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TO: Pesticide Product Registrants (“Registrant”)
FROM: Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Pesticide Program
REGARDING: Updated Pesticide Labeling
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The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Pesticide Program (“Department”) is charged with the administrative duties relative to the registration of pesticide products in the Commonwealth. Recently the Department has been receiving inquiries relative to when a Registrant should submit updated pesticide labels to the Department. In order to streamline the process and reduce the need for continual submissions, please see the guidance below.

Submitting Updated Pesticide Product Labeling and SDS after Significant Changes or Updates

Updated pesticide labeling and SDS should be submitted if there have been significant changes made to the labeling. The Department would define a significant change to include but not be limited to:

- Changes in use patterns – e.g. addition of agricultural uses triggering WPS requirements or addition or removal of uses on food crop sites.
- Changes in application rates or methods – e.g. significant reduction in label application rate or removal of chemigation as an accepted method of application.
- Other significant changes under FIFRA or in how industry or agriculture will use the product – e.g. FIFRA 2EE recommendations or new co-pack use recommendations.

The Department will be working on updating the ePlace Portal to add a field to indicate whether the updated label submission is relative to a significant change.

Should you have any questions, please contact Taryn LaScola at taryn.lascola@mass.gov.