



ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN

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Edmonton, Alberta

1) Russell Severson of Camrose, Alberta was fined \$31,200 by Health Canada for the use of an unregistered pest control product in beehives.

In March, 2013, Health Canada's Pesticide Compliance Program issued six (6) notices of violation each with a \$5,200 penalty under the *Administrative Monetary Penalties Act* to Russell Severson for the use of an unregistered pest control product containing the active ingredient amitraz.

2) Miedema Honey Farm Inc. of Barrhead, Alberta was fined \$8,000 by Health Canada for the use of an unregistered pest control product in beehives, and for the importation of an unregistered pest control product.

In March, 2013, Health Canada's Pesticide Compliance Program issued two (2) notices of violation each with a \$ 4,000 penalty under the *Administrative Monetary Penalties Act* to Miedema Honey Farm Inc. for the use of an unregistered pest control product containing the active ingredient amitraz, and for the importation of an unregistered pest control product containing the active ingredient thymol.

The *Administrative Monetary Penalties Act* provides a system of penalties and warnings for violations of several federal Acts including the *Pest Control Products Act*, which regulates pesticides. The *Administrative Monetary Penalties Act* allows Canadian pesticide regulatory officials to impose penalties without having to pursue formal prosecution.

Health Canada is responsible for the regulation of pesticides in Canada under the *Pest Control Products Act*. Each pesticide proposed for use in Canada is evaluated to determine if it meets Health Canada's standards for the protection of health and the environment, and whether the product is effective for its intended use. Pesticides that meet Health Canada's standards are registered for use.

The import, sale or use of unregistered pesticides in Canada is a violation of the *Pest Control Products Act*, as is using a pesticide in a manner other than directed on the product label. Health Canada investigates reports of illegal pesticides or use through its network of regional offices. Anyone wishing to report a suspected contravention should contact Health Canada's Pest Management Information Service at 1-800-267-6315.

When purchasing a pesticide, consumers should verify that a pest control product or PCP number appears on the label. This number indicates that the pesticide has been registered by Health Canada. Consumers should carefully read, understand and follow label directions when using any pesticide, and pesticides must not be used for purposes other than indicated on the label.

More information on Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) is available at http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pubs/pest/_fact-fiche/amp-sap/index-eng.php.

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