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PESTICIDE ADVISORY

Misbranded / Adulterated Pesticide Products, 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 Certis USA LLC after finding the presence of several pesticide active ingredients not listed on the product label. Neemix 4.5 Insect Growth Regulator Biological Insecticide is labeled for use on turf, food, and feed crops as an insecticide, insect growth regulator, and repellent. This product may also be used in the production of cannabis in Oregon. The label lists the active ingredient azadirachtin, derived from neem seeds, and may be identified by the EPA Registration No. 70051-9. The product is listed for organic use by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI). In addition, ODA is asking growers who may have purchased the pesticide product to refrain from using it.

ODA's actions come following an investigation of the product and laboratory analysis that found the presence of the pesticide active ingredients bifenthrin and fenprothrin, neither of which are listed on the product label.

In an abundance of caution, a statewide Stop Sale, Use, or Removal Order (SSURO) has been issued by ODA to Certis USA LLC of Columbia, Maryland. 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 Neemix 4.5 manufactured by Certis USA LLC are advised not to sell, offer for sale, or distribute it. ODA will be working with the manufacturer to determine the appropriate disposition of product that is currently in commerce or with growers.

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

For additional information or questions, contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture at (503) 986-4635, or email pestx@oda.state.or.us.

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