

## EPA Removes 72 Pesticide Inert Ingredients from its Approved List

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**E. Chase Dressman**<sup>1)</sup>, an attorney with Taft Stettinius & Hollister, **reported**<sup>2)</sup> in Lexology that EPA recently identified **72 inert ingredients**<sup>3)</sup> that it is removing from its approved list for use in pesticide products.

He wrote that "while removal of these ingredients from the approved inert ingredient list does not, by itself, restrict their use in a pesticide product, it does change the way a pesticide registration containing such inert ingredients will be processed in the future. Once removed from the approved list, an inert ingredient is considered a 'new' inert ingredient, which must be approved by EPA before it can be included in a registered pesticide product. The type of data needed to evaluate a 'new' inert ingredient may include, among other things, studies to evaluate potential carcinogenicity, adverse reproductive effects, developmental toxicity, genotoxicity, and environmental effects associated with any chemical that is persistent or bioaccumulative. As such, removal of these inert ingredients from the approved list will increase the cost (and time) for companies seeking to use them in pesticides in the future."

### Resources for this article

**1. E. Chase Dressman**

[http://www.lexology.com/25689/author/E\\_Chase\\_Dressman/](http://www.lexology.com/25689/author/E_Chase_Dressman/)

**2. reported**

<http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=b1838d5e-72d2-4fdb-b07c-25c777b5c7e2>

**3. 72 inert ingredients**

<https://prop65clearinghouse.com/documents/19320>