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TO: POTENTIAL USERS OF SECOND GENERATION ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NEW PURCHASE AND USE RESTRICTIONS

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) will be implementing new regulations, effective on **July 1, 2014**, that will impact entities who purchase and use second generation anticoagulant rodenticide (SGAR) products containing the active ingredients brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difenacoum, and difethialone. In summary, the regulations (available at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/rulepks/13-002/13-002.htm>) will:

1. Designate all SGAR products containing brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difenacoum, and difethialone as California **restricted materials**. This means that:
 - SGAR products can only be used by certified private applicators and certified commercial applicators, or those under their direct supervision.
 - SGAR products can only be purchased from a DPR-licensed pest control dealer by a certified private applicator or certified commercial applicator.
 - All certified applicators, except those licensed by the Structural Pest Control Board (SPCB), must obtain a restricted materials permit from the county agricultural commissioner (CAC) before purchasing or using a SGAR product.
2. Prohibit the placement of above ground SGAR bait more than 50 feet from a man-made structure (as defined by the label), unless there is a feature associated with the site that is harboring or attracting the target pest beyond the 50-foot limit (up to the limit on the label).
3. Expand the DPR definition of “private applicator” to allow livestock, poultry, and fish producers the option of qualifying for private applicator certification. SGAR products can be used by private applicator certificate holders *only* if they intend to protect structures related to the production of an agricultural commodity.

If an individual or business wants to use a SGAR product on or after July 1, 2014, and is not certified to use restricted materials, they must either: (1) hire a pest control business licensed by DPR or SPCB or (2) become or employ a certified applicator. Private applicators are certified by the CAC and commercial applicators are certified by DPR or SPCB, depending on the scope of work.

- For questions on private applicator certification or permits, please contact [your CAC](#).
- For questions on how to become a certified applicator with DPR by obtaining either a [qualified applicator certificate \(QAC\)](#) or [qualified applicator license \(QAL\)](#), or how to search for a DPR-licensed [pest control business](#) or [pest control dealer](#), go to DPR’s Licensing & Certification website at www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/liccert.htm or call 916-445-4038.
- For questions on structural pest control licenses and businesses, go to the SPCB website at www.pestboard.ca.gov or call 916-561-8704.

