

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX

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Sent via email
Mr. Piotr Szulczewski
Chief Executive Officer
ContextLogic Inc.

Mr. Danny Zhang Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer ContextLogic Inc. 1 Sansome St Fl 40 San Francisco, California, 94104-4448 United States

Re: Notice of Potential Unregistered and Misbranded Pesticides being sold on ContextLogic, Inc.
Online Marketplaces

Dear Mr. Szulczewski and Mr. Zhang:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") hereby notifies you that ContextLogic, Inc. ("ContextLogic") appears to be offering for sale illegal pesticides through Wish.com and other ContextLogic online marketplace apps or services including Geek, Cute, Mama and Home ("online marketplaces").

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. § 136, et seq. ("FIFRA") prohibits the sale and distribution of pesticides in the United States that are not registered with the EPA unless they meet specific exemptions. Sale and distribution of pesticides includes "offers for sale." FIFRA helps safeguard the public by ensuring that pesticides are used, stored and disposed of safely. Relevant to this situation, FIFRA also ensures the efficacy of public health pesticide products such as disinfectants. For public health products intended to control bacteria, fungi and viruses, the user is typically unable to determine whether the product is working, due simply to the microscopic size of these organisms. EPA believes that the potentially serious consequences of performance failure for public health products warrant this efficacy review in the registration process.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For more information on pesticides, please visit: <a href="www.epa.gov/pesticides">www.epa.gov/pesticides</a>. For more information on the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, please visit: <a href="www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-federal-insecticide-fungicide-and-rodenticide-act">www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-federal-insecticide-fungicide-and-rodenticide-act</a>.

Based on review of the Wish Marketplace, and the product labels, it appears the pesticide products listed in <u>Attachment A</u> are in violation of FIFRA. Please note that some of the products listed in <u>Attachment A</u> are listed by multiple sellers. In addition, products violative of FIFRA that are labeled "sold out" on the online marketplace may still be in the ContextLogic distribution network.

EPA is extremely concerned about the proliferation of unregistered pesticides claiming to sterilize, disinfect or sanitize inanimate surfaces or objects. Many of the products listed in <a href="Attachment A">Attachment A</a> appear to also be misbranded in that that their labels and/or advertisements make multiple false and misleading statements regarding the effectiveness and/or safety of the product. Please be aware that this is not an exhaustive list of problematic products. There are many more products that appear to be in violation of FIFRA.

EPA Region 9 is providing this communication to assist ContextLogic in ensuring pesticides offered for sale on online marketplaces operated by ContextLogic comply with FIFRA. EPA has listed products in this letter where a review of the product on Wish.com revealed potential FIFRA violations. However, the listing of a product in <u>Attachment A</u> does not necessarily mean EPA has made a final determination that the product does not comply with FIFRA. Furthermore, the information that EPA has provided does not eliminate ContextLogic's obligation to identify and remove violative products from its online marketplaces.

Issuance of this letter does not constitute an enforcement action under FIFRA nor does it preclude EPA from taking any enforcement action authorized under FIFRA.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this situation. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Matt Salazar, Manager, Toxics Enforcement, at (415) 972-3982 or have your attorney contact Margaret Alkon in the Office of Regional Counsel at (415) 972-3890 or alkon.margaret@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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