Pesticide Registration Information and Frequently Asked Questions

What products need to be registered as pesticides in Michigan?
Michigan's pesticide law (Act 451 of 1994, Part 83) defines a pesticide as "a substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating pests or intended as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant." Michigan law requires all products that make a pesticidal claim, including those that EPA exempts under FIFRA 25(b), to be registered with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD).

Michigan uses the following criteria to register pesticide:
1) Brand name
2) Manufacturer name
3) EPA Reg. No.
4) Formulation

If any of these criteria differs from one product to another, each product will be considered a different product and will need to be registered separately. Additionally, if any of the four criteria listed above change on a product that is already registered with MDARD the registrant will need to register the new product and discontinue or cancel the old product.

What are the fees for registering a pesticide in Michigan?
The total cost to register a pesticide in Michigan is **$370** per product/year. This amount includes a $100 per product registration fee and a $270 per product water quality fee.

If you have questions regarding the water quality fee, contact Environmental Stewardship Division at 800-292-3939.

What is Michigan's pesticide registration year?
Michigan's pesticide registration year runs from July 1st through June 30th.

Are there any late fees assessed for pesticides that are not renewed by July 1st?
Yes. There is a $200 late fee assessed on each pesticide that is not renewed (postmarked) by July 1st. Although renewal notices are mailed out to each registrant in April of each year, according to Michigan's Pesticide Law, the registrant is responsible for ensuring their products are renewed on time. To avoid the $200 per product late fee, please ensure your renewal package is postmarked by July 1st.

Does Michigan require pesticides classified by the US EPA as Minimal Risk under FIFRA 25(b) to be registered?
Yes. All pesticides distributed in Michigan, even if exempt from registration by the US EPA, must be registered in Michigan.

Does Michigan register pesticide devices?
No. Michigan does not register pesticide devices.

Does Michigan require 2ee recommendations to be submitted?
No. 2ee recommendations are not required but we would appreciate receiving copies of any 2ee recommendations that registrants distribute.

How long does it take to get a new pesticide registered?
The normal processing time is 2-3 weeks but the time can be significantly shorter or longer depending on the time of year. Registrant's can typically expect to receive their certificate of registration within 4 weeks of submitting a new registration.

Does Michigan require different colors of pesticides to be registered?
Yes. Each color is considered to be a unique formulation and, therefore, must be registered separately.

Do all the different sizes of my pesticide need to be registered?
No. Michigan does not require registration for different sizes of product.

Does Michigan require combo pack or combo kits to be registered?
Yes. Please click here to view our combo pack guidance document http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdard/Guidance_for_Combo_Pack_Pesticide_Registration_518022_7.pdf.

What do I need to do to cancel a pesticide registration in Michigan?
Please click here to view our guidance document about cancelling a pesticide registration in the state of Michigan
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdard/Guidance_for_Discontinuing_or_Cancelling_a_Pesticide_Registration_518021_7.pdf.

What is discontinuance?
Discontinuance is when a manufacturer or registrant ceases to ship additional product into the state but continues to register the product for at least two additional years. Discontinuance allows retailers to legally sell any remaining product they may have in stock prior to the product actually being cancelled. Without discontinuance, retailers could be "stuck" with product they can't legally sell because it is no longer registered.

Do I need to submit a label with my pesticide registration application?
Yes. All new product registrations and renewal product registrations need to include a copy of the product's marketplace label. Labels can be submitted by paper, cd (labels must be in PDF format) or by ALSTAR. If you are an ALSTAR member, please do not include a copy of your pesticide labels with your new or renewal application. Please simply indicate that the product label(s) has been uploaded to ALSTAR. For more information about ALTAR, please visit: www.npirspublic.ceris.purdue.edu/alstar

Does Michigan register adjuvants or pesticide additives?
No. Michigan does not register adjuvants or additives.

Does Michigan require technical and/or manufacturing use products to be registered?
Yes. Technical and/or manufacturing use products must be registered if they are manufactured or distributed in the state.

Where can I obtain an application for registering a pesticide in Michigan?
If you are registering a new pesticide, you can download or print the registration form by clicking here: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/PesticideRegistrationApplication_37330_7.pdf
If you are renewing a pesticide registration, your renewal package will be mailed out to you in mid-April of each year.

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