Enforcement Bulletins

Serge Jodoin Paysagiste
Sainte Madeleine, Quebec (Montreal South Shore)
Landscape Architect

Serge Jodoin (doing business as Serge Jodoin Paysagiste) was fined $8,000 for using two pest control products in a way that is inconsistent with the label directions

[Sainte-Madeleine, Quebec]

In May 2017, Health Canada issued two notices of violation with a total penalty of $8,000 under the Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Act to Serge Jodoin (of Sainte-Madeleine, Quebec). These notices were issued for the use of the registered pesticides Citadel 480EC insecticide (PCP Reg. No. 27479) and Excel Super Herbicide (PCP Reg. No. 22205), in a way that is inconsistent with the directions on their respective labels.

Health Canada has determined that both products were applied during lawncare treatments done in a residential setting during the summer of 2016, which is contrary to the use instructions stated on their labels. Use of a product contrary to label instructions is a violation of the Pest Control Products Act. These agricultural products may only be applied on specified food crops. Also, all residential uses of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos (the active ingredient in Citadel 480EC insecticide) were withdrawn by Health Canada since 2003, with the exception of insect bait stations.

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This section provides information on violations of the *Pest Control Products Act* and its Regulations that have resulted in warnings, penalties, and/or convictions. The *Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties* (AMPS) *Act* provides a system of penalties and warnings for violations of several federal Acts including the *Pest Control Products Act*, which regulates pesticides. The AMPS 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 verifies reports of illegal pesticides or misuse through its network of regional officers.

When purchasing a pesticide, consumers should verify that a pest control product number (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.

To report a suspected violation, pesticide incident, or obtain further information regarding specific enforcement bulletins, contact the Pest Management Information Service. Media inquiries should be directed to Health Canada Media Relations at 613-957-2983.

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