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Dear Furadan Customer:

The carbofuran re-registration process is ongoing and the purpose of this letter is to update you on the current status. **Please be assured that throughout the re-registration process, you can legally continue to sell Furadan for all registered uses.**

FMC continues to strongly disagree with the Agency's carbofuran risk assessments and believes that the Agency inappropriately discounts its benefits to agriculture. As noted, EPA's risk determinations and recommendations with respect to carbofuran are currently only in draft form. No final decision has been reached.

In September 2008, FMC submitted proposed amended labels which included requests to voluntarily cancel several uses, while retaining only the uses that are most economically important to the growers. FMC proposes to retain the following uses for Furadan 4F and Furadan LFR: field corn (corn rootworm rescue treatment only), potatoes (Pacific Northwest only), sunflowers (at-plant and foliar), artichokes (with use ending after the 2010 season), and pine seedlings (Southeastern states only). FMC also proposed to retain the following uses for Furadan 15G: pumpkins (Southeastern states only), pine seedlings (Southeastern states only), and spinach (grown for seed only).

On December 19, 2008, EPA published a notice announcing FMC's voluntary cancellation of several uses of carbofuran. This announcement is an administrative detail to formalize the voluntary measures FMC proposed in the September 2008 submission. Following a 30 day public comment period, EPA will publish a final order effectively cancelling these uses. FMC anticipates EPA will allow the channel to sell and growers to continue to use Furadan on all uses (including all voluntarily cancelled uses) through 2009 and until those existing Furadan stocks are fully depleted.

At this time, we are awaiting EPA's decision whether to proceed with tolerance revocation and/or cancellation, or to pursue an alternative course considering this amended label and avoiding the need for an unnecessary, protracted, and resource intensive administrative legal procedure. However, FMC remains fully determined to defend the grower's interests should EPA proceed with its recommendation to cancel all carbofuran uses and revoke all crop tolerances.

As always, we will keep you posted of any new developments. Please contact your FMC account manager with questions.



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