any further advice or information about any of the articles in this issue of the Pesticides Newsletter, please contact the Biocides and Pesticides Unit at the address below:

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<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/> or <http://www.hse.gov.uk/biocides/>