

MAA Research Task Force Reaches Agreement with U.S. EPA For Continued Use of MSMA

On January 16, 2009, the MAA Research Task Force (Task Force) signed an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which permits the continued use of MSMA. The directions for use of MSMA will be revised on future labels. A brief summary of the agreement follows:

1. MSMA use on cotton is declared eligible for re-registration.
 - Limited to one application per acre (2 # a.i.) layby only:
(exception.. one additional layby application when necessary)
 - 50 foot buffer strip around permanent water bodies.
 - Final outcome of label based upon feeding study on livestock.
2. MSMA use on golf courses will be continued until December 31, 2013.
 - One broadcast application on newly constructed courses.
 - Application on existing courses limited to spot treatment only.
3. MSMA use on sod farms will be continued until December 31, 2013.
 - Two broadcast applications will be allowed per crop.
 - 25 foot buffer strip around permanent water bodies.
4. MSMA use on highway rights of way will be continued until December 31, 2013.
 - Two broadcast applications will be allowed per year.
 - 100 foot buffer strip around permanent water bodies.
5. Other MSMA uses, such as residential turf, forestry, non-bearing fruit and nuts, citrus bearing and non-bearing, drainage ditch banks, railroad, pipeline and utility rights of way, fence rows, storage yards and similar non-crop areas will not be permitted after December 31, 2010.
6. Uses of the related products DSMA, CAMA and cacodylic acid and its sodium salt, will not be permitted after December 31, 2010.
7. All uses in the state of Florida (exception.. cotton) will not be permitted after December 31, 2010.

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MSMA 6 PLUS AND MSMA 6.6.....CURRENT LABEL ONLY

Current Label MSMA has the following registered uses:

- cotton with no active ingredient (a.i.) load restrictions or buffer zones
- broadcast use on golf courses
- sod farm use with no a.i. load rate or buffer zone restriction
- residential use including athletic fields, lawns, playgrounds and parks
- forestry application and non-bearing fruits and nut trees
- drainage ditch banks, fence rows, storage yards, and pipeline, railroad, highway ROW's
- certain grasses grown for seed

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 31, 2009 ...

- a. Manufacturers or registrants will stop sale of the above label in all states in the U.S.
- b. Inventory in the hands of manufacturers and registrants must be re-labeled.
- c. Distributors and dealers can continue to stock and sell the above label into 2010 and it does not have to be re-labeled at this date.

June 30, 2010

- a. Distributors and dealers must discontinue sale of the above label MSMA.
- b. Inventory in the hands of distributors and dealers must be re-labeled in most states.
- c. The grower or end-user can use the above label MSMA until December 31, 2010.

December 31, 2010

- a. Any product remaining in the possession of a grower or end-user can only be legally used under the new labeled uses (as noted on page two).

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MSMA 6 PLUS AND MSMA 6.6...NEW LABEL USES ONLY

New Label MSMA has the following registered uses;

- cotton with a.i. load restrictions and buffer zones
- spot treatment use on golf courses and limited application on new courses
- sod farm use with application limits and buffer zone restriction
- highway ROW's with application limits and buffer zone restriction

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 1, 2010

- a. Manufacturers or registrants' MSMA inventory in the U.S. must carry the above new label in all states in the U.S.
- b. Inventory in the hands of distributors and dealers can be either current label MSMA or new label MSMA.
- c. Distributors and dealers can continue to stock and sell this label until June 30, 2013.

July 1, 2010

- a. Distributors and dealers can only stock and sell the above new label MSMA in most states.
- b. The grower or end-user can use the above label MSMA until December 31, 2013.

These are the important dates to be addressed at this time. In 2013, the MSMA label will change again and be limited to only cotton, UNLESS the OAP Taskforce is successful at getting another review by EPA of the MSMA label. More information will be forthcoming.