

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors

Minute Order, July 1, 2025

Office of Emergency Services - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution proclaiming a local emergency and requesting the Governor to proclaim a State of Emergency due to illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations. Resolution 25-109 adopted.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board, advising of the need to revised the Resolution. Mr. Schenone summarized various revisions within a 26-page red-lined version of the draft Resolution that had been distributed to the Board and to the Clerk.

In response to Supervisor Haupt, Mr. Schenone advised that threats to members of the public as well as emergency/fire responders was addressed within the revised Resolution.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Schenone and County Counsel Natalie E. Reed regarding the potential negative impacts associated with the dangerous chemicals to groundwater during firefighting efforts, verbiage addressing the need to take immediate actions to protect life, property and the environment within Bullet Point 6 and the Resolution title's formatting.

In response to Supervisor Harris, Mr. Schenone advised that the testing of emergency/fire responders exposed to dangerous chemicals was addressed in Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration (OSHA) guidelines and that a future multi-departmental task force would address and create associated testing guidelines. In addition, Mr. Schenone advised of ongoing efforts to work with Forest Service representatives concerning fires located in areas with cannabis grow sites.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to adopt Resolution 25-109, as amended/revised, and direct staff to bring the Resolution back every sixty days for consideration of extension.

I certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Minute Order adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Siskiyou County, State of California.

ATTEST: Laura Bynum, County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors.

By: _____

Deputy



Agenda Worksheet

Submit completed worksheet to:
Siskiyou County Clerk, 311 Fourth St., Rm 201, Yreka, CA 96097

Regular Time Requested: 3 minutes Meeting Date: July 1, 2025 7C

OR

Consent

Contact Person/Department: Joanne Johnson, County Administration Phone: 530-842-8005

Address: 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka CA 96097

Person Appearing/Title: Bryan Schenone, Director of OES and Jeremiah LaRue, Siskiyou County Sheriff

Subject/Summary of Issue:

Staff is presenting for Board consideration and approval a resolution proclaiming a local emergency due to public health risks, environmental degradation, and first responder safety concerns arising from the widespread presence of illegal pesticides associated with illicit cannabis cultivation and processing operations.

Financial Impact:

NO Describe why no financial impact:

YES Describe impact by indicating amount budgeted and funding source below

Amount: _____

Fund: _____ Description: _____ Org.: _____ Description: _____

Account: _____ Description: _____

Activity Code: _____ Description: _____

Local Preference: YES NO

For Contracts – Explain how vendor was selected:

Additional Information:

Recommended Motion:

The Board approves the resolution and directs staff to bring the resolution back every sixty days for consideration of extension.

*Resubmitted
to BOS, OES
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CAO
7/2/25*

Reviewed as recommended by policy:

County Counsel _____

Auditor _____

Personnel _____

CAO _____

Special Requests:

Certified Minute Order(s) _____ Quantity: _____

Other: _____

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-109

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU
PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY
AND
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY
REGARDING ILLEGAL PESTICIDES AND ILLICIT CANNABIS OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 empowers the Board of Supervisors ("Board") to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when Siskiyou County is threatened or likely to be threatened by conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this County; and,

WHEREAS, the illegal importation and distribution of foreign-manufactured pesticides circumvent federal and state regulatory oversight and constitute a transnational criminal threat; and,

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of the public, first responders, property, and the environment have arisen in Siskiyou County due to the widespread presence of illegal pesticides related to illicit cannabis cultivation and processing operations; and,

WHEREAS, illegal cannabis cultivators in Siskiyou County are increasingly using illegal, highly toxic pesticides unlawfully as fumigants by igniting sawdust-like materials infused with a cocktail of insecticides (organophosphates, carbamates, pyrethroids, chlorinated hydrocarbons), fungicides, and herbicides in aluminum cans placed throughout enclosed grows structures, creating thick, poisonous smoke; and,

WHEREAS, multiple certified laboratories have identified the presence of at least twenty-seven pesticides in various mixtures saturated in the sawdust-like materials of which nine behave similar to chemical warfare nerve agents by attacking the central nervous system (i.e., acetylcholinesterase inhibitors), three are listed as California Toxic Air Contaminants; six are listed by California state agencies as groundwater pollutants; and nine are listed as California Proposition 65 carcinogens; and,

WHEREAS, since 2023, approximately 176 investigations conducted by the County's Code Enforcement and Environmental Health divisions, and associated enforcement actions, have revealed the widespread blatant misuse of highly toxic Chinese-labeled pesticides, as well as other less frequently observed Thai-labeled and Spanish-labeled pesticide products (see Exhibit A). According to the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), the Chinese-labeled pesticide fumigant

products have been found in eighteen counties throughout California with Siskiyou County taking the lead on quantity, variety, and frequency of observation. These illicit products are often imported outside of legal regulatory channels and lack English-language label information required under federal and state law; and,

WHEREAS, these illegal pesticide fumigant products have been routinely discovered at illegal cannabis cultivation sites and include pesticides that have never been approved for use in the United States, such as chlothiophos, diafenthiuron, fenobucarb, fuberidazole, isoprocarb, procymidone, and tridemorph, along with other pesticides that were once approved for use but cancelled due to health and safety concerns, such as dinoseb and hexachlorobenzene. Additionally, according to CalEPA, it is unknown at this time what thermal decomposition products (i.e., toxic gases) are produced by burning a mixture of highly toxic and illegal pesticides that are not permitted to be used as fumigants; and,

WHEREAS, these unregulated, foreign-labeled, carcinogenic, teratogenic, genotoxic, and cytotoxic agents, including known Persistent Organic Pollutants that are not authorized for use by any federal or state agencies, pose an immediate and severe threat to human health, including but not limited to acute poisoning, long-term genetic abnormalities, disruption of cellular metabolism, respiratory and reproductive harm, and neurological damage, as well as long-term environmental threats of contamination to soil, air quality, groundwater, surface waters, and wildlife ecosystems; and,

WHEREAS, under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), four of the County's groundwater basins have been designated as medium priority basins, including the Shasta, Scott, and Butte Valley groundwater subbasins, which are sustainably managed by the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Water Quality is a required sustainable management criterion that the GSA must monitor and report on annually to the Department of Water Resources (DWR). If the GSA does not meet the water quality standards and goals set forth in its Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), it risks having a GSP deemed "inadequate" by DWR. This could trigger state intervention by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), potentially shifting groundwater jurisdiction from the local community to the SWRCB; and,

WHEREAS, first responders, including deputies from the Sheriff's Office, taskforce members, game wardens, county officials, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and environmental response teams, are increasingly encountering these illicit substances during the course of their duties, often without sufficient warning, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), and proper safety protocols for this new emerging public health threat. Additionally, medical personnel are not equipped or

trained to properly handle exposures or suspected exposures to these illicit products, which lack the required safety label language that registered pesticide products are required to have per federal and state law; and,

WHEREAS, several documented incidents across the state and within the county demonstrate how the smugglers/distributors of these illegal pesticide products continue to disregard state and federal regulatory requirements set forth by Cal/OSHA, the California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC), and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), resulting in worker safety concerns to cultivators and exploited workers at these illegal grow sites in addition to increased threats to first responders, resulting in serious medical consequences and occupational hazards for those exposed to these chemicals during eradication operations conducted by law enforcement personnel and firefighters during emergency response operations; and,

WHEREAS, many illicit cannabis operations are hostile to responders, booby-trapped, structurally unsound, or deliberately designed to evade detection, creating volatile and life-threatening conditions for personnel entering such sites; and,

WHEREAS, in recent weeks, responses from local and state fire departments have increased within the contaminated sites, during which pesticide-laced plastics, wood, structures, and fuel were actively burning, creating volatile organic compounds (VOCs) resulting in hazardous materials incidents, which endanger both first responders and nearby residents. This recurring pattern of toxic exposures demands immediate intervention to address the escalating local emergency; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that due to the imminent and ongoing threat posed by unmonitored and unregulated illegal pesticides in conjunction with illicit cannabis operations to the health and safety of the public, the environment, waterways, and first responders within the County of Siskiyou, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors proclaims a "local emergency" and orders that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Government Code section 8260(c) shall continue to review the need for maintaining the local emergency at least once every 60 days until its termination is proclaimed by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims and orders that during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency

organizations of this county shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) with a request that the Secretary of Cal OES confirm a Secretary's concurrence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this declaration shall be forwarded to the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Siskiyou to be in a state of emergency.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

1. A coordinated, multi-agency and departmental emergency response task force shall be established to identify, mitigate, and remediate contaminated sites and illegal operations.
2. Emergency resources shall be allocated to equip and train first responders with appropriate HAZMAT protective equipment and protocols to reduce the risk of exposure in accordance with National Fire Protection Association and Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines.
3. The County Office of Emergency Services shall collaborate with the Sheriff's Office, Environmental Health, fire departments, and state and federal partners, including, but not limited to, the DEA, EPA, and CalEPA.
4. The County shall seek mutual aid, technical assistance, and emergency funding from state and federal sources to support enforcement, clean-up, and public education efforts.
5. Siskiyou County Public Health and the Siskiyou County Agriculture Commissioner will develop an outreach and communication plan to raise awareness among residents, workers, and landowners about the hazards associated with illegal pesticide use and unpermitted cannabis operations.
6. All relevant county agencies, including but not limited to, Siskiyou County Public Health, Siskiyou County Environmental Health, Siskiyou County Agriculture Commissioner, Siskiyou County Sheriff, and Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services are authorized and ordered to take immediate and necessary actions to protect life, property, and the environment under this emergency proclamation, and to coordinate with the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (acting as the GSA) to that end.

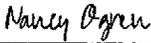
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 1st day of July, by the following vote:

AYES: supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren

NOES: None

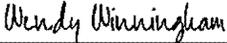
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Signed by:


Nancy Ogren, Chair
Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
LAURA BYNUM, COUNTY CLERK

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By 

Deputy

Concurrence by
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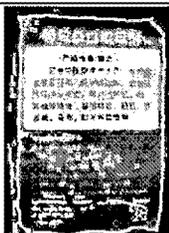

Jeremiah LaRue, Siskiyou County Sheriff

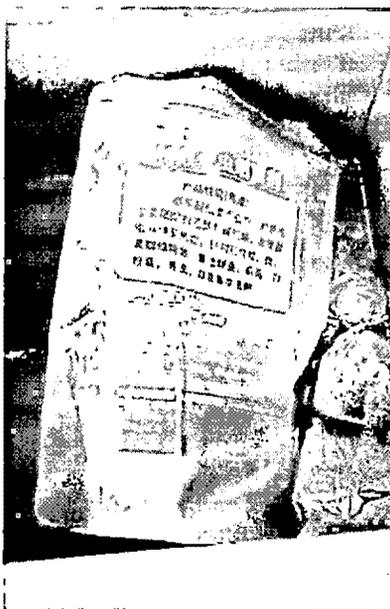
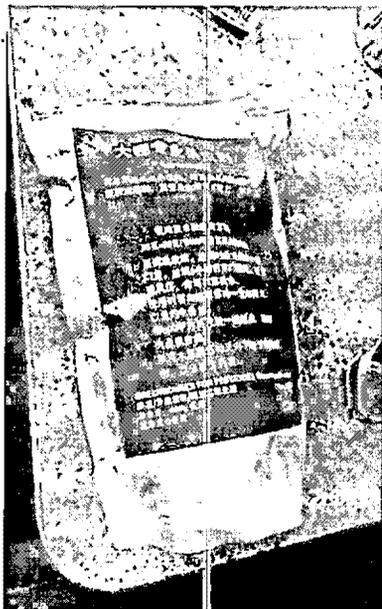
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Bryan Schenone, Director of Emergency Services

EXHIBIT A – EXAMPLES OF CHINESE-LABELED PESTICIDES

Field Reference Guide

Package	Product Registration Certificate number (upper right on package)	Photo	Active Ingredient and Information
1	PD20130759		<u>Isoprocarb</u> Chinese characters: 异丙 Chinese simplified: Yì bǐng wēi
2	PD20096840		<u>Isoprocarb</u> Chinese characters: 异丙 Chinese simplified: Yì bǐng wēi
3	Not listed		<u>Pyridaben</u> This package does not have a registered certificate number, the primary ingredient is considered 'toxic if inhaled,' and tested positive in high concentrations for several chemicals listed as 'fatal if inhaled'. <i>Extreme caution should be exercised.</i>
4	PD20130759		<u>Isoprocarb</u> Chinese characters: 异丙 Chinese simplified: Yì bǐng wēi
6	Not listed		<u>Unknown primary ingredient</u> This package does not have a registered certificate number and, while the primary ingredient could not be determined, the sample tested positive in high concentrations for several chemicals listed as 'fatal if inhaled'. <i>Extreme caution should be exercised.</i>
7	PD20180597		<u>Beta-cypermethrin (translated)</u> Chinese characters: 高效氯氰菊酯 Chinese simplified: Gāoxiào lǜqīngjúzhī







农药登记证号: PD20086206
 农药生产许可证号: 农药生许(陕)0009
 产品标准号: GB23552-2009

甲基硫菌灵

有效成分含量: 70%
 剂型: 可湿性粉剂

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技术和使用方法

作物(或病虫)	防治对象	稀释倍数	使用方法
苹果树	轮纹病	600-1000倍液	喷雾

$\text{公顷用制剂量} = \text{亩用制剂量} \times 15$
 (2) 总有效成分浓度值(毫克/千克) = (制剂含量 $\times 1000000$) \div 制剂稀释倍数
 本品应于苹果轮纹病发病初期(苹果幼果期)施药, 要求喷雾均匀周到。
 施用本品应在晴天、风小时进行。
 本品在苹果作物上使用的安全间隔期为21天, 每个作物周期的
 最多使用次数为2次。

陕西省蒲城美尔果农化有限责任公司
 SHAANXI PUCHENG MEIERGUO AGRICHO-CHEMICALS CO., LTD.





Pesticides Identified In the Chinese Labeled Pesticide Fumigant Products							
Based on lab analysis conducted thus far, these illicit products contain a mixture of at least 3 to 13 different pesticides listed below.							
CAS	Pesticide	Pesticide Class <i>Italic Text = Suspected Byproduct, Metabolite, or Degradate</i>	Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitor	DCC Pesticide List 19 CCR 15719	Prop 65 Listed	Toxic Air Contaminant 3 CCR 6860(a)	GW Pollutant 3 CCR 6800
39515-51-0	3-Phenoxybenzaldehyde	Intermediate of beta-Cypermethrin					
122453-73-0	Chlorfenapyr	Pyroles Insecticide		Yes; Category I Residual Pesticide			
1897-46-6	Chlorothalonil (Tetrachloroisophthalonitrile)	Fungicide. Organic compound.			Yes		Yes
21923-23-9	Chlorthiophos	Organophosphate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
52315-07-8	Cypermethrin (beta and zeta)	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			
80060-09-9	Diafenthiuron	Not registered for use in the United States. IRAC group 12A. Mitochondrial respiration inhibitor.					
62-73-7	Dichlorvos	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category I Residual Pesticide	Yes	Yes	
88-85-7	Dinoseb	Dinitrophenol herbicide. Registration cancelled in 1991. Highly toxic when ingesting, inhaling or at skin contact.					
3766-81-2	Fenobucarb (BPMC)	Carbamate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
39515-41-8	Fenpropathrin	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes		Yes		
98886-44-3	Fosthiazate	Organophosphate Nematicide	Yes				Yes
3878-19-1	Fuberidazole	Fungicide. Not registered for use in the United States.					
118-74-1	Hexachlorobenzene	Organochlorine pesticide. Considered a pollutant of concern. Cancelled/banned for use in the United States			Yes		
36734-19-7	Iprodione	Systemic Fungicide; Highly toxic to freshwater, estuarine, and marine invertebrates; Primary degradate is 3,5-			Yes		Yes
2631-40-5	Isoprocarb (MIPC)	Carbamate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
91465-08-6	Lambda-cyhalothrin	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes				
16752-77-5	Methomyl	Carbamate Insecticide. Restricted Material (3 CCR 6400)	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			Yes
35266-49-0	Methoxycarbonyl Isothiocyanate	Common Soil Fumigant Byproduct that is Toxic and Corrosive to Skin; and a Respiratory Irritant.					
595-55-0	Methyl Carbamate* (Carbamic acid, methyl ester)	Metabolite or degradate of Methomyl			Yes		
556-61-6	Methyl Isothiocyanate (MITC)	Organosulfur Compound. Restricted Material (3 CCR 6400)				Yes	
52-68-6	Metrifonate (Trichlorfon)	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes				
300-76-5	Naled	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide	Yes		
20925-85-3	Pentachlorobenzonitrile (PCBN)	Byproduct of Thermal Decomp of Pentachloronitrobenzene					
82-68-8	Pentachloronitrobenzene (PCNB)	Organochlorine		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide		Yes	
32809-16-8	Procyimidone	Dicarbonyl Fungicide; Not registered for use in the United States.			Yes		
41196-08-7	Profenofos	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes				
95469-71-3	Pyridaben	Pyridazine/Organochlorine Insecticide		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			
53112-28-0	Pyrimethanil	Anilinopyrimidines-Based Fungicide					
107534-95-3	Tebuconazole	Triazole Fungicide		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			Yes
36734-19-7	Thiophanate-Methyl	Systemic Benzimidazole Fungicide; Rapidly degrades to carbendazim or methyl 2-benzimidazole carbamate			Yes		Yes
81412-43-3	Tridemorph	Oxazoline Fungicide; Not registered for use in the United States.					

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RESOLUTION NO. ____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU
PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY
AND
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(ILLEGAL PESTICIDES AND ILLICIT CANNABIS OPERATIONS)

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WHEREAS, the illegal importation and distribution of foreign-manufactured pesticides circumvent federal and state regulatory oversight and constitute a transnational criminal threat; and,

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WHEREAS, illegal cannabis cultivators in Siskiyou County are increasingly using illegal, highly toxic pesticides unlawfully as fumigants by igniting sawdust-like materials infused with a cocktail of insecticides (organophosphates, carbamates, pyrethroids, chlorinated hydrocarbons), fungicides, and herbicides in aluminum cans placed throughout enclosed grows structures, creating thick, poisonous smoke; and,

~~_____ unlabeled pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides in aluminum cans inside grow structures, creating thick, poisonous smoke; and,~~

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6. All relevant county agencies, including but not limited to, Siskiyou County Public Health, Siskiyou County Environmental Health, Siskiyou County Agriculture Commissioner, Siskiyou County Sheriff, and Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services are authorized and ordered to take immediate and necessary actions to protect life, property, and the environment under this emergency proclamation, and to coordinate with the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (acting as the GSA) to that end.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 1st day of July, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Nancy Ogren, Chair
Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
LAURA BYNUM, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
Deputy

Concurrence by

Jeremiah LaRue, Siskiyou County Sheriff

Concurrence by

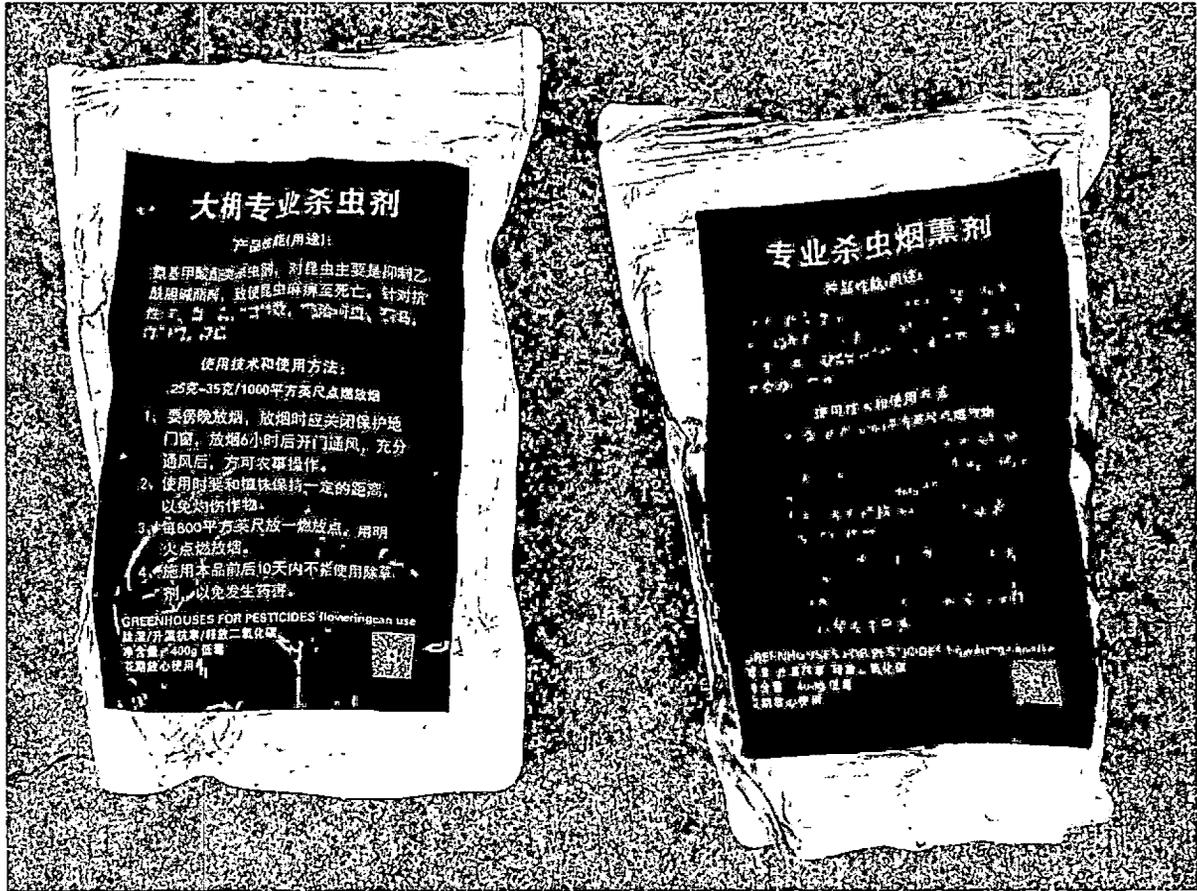
Bryan Schenone, Director of Emergency Services

EXHIBIT A – EXAMPLES OF CHINESE-LABELED PESTICIDES

Field Reference Guide

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1	PD20130759		<u>Isoprocarb</u> Chinese characters: 异丙 Chinese simplified: Yì bǐng wēi
2	PD20096840		<u>Isoprocarb</u> Chinese characters: 异丙 Chinese simplified: Yì bǐng wēi
3	Not listed		<u>Pyridaben</u> This package does not have a registered certificate number, the primary ingredient is considered 'toxic if inhaled,' and tested positive in high concentrations for several chemicals listed as 'fatal if inhaled'. <i>Extreme caution should be exercised.</i>
4	PD20130759		<u>Isoprocarb</u> Chinese characters: 异丙 Chinese simplified: Yì bǐng wēi
6	Not listed		<u>Unknown primary ingredient</u> This package does not have a registered certificate number and, while the primary ingredient could not be determined, the sample tested positive in high concentrations for several chemicals listed as 'fatal if inhaled'. <i>Extreme caution should be exercised.</i>
7	PD20180597		<u>Beta-cypermethrin (translated)</u> Chinese characters: 高效氯氟菊酯 Chinese simplified: Gāoxiào lǜfújúzhǐ





农药登记证号：PD20086206
 农药生产许可证号：农药生许（陕）0009
 产品标准号：GB23552-2009

甲基硫菌灵

有效成分含量：70%
 剂型：可湿性粉剂

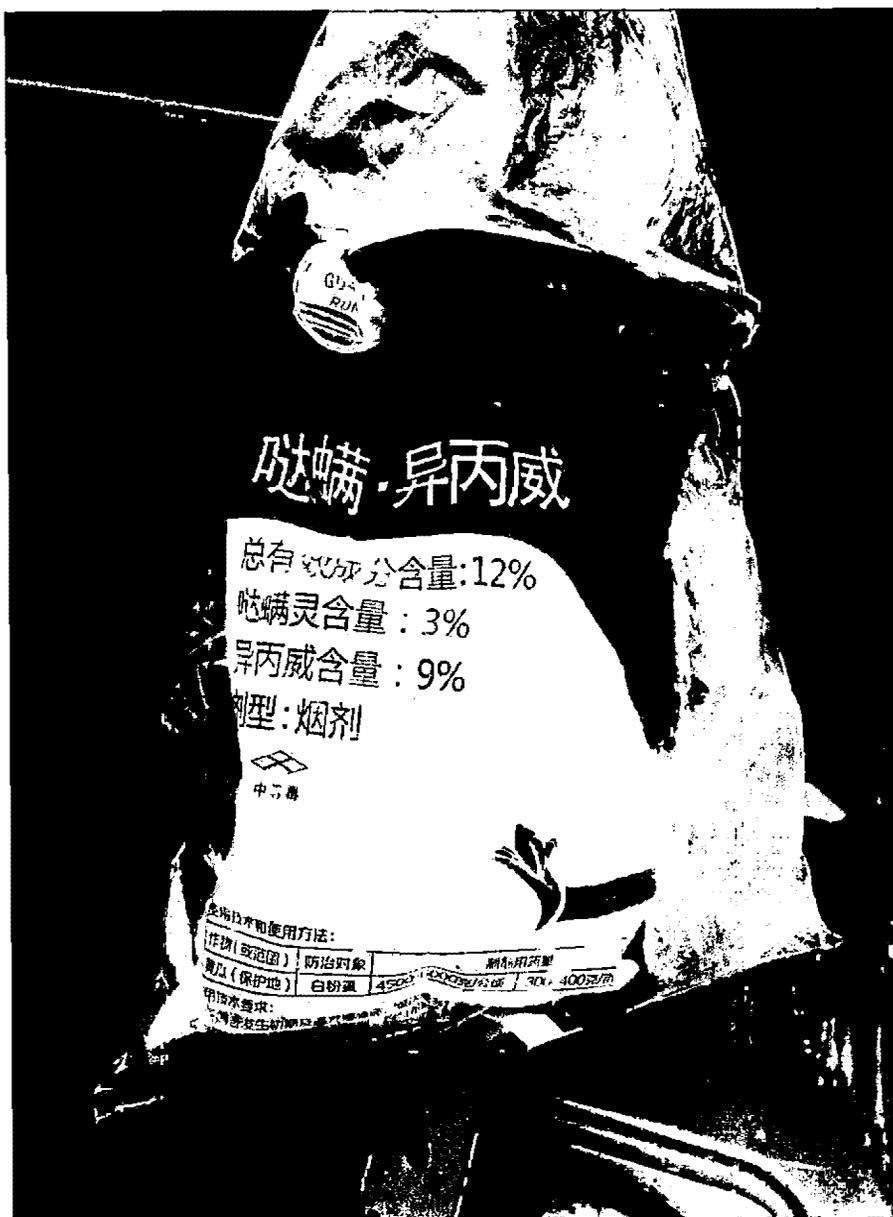
低毒

防治对象	稀释倍数	施用方法
轮纹病	600-1000倍液	喷雾

公顷用剂量=可用制剂量×15
 (2) 总有效成分量浓度值(毫克/千克)。(M剂含量×1000000)÷制剂稀释倍数
 本品应于苹果轮纹病发病初期(苹果幼果期)施药,要求药液均匀周到。
 施用本品应在晴天、风小时进行。
 本品在苹果作物上使用的安全间隔期为21天,每个作物周期的
 最多使用次数为2次。

陕西省蒲城美尔果农化有限责任公司
 SHAANXI FUCHENG MEIERGUO AGROCHEMICALS CO., LTD.





Pesticides Identified In the Chinese Labeled Pesticide Fumigant Products
Based on lab analysis conducted thus far, these illicit products contain a mixture of at least 3 to 13 different pesticides listed below.

CAS	Pesticide	Pesticide Class <i>Italic Text = Suspect of Byproduct, Metabolite, or Degradate</i>	Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitor	DGC Pesticide List 19 CCR 15719	Prop 65 Listed	Toxic Air Contaminant 3 CCR 6869(a)	GW Pollutant 3 CCR 6800
39515-51-0	3-Phenoxybenzaldehyde	<i>Intermediate of beta-Cypermethrin</i>					
122453-73-0	Chlorfenapyr	Pyroles Insecticide		Yes; Category I Residual Pesticide			
1897-45-6	Chlorothalonil (Tetrachloroisophthalonitrile)	Fungicide, Organic compound.			Yes		Yes
21923-23-9	Chlorthiophos	Organophosphate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
52315-07-8	Cypermethrin (beta and zeta)	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			
80060-09-9	Diafenthiuron	Not registered for use in the United States. IRAC group 12A. Mitochondrial respiration inhibitor.					
62-73-7	Dichlorvos	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category I Residual Pesticide	Yes	Yes	
88-85-7	Dinoseb	Dinitrophenol herbicide. Registration cancelled in 1991. Highly toxic when ingesting, inhaling or at skin contact.					
3766-81-2	Fenobucarb (BPMC)	Carbamate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
39515-41-8	Fenpropathrin	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes		Yes		
98886-44-3	Fosthiazate	Organophosphate Nematicide	Yes				Yes
3876-19-1	Fuberidazole	Fungicide. Not registered for use in the United States.					
118-74-1	Hexachlorobenzene	Organochlorine pesticide. Considered a pollutant of concern. Cancelled/banned for use in the United States			Yes		
36734-19-7	Iprodione	Systemic Fungicide; Highly toxic to freshwater, estuarine, and marine invertebrates; Primary degradate is 3,5-			Yes		Yes
2631-40-5	Isoprocarb (MIPC)	Carbamate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
91485-08-6	Lambda-cyhalothrin	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes				
16752-77-5	Methomyl	Carbamate Insecticide. Restricted Material (3 CCR 6400)	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			Yes
35266-49-0	Methoxycarbonyl Isothiocyanate	<i>Common Soil Fumigant Byproduct that is Toxic and Corrosive to Skin; and a Respiratory Irritant.</i>					
598-55-0	Methyl Carbamate* (Carbamic acid, methyl ester)	<i>Metabolite or degradate of Methomyl</i>			Yes		
558-61-8	Methyl Isothiocyanate (MITC)	Organosulfur Compound. Restricted Material (3 CCR 6400)				Yes	
52-68-6	Metrifonate (Trichlorfon)	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes				
300-76-5	Naled	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide	Yes		
20925-85-3	Pentachlorobenzonitrile (PCBN)	<i>Byproduct of Thermal Decomp of Pentachloronitrobenzene</i>					
82-68-8	Pentachloronitrobenzene (PCNB)	Organochlorine		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide		Yes	
32809-18-8	Procymidone	Dicarbonyl Fungicide; Not registered for use in the United States.			Yes		
41198-08-7	Profenofos	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes				
96489-71-3	Pyridaben	Pyridazinone/Organochlorine Insecticide		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			
53112-28-0	Pyrimethanil	Antinopyrimidines-Based Fungicide					
107534-96-3	Tebuconazole	Triazole Fungicide		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			Yes
36734-19-7	Thiophanate-Methyl	Systemic Benzimidazole Fungicide; Rapidly degrades to carbendazim or methyl 2-benzimidazole carbamate			Yes		Yes
81412-43-3	Tridemorph	Oxazinane Fungicide; Not registered for use in the United States.					

RESOLUTION NO. ____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU
PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

AND

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY
(ILLEGAL PESTICIDES AND ILLICIT CANNABIS OPERATIONS)

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 empowers the Board of Supervisors ("Board") to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when Siskiyou County is threatened or likely to be threatened by conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this County; and,

WHEREAS, the illegal importation and distribution of foreign-manufactured pesticides circumvent federal and state regulatory oversight and constitute a transnational criminal threat; and,

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of the public, first responders, property, and the environment have arisen in Siskiyou County due to the widespread presence of illegal pesticides related to illicit cannabis cultivation and processing operations; and,

WHEREAS, illegal cannabis cultivators in Siskiyou County are increasingly using illegal, highly toxic pesticides unlawfully as fumigants by igniting sawdust-like materials infused with a cocktail of insecticides (organophosphates, carbamates, pyrethroids, chlorinated hydrocarbons), fungicides, and herbicides in aluminum cans placed throughout enclosed grows structures, creating thick, poisonous smoke; and,

WHEREAS, multiple certified laboratories have identified the presence of at least twenty-seven pesticides in various mixtures saturated in the sawdust-like materials of which nine behave similar to chemical warfare nerve agents by attacking the central nervous system (i.e., acetylcholinesterase inhibitors), three are listed as California Toxic Air Contaminants; six are listed by California state agencies as groundwater pollutants; and nine are listed as California Proposition 65 carcinogens; and,

WHEREAS, since 2023, approximately 176 investigations conducted by the County's Code Enforcement and Environmental Health divisions, and associated enforcement actions, have revealed the widespread blatant misuse of highly toxic Chinese-labeled pesticides, as well as other less frequently observed Thai-labeled and Spanish-labeled pesticide products (see Exhibit A). According to the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), the Chinese-labeled pesticide fumigant

products have been found in eighteen counties throughout California with Siskiyou County taking the lead on quantity, variety, and frequency of observation. These illicit products are often imported outside of legal regulatory channels and lack English-language label information required under federal and state law; and,

WHEREAS, these illegal pesticide fumigant products have been routinely discovered at illegal cannabis cultivation sites and include pesticides that have never been approved for use in the United States, such as chlothiophos, diafenthuron, fenobucarb, fuberidazole, isoprocarb, procymidone, and tridemorph, along with other pesticides that were once approved for use but cancelled due to health and safety concerns, such as dinoseb and hexachlorobenzene. Additionally, according to CalEPA, it is unknown at this time what thermal decomposition products (i.e., toxic gases) are produced by burning a mixture of highly toxic and illegal pesticides that are not permitted to be used as fumigants; and,

WHEREAS, these unregulated, foreign-labeled, carcinogenic, teratogenic, genotoxic, and cytotoxic agents, including known Persistent Organic Pollutants that are not authorized for use by any federal or state agencies, pose an immediate and severe threat to human health, including but not limited to acute poisoning, long-term genetic abnormalities, disruption of cellular metabolism, respiratory and reproductive harm, and neurological damage, as well as long-term environmental threats of contamination to soil, air quality, groundwater, surface waters, and wildlife ecosystems; and,

WHEREAS, under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), four of the County's groundwater basins have been designated as medium priority basins, including the Shasta, Scott, and Butte Valley groundwater subbasins, which are sustainably managed by the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Water Quality is a required sustainable management criterion that the GSA must monitor and report on annually to the Department of Water Resources (DWR). If the GSA does not meet the water quality standards and goals set forth in its Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), it risks having a GSP deemed "inadequate" by DWR. This could trigger state intervention by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), potentially shifting groundwater jurisdiction from the local community to the SWRCB; and,

WHEREAS, first responders, including deputies from the Sheriff's Office, taskforce members, game wardens, county officials, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and environmental response teams, are increasingly encountering these illicit substances during the course of their duties, often without sufficient warning, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), and proper safety protocols for this new emerging public health threat. Additionally, medical personnel are not equipped or

trained to properly handle exposures or suspected exposures to these illicit products, which lack the required safety label language that registered pesticide products are required to have per federal and state law; and,

WHEREAS, several documented incidents across the state and within the county demonstrate how the smugglers/distributors of these illegal pesticide products continue to disregard state and federal regulatory requirements set forth by Cal/OSHA, the California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC), and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), resulting in worker safety concerns to cultivators and exploited workers at these illegal grow sites in addition to increased threats to first responders, resulting in serious medical consequences and occupational hazards for those exposed to these chemicals during eradication operations conducted by law enforcement personnel and firefighters during emergency response operations; and,

WHEREAS, many illicit cannabis operations are hostile to responders, booby-trapped, structurally unsound, or deliberately designed to evade detection, creating volatile and life-threatening conditions for personnel entering such sites; and,

WHEREAS, in recent weeks, responses from local and state fire departments have increased within the contaminated sites, during which pesticide-laced plastics, wood, structures, and fuel were actively burning, creating volatile organic compounds (VOCs) resulting in hazardous materials incidents, which endanger both first responders and nearby residents. This recurring pattern of toxic exposures demands immediate intervention to address the escalating local emergency; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that due to the imminent and ongoing threat posed by unmonitored and unregulated illegal pesticides in conjunction with illicit cannabis operations to the health and safety of the public, the environment, waterways, and first responders within the County of Siskiyou, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors proclaims a "local emergency" and orders that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Government Code section 8260(c) shall continue to review the need for maintaining the local emergency at least once every 60 days until its termination is proclaimed by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims and orders that during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency

organizations of this county shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) with a request that the Secretary of Cal OES confirm a Secretary's concurrence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this declaration shall be forwarded to the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Siskiyou to be in a state of emergency.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

1. A coordinated, multi-agency and departmental emergency response task force shall be established to identify, mitigate, and remediate contaminated sites and illegal operations.
2. Emergency resources shall be allocated to equip and train first responders with appropriate HAZMAT protective equipment and protocols to reduce the risk of exposure in accordance with National Fire Protection Association and Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines.
3. The County Office of Emergency Services shall collaborate with the Sheriff's Office, Environmental Health, fire departments, and state and federal partners, including, but not limited to, the DEA, EPA, and CalEPA.
4. The County shall seek mutual aid, technical assistance, and emergency funding from state and federal sources to support enforcement, clean-up, and public education efforts.
5. Siskiyou County Public Health and the Siskiyou County Agriculture Commissioner will develop an outreach and communication plan to raise awareness among residents, workers, and landowners about the hazards associated with illegal pesticide use and unpermitted cannabis operations.
6. All relevant county agencies, including but not limited to, Siskiyou County Public Health, Siskiyou County Environmental Health, Siskiyou County Agriculture Commissioner, Siskiyou County Sheriff, and Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services are authorized and ordered to take immediate and necessary actions to protect life, property, and the environment under this emergency proclamation, and to coordinate with the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (acting as the GSA) to that end.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 1st day of July, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Nancy Ogren, Chair
Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
LAURA BYNUM, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
Deputy

Concurrence by

Jeremiah LaRue, Siskiyou County Sheriff

Concurrence by

Bryan Schenone, Director of Emergency Services

EXHIBIT A – EXAMPLES OF CHINESE-LABELED PESTICIDES

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7	PD20180597		<u>Beta-cypermethrin (translated)</u> Chinese characters: 高效氯氰菊酯 Chinese simplified: Gāoxiào lǜqíngjúzhī



农药登记证号: PD20086206
 农药生产许可证号: 农药生许(陕)0009
 产品标准号: GB23552-2009

甲基硫菌灵

有效成分含量: 70%
 剂型: 可湿性粉剂

低毒

防治对象	稀释倍数	施用方法
轮纹病	600-1000倍	喷雾

公顷用制剂量=亩用制剂量x15
 (2) 总有效成分浓度值(毫克/千克) (制剂含药量1000000)÷稀释倍数
 本品应于苹果轮纹病发病初期(苹果幼果期)施药,要求药液均匀周到
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Pesticides Identified in the Chinese Labeled Pesticide Fumigant Products
 Based on lab analysis conducted thus far, these I/III products contain a mixture of at least 3 to 13 different pesticides listed below.

CAS	Pesticide	Pesticide Class <i>(Italic Text = Suspected Byproduct, Metabolite, or Degradate)</i>	Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitor	DCC Pesticide List 19 CCR 15719	Prop 65 Listed	Toxic Air Contaminant 3 CCR 6860(a)	GW Pollutant 3 CCR 6800
39515-51-0	3-Phenoxybenzaldehyde	<i>Intermediate of beta-Cypermethrin</i>					
122453-73-0	Chlorfenapyr	Pyroles Insecticide		Yes; Category I Residual Pesticide			
1897-45-6	Chlorothalonil (Tetrachloroisophthalonitrile)	Fungicide. Organic compound.			Yes		Yes
21923-23-9	Chlorthiophos	Organophosphate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
52315-07-8	Cypermethrin (beta and zeta)	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			
80060-09-9	Diafenthiuron	Not registered for use in the United States. IRAC group 12A. Mitochondrial respiration inhibitor.					
62-73-7	Dichlorvos	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category I Residual Pesticide	Yes	Yes	
88-85-7	Dinoseb	Dinitrophenol herbicide. Registration cancelled in 1991. Highly toxic when ingesting, inhaling or at skin contact.					
3766-81-2	Fenobucarb (BPMC)	Carbamate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
39515-41-8	Fenprothrin	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes		Yes		
98886-44-3	Fosthiazate	Organophosphate Nematicide	Yes				Yes
3878-19-1	Fuberidazole	Fungicide. Not registered for use in the United States.					
118-74-1	Hexachlorobenzene	Organochlorine pesticide. Considered a pollutant of concern. Cancelled/banned for use in the United States			Yes		
36734-19-7	Iprodione	Systemic Fungicide; Highly toxic to freshwater, estuarine, and marine invertebrates; Primary degradate is 3,5-			Yes		Yes
2631-40-5	Isoprocarb (MIPC)	Carbamate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
91465-08-6	Lambda-cyhalothrin	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes				
16752-77-5	Methomyl	Carbamate Insecticide. Restricted Material (3 CCR 6400)	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			Yes
35286-49-0	Methoxycarbonyl isothiocyanate	<i>Common Soil Fumigant Byproduct that is Toxic and Corrosive to Skin; and a Respiratory Irritant</i>					
598-55-0	Methyl Carbamate* (Carbamic acid, methyl ester)	<i>Metabolite or degradate of Methomyl</i>			Yes		
566-61-6	Methyl isothiocyanate (MITC)	Organosulfur Compound. Restricted Material (3 CCR 6400)				Yes	
52-68-6	Metolifonate (Trichlorfon)	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes				
300-76-5	Naled	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide	Yes		
20925-85-3	Pentachlorobenzonitrile (PCBN)	<i>Byproduct of Thermal Decomp of Pentachloronitrobenzene</i>					
82-68-8	Pentachloronitrobenzene (PCNB)	Organochlorine		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide		Yes	
32809-16-8	Procymidone	Dicarbimide Fungicide; Not registered for use in the United States.			Yes		
41198-08-7	Profenofos	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes				
96489-71-3	Pyridaben	Pyridazinone/Organochlorine Insecticide		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			
53112-28-0	Pyrimethanil	Anilinoypyrimidines-Based Fungicide					
107534-98-3	Tebuconazole	Triazole Fungicide		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			Yes
36734-19-7	Thiophanate-Methyl	Systemic Benzimidazole Fungicide; Rapidly degrades to carbendazim or methyl 2-benzimidazole carbamate			Yes		Yes
81412-43-3	Tridamorph	Oxazinane Fungicide; Not registered for use in the United States.					

RESOLUTION NO. ____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU
PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY
AND
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY
(ILLEGAL PESTICIDES AND ILLICIT CANNABIS OPERATIONS)

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 empowers the Board of Supervisors ("Board") to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when Siskiyou County is threatened or likely to be threatened by conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this County; and,

WHEREAS, the illegal importation and distribution of foreign-manufactured pesticides circumvent federal and state regulatory oversight and constitute a transnational criminal threat; and,

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of the public, first responders, property, and the environment have arisen in Siskiyou County due to the widespread presence of illegal pesticides related to illicit cannabis cultivation and processing operations; and,

WHEREAS, illegal cannabis cultivators in Siskiyou County are increasingly using illegal, highly toxic pesticides unlawfully by igniting sawdust-like materials infused with a cocktail of unlabeled pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides in aluminum cans inside grow structures, creating thick, poisonous smoke; and,

WHEREAS, multiple certified laboratories have determined that once ignited, the unlabeled cocktail of pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides include twelve known acetylcholinesterase inhibitors causing severe acute and chronic health complications, eight known carcinogenic pesticides, seven known unregistered agricultural chemicals in the U.S., six known groundwater pollutants, and three known toxic air contaminants listed by California; and,

WHEREAS, since 2023, approximately 176 investigations conducted by the County's Code Enforcement and Environmental Health divisions, and associated enforcement actions, have revealed the widespread blatant misuse of highly toxic Chinese-labeled pesticides, as well as other foreign-labeled pesticides (see Exhibit A). These products are often imported outside of legal regulatory channels and lack English-language safety information required under federal and state law; and,

WHEREAS, these pesticides have been routinely discovered at illegal cannabis cultivation sites and include federally banned substances such as carbofuran and methamidophos, along with dangerously high concentrations of imidacloprid,

isoprocarb, pyridaben, chlorfenapyr, dichlorvos, methomyl, dinoseb, chlorothalonil, cypermethrin, and hexachlorobenzene (HCB); and,

WHEREAS, these unregulated, unlabeled, carcinogenic, teratogenic, genotoxic, and cytotoxic agents, including known Persistent Organic Pollutants that are not authorized for use by any federal or state agencies, pose an immediate and severe threat to human health, including but not limited to acute poisoning, long-term genetic abnormalities, disruption of cellular metabolism, respiratory and reproductive harm, and neurological damage, and pose a long-term environmental threat of contamination to soil, groundwater, waterways, and wildlife ecosystems; and,

WHEREAS, first responders, including deputies from the Sheriff's Office, taskforce, game wardens, county officials, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and environmental response teams, are increasingly encountering these substances in gaseous or vapor form during the course of their duties, often without sufficient warning, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), nor access to decontamination equipment and protocols; and,

WHEREAS, several documented incidents across the state and within the county show users disregarding guidelines set forth by California pesticide control statutes and hazardous materials regulations, Cal/OSHA and Cal EPA regulations, and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), which have exposed cultivators and laborers and incidentally exposed first responders, resulting in serious medical consequences and occupational hazards for those exposed to these chemicals during grow operations, law enforcement, and emergency operations; and,

WHEREAS, many illicit cannabis operations are hostile to responders, booby-trapped, structurally unsound, or deliberately designed to evade detection, creating volatile and life-threatening conditions for personnel entering such sites; and,

WHEREAS, in recent weeks, responses from local and state fire departments have increased within the contaminated sites, during which pesticide-laced plastics, wood, structures, and fuel were actively burning, creating volatile organic compounds (VOCs) resulting in hazardous materials incidents, which endanger both first responders and nearby residents. This recurring pattern of toxic exposures demands immediate intervention to address the escalating local emergency; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that due to the imminent and ongoing threat posed by unmonitored and unregulated illegal pesticides in conjunction with illicit cannabis operations to the health and safety of the public, the environment, waterways, and first responders within the County of Siskiyou, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors proclaims a "local emergency" and orders that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Government Code section 8260(c) shall continue to review the need for maintaining the local emergency at least once every 60 days until its termination is proclaimed by the Board.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) with a request that the Secretary of Cal OES confirm a Secretary's concurrence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this declaration shall be forwarded to the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Siskiyou to be in a state of emergency.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

1. A coordinated, multi-agency and departmental emergency response task force shall be established to identify, mitigate, and remediate contaminated sites and illegal operations.
2. Emergency resources shall be allocated to equip and train first responders with appropriate HAZMAT protective equipment and protocols to reduce the risk of exposure in accordance with National Fire Protection Association and Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines.
3. The County Office of Emergency Services shall collaborate with the Sheriff's Office, Environmental Health, fire departments, and state and federal partners, including, but not limited to, the DEA, EPA, and CalEPA.
4. The County shall seek mutual aid, technical assistance, and emergency funding from state and federal sources to support enforcement, clean-up, and public education efforts.
5. Siskiyou County Public Health and the Siskiyou County Agriculture Commissioner will develop an outreach and communication plan to raise awareness among residents, workers, and landowners about the hazards associated with illegal pesticide use and unpermitted cannabis operations.
6. All relevant county agencies, including but not limited to, Siskiyou County Public Health, Siskiyou County Environmental Health, Siskiyou County Agriculture Commissioner, Siskiyou County Sheriff, and Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services are authorized and ordered to take immediate and

necessary actions to protect life, property, and the environment under this emergency proclamation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 1st day of July, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Nancy Ogren, Chair Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

LAURA BYNUM, COUNTY CLERK

By _____

Deputy

Concurrence by

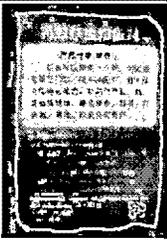
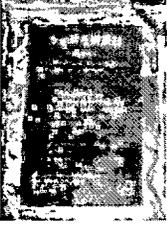
Jeremiah LaRue, Siskiyou County Sheriff

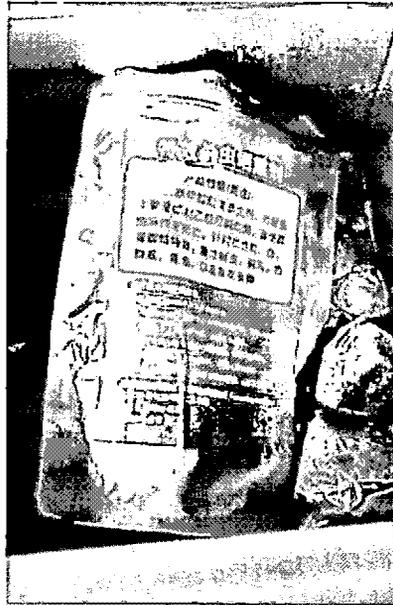
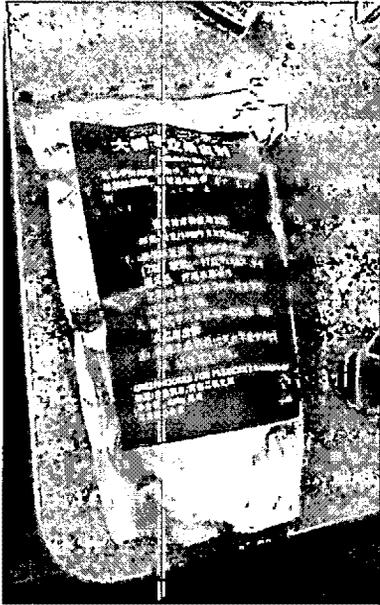
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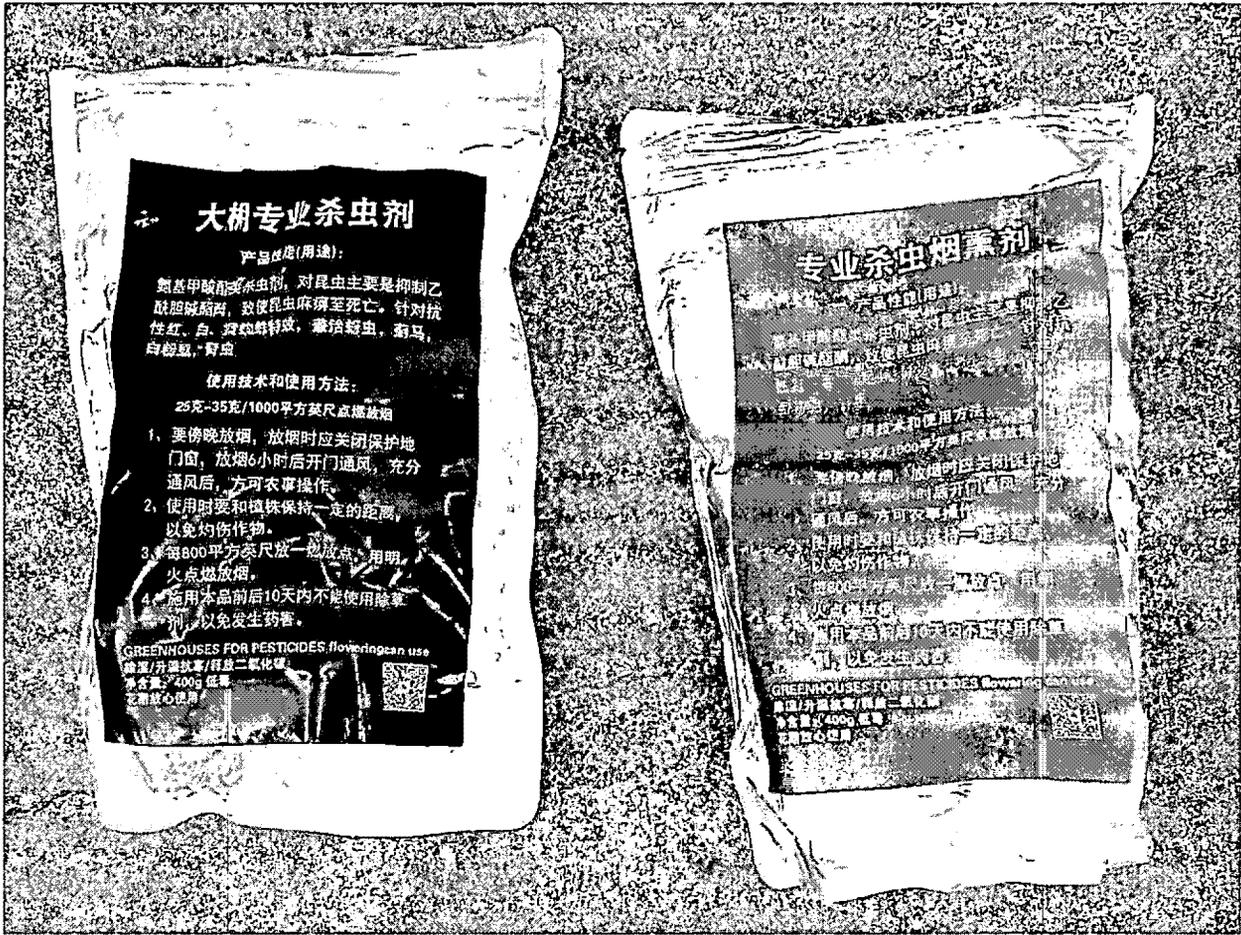
Bryan Schenone, Director of Emergency Services

EXHIBIT A – EXAMPLES OF CHINESE-LABELED PESTICIDES

Field Reference Guide

Package	Product Registration Certificate number (upper right on package)	Photo	Active Ingredient and Information
1	PD20130759	 A rectangular pesticide package with Chinese characters '异丙威' (Yì bǐng wēi) at the top and a central logo.	<u>Isoprocarb</u> Chinese characters: 异丙 Chinese simplified: Yì bǐng wēi
2	PD20096840	 A rectangular pesticide package with Chinese characters '异丙威' (Yì bǐng wēi) at the top and a central logo.	<u>Isoprocarb</u> Chinese characters: 异丙 Chinese simplified: Yì bǐng wēi
3	Not listed	 A rectangular pesticide package with Chinese characters '吡啶苯' (Bǐ dì n wēn) at the top and a central logo.	<u>Pyridaben</u> This package does not have a registered certificate number, the primary ingredient is considered 'toxic if inhaled,' and tested positive in high concentrations for several chemicals listed as 'fatal if inhaled'. <i>Extreme caution should be exercised.</i>
4	PD20130759	 A rectangular pesticide package with Chinese characters '异丙威' (Yì bǐng wēi) at the top and a central logo.	<u>Isoprocarb</u> Chinese characters: 异丙 Chinese simplified: Yì bǐng wēi
6	Not listed	 A rectangular pesticide package with Chinese characters '吡啶苯' (Bǐ dì n wēn) at the top and a central logo.	<u>Unknown primary ingredient</u> This package does not have a registered certificate number and, while the primary ingredient could not be determined, the sample tested positive in high concentrations for several chemicals listed as 'fatal if inhaled'. <i>Extreme caution should be exercised.</i>
7	PD20180597	 A rectangular pesticide package with Chinese characters '高效氯氟菊酯' (Gāo xiào lǜ fú jú zhǐ) at the top and a central logo.	<u>Beta-cypermethrin (translated)</u> Chinese characters: 高效氯氟菊酯 Chinese simplified: Gāo xiào lǜ fú jú zhǐ





农药登记证号: PD20086206
 农药生产许可证号: 农药生许(陕)0009
 产品标准号: GB23552-2009

甲基硫菌灵

有效成分含量: 70%
 剂型: 可湿性粉剂

低毒

技术和使用方法

作物或病虫	防治对象	稀释倍数	施用方法
苹果	轮纹病	600-1000倍液	喷雾

公顷用制剂量=亩用制剂量x15
 (2) 总有效成分浓度值(毫克/千克) = (制剂含量x1000000) ÷ 制剂稀释倍数
 本品用于苹果轮纹病发病初期(苹果幼果期)防治, 要求喷药均匀周到。
 施用本品应在晴天、风小时进行。
 本品在苹果作物上使用的安全间隔期为21天, 每个作物周期的
 最多使用次数为2次。

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Pesticides Identified in the Chinese Labeled Pesticide Fumigant Products
Based on lab analysis conducted thus far, these illicit products contain a mixture of at least 3 to 13 different pesticides listed below.

CAS	Pesticide	Pesticide Class <i>Italic Text = Suspected Byproduct, Metabolite, or Degradate</i>	Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitor	DCC Pesticide List 19 CCR 15719	Prop 65 Listed	Toxic Air Contaminant 3 CCR 6860(a)	GW Pollutant 3 CCR 6800
39515-51-0	3-Phenoxybenzaldehyde	<i>Intermediate of beta-Cypermethrin</i>					
122453-73-0	Chlorfenapyr	Pyroles Insecticide		Yes; Category I Residual Pesticide			
1897-45-6	Chlorothalonil (tetrachloroisophthalonitrile)	Fungicide. Organic compound.			Yes		Yes
21923-23-9	Chlorfipros	Organophosphate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
52315-07-8	Cypermethrin (beta and zeta)	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			
80060-09-9	Diafenthiuron	<i>Not registered for use in the United States. IRAC group 12A. Mitochondrial respiration inhibitor.</i>					
62-73-7	Dichlorvos	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category I Residual Pesticide	Yes	Yes	
88-85-7	Dinoseb	Dinitrophenol herbicide. Registration cancelled in 1981. Highly toxic when ingesting, inhaling or at skin contact.					
3766-81-2	Fenobucarb (BPMC)	Carbamate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
39515-41-8	Fenpropathrin	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes		Yes		
98886-44-3	Fosthiazate	Organophosphate Nematicide	Yes				Yes
3878-19-1	Fuberidazole	Fungicide. Not registered for use in the United States.					
118-74-1	Hexachlorobenzene	Organochlorine pesticide. Considered a pollutant of concern. Canceled/banned for use in the United States			Yes		
36734-19-7	Iprodione	Systemic Fungicide; Highly toxic to freshwater, estuarine, and marine invertebrates; Primary degradate is 3,5-			Yes		Yes
2631-40-5	Isoprocarb (MIPC)	Carbamate Insecticide. Not registered for use in the United States.	Yes				
91465-08-6	Lambda-cyhalothrin	Pyrethroid Insecticide	Yes				
16752-77-5	Methomyl	Carbamate Insecticide. Restricted Material (3 CCR 6400)	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			Yes
35266-49-0	<i>Methoxycarbonyl Isothiocyanate</i>	<i>Common Soil Fumigant Byproduct that is Toxic and Corrosive to Skin; and a Respiratory Irritant.</i>					
598-55-0	<i>Methyl Carbamate* (Carbamic acid, methyl ester)</i>	<i>Metabolite or degradate of Methomyl</i>			Yes		
558-61-6	Methyl Isothiocyanate (MITC)	Organosulfur Compound. Restricted Material (3 CCR 6400)				Yes	
52-68-6	Metrifonate (Trichlorfon)	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes				
300-76-5	Naled	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes	Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide	Yes		
20926-85-3	Pentachlorobenzonitrile (PCBN)	<i>Byproduct of Thermal Decomposition of Pentachloronitrobenzene</i>					
82-68-8	Pentachloronitrobenzene (PCNB)	Organochlorine		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide		Yes	
32809-16-8	Procymidone	Dicarbonyl Fungicide; Not registered for use in the United States.			Yes		
41198-08-7	Profenofos	Organophosphate Insecticide	Yes				
96489-71-3	Pyridaben	Pyridazinone/Organochlorine Insecticide		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			
53112-28-0	Pyrimethanil	Anilino-pyrimidines-Based Fungicide					
107534-96-3	Tebuconazole	Triazole Fungicide		Yes; Category II Residual Pesticide			Yes
36734-19-7	Thiophanate-Methyl	Systemic Benzimidazole Fungicide; Rapidly degrades to carbendazim or methyl 2-benzimidazole carbamate			Yes		Yes
81412-43-3	Tridemorph	Oxazinane Fungicide; Not registered for use in the United States.					