PESTICIDE ADVISORY

Misbranded / Adulterated Pesticide Product, Presence of Several Undeclared Pesticide Residues

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has ordered the stoppage of sale and distribution of a pesticide product manufactured by Southern Agricultural Insecticides Inc., after finding the presence of three pesticide active ingredients not listed on the product label. Triple Action Neem Oil Broad Spectrum Fungicide, Insecticide, Miticide is labeled for use on house plants, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, and lawns, and for use in and around homes and home gardens. This product was also on the Oregon Guide List for pesticides and cannabis. The label lists the only active ingredient as “Neem Oil,” and may be identified by the EPA Reg. No. 70051-2-829. This product is listed for Organic use by the Organic materials Review Institute (OMRI). In addition, ODA is asking growers who may have purchased this pesticide product to refrain from using it.

ODA’s actions come from following an investigation of the product and laboratory analysis that found the presence of the active ingredients malathion, chlorpyrifos, and permethrin, which are not listed on the label.

In an abundance of caution, a statewide Stop Sale, Use or Removal Order (SSURO) has been issued by ODA to Southern Agricultural Insecticide, Inc. of Palmetto, Florida. The Order calls for the company to immediately cease all sales, offers of sale, or other distribution of the product in Oregon.

Retailers and the general public in possession of Triple Action Neem Oil manufactured by Southern Agricultural Insecticide, Inc. are advised to not sell, offer for sale, or distribute the product. ODA will be working with the manufacturer to determine the appropriate disposition of the product that is currently in commerce or with growers.

ODA’s investigation will proceed to address violations of Oregon’s Pesticide Law, which includes misbranding of a pesticide product, adulteration of a pesticide product, and making false or misleading claims about a pesticide product.

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