



California Notice 2024-20

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF REEVALUATION OF PARAQUAT DICHLORIDE

Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 14086, the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) notices the initiation of the reevaluation of pesticide products containing the active ingredient paraquat dichloride (paraquat).

On September 27, 2024, Assembly Bill (AB) 1963 (Chapter 688, Statutes 2024) added Article 5, section 14085 and 14086 to Chapter 3 of Division 7 of the FAC. Specifically, FAC Article 5 section 14086 requires the following: “On or before January 1, 2029, the department shall complete a reevaluation of paraquat dichloride pursuant to Section 12824, and make the determination to retain, cancel, or suspend its registration or to place new appropriate restrictions on the use of pesticide products containing the active ingredient paraquat dichloride.”

DPR’s initiation of this reevaluation is a non-discretionary project mandated by the California Legislature and is therefore a ministerial project exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and DPR’s associated certified regulatory program (See Public Resources Code, § 21080, subd. (b)(1); Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 15268). In accordance with Section 15062 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), DPR filed a Notice of Exemption with the Office of Planning and Research.

DPR is currently assessing whether additional data are needed to fulfill the requirements of FAC section 14086 to determine whether current uses of pesticide products containing paraquat pose unacceptable risks to human health and/or the environment, and whether additional restrictions on use, up to and including suspension or cancellation, are necessary.

This reevaluation involves 7 registrants and 7 pesticide products currently registered in California. A list of products to be included in the reevaluation is available upon written request to the email address listed below or on DPR’s [Paraquat Dichloride Reevaluation Web site](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/chemicals/paraquat.htm).
<cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/chemicals/paraquat.htm>

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