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NOTICE TO MANUFACTURERS, FORMULATORS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND REGISTRANTS OF ECONOMIC POISONS CONTAINING SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE

Attention: Person responsible for Federal Registration of Economic Poisons

Products containing sodium hypochlorite at various concentrations have been accepted for registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Experience has shown that this chemical is reasonably stable at concentrations of 5.25% or less under normal conditions of marketing. However, the higher the concentration, the greater is the loss with time. Chemical analyses have shown many products collected from market channels, bearing label claims for 10% to 15% sodium hypochlorite, to be deficient, thus necessitating enforcement actions.

Since it is recognized that these products are essential germicides for a variety of uses, this Division will continue such registrations until September 1, 1968. This interim period will allow time for manufacturers to obtain stability data on their products under actual conditions of formulation, transportation, storage, and use. Such data must be submitted before September 1, 1968. At that time, our registration policy will be reevaluated and revised as warranted by the information available.

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