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MEMORANDUM 799

DATE: September 18, 2006  
TO: All Florida Pest Control Licensees  
FROM: Michael J. Page, Chief   
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SUBJECT: Residential use of Rabon 50 - tetrachlorvinphos

Information has been brought to the Department's attention that this product is being used for chinch bug control in St. Augustine grass in residential lawns in Florida.

The label was clearly not written to provide for control of cinch bugs in commercial or residential lawns, and the interpretation of the word "yards" that appears on the label under "Premise Use" should not be construed to mean "lawns" but, instead, should be interpreted to mean livestock yards or other enclosures, pens, or kennels associated with livestock or pets in which fleas, ticks, and other animal ectoparasites may occur.

**Subsequent use of this product on residential lawns will be interpreted as a use inconsistent with the label and in violation of Chapter 482, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 5E-14, Florida Administrative Code.**

This decision is based on the USEPA's July 5, 2002, Interim Tolerance Reassessment Eligibility Decision (TRED) for tetrachlorvinphos, in which the Agency required mitigation for certain outdoor uses of the product. Some key mitigation provisions for outdoor premises noted in the Interim TRED and stemming from concerns about residential exposure are as follows:

- Restrict uses to only spot treatments.
- The product should be applied only one time per year.
- The product is to be used along woody borders of kennels, yards, campgrounds, recreational parks, and footpaths and roadways leading to such areas.

The Interim TRED also stipulated a prohibition of outdoor yard treatments by homeowners and made it clear that the label statements should be revised to prevent overly broad interpretations of instructions for use on outdoor premises.

Please contact this office if there are any further questions.

