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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby authorizes a public health exemption under the provisions of section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture for use of triethylene glycol (CAS No. 112-27-6); formulated as Grignard Pure, an unregistered product for air treatment in indoor spaces (occupied and unoccupied) in Tennessee to control the spread of the novel coronavirus (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 or SARS-CoV-2). This exemption is subject to the conditions set forth in your request, dated November 6, 2020, as well as the following conditions and restrictions:

- 1) The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) is responsible for ensuring that all provisions of this public health exemption are met. TDA is also responsible for providing information in accordance with 40 CFR 166.32(b). Accordingly, a report summarizing the results of this program must be submitted to EPA Headquarters and the appropriate EPA Regional office within 6 months following the expiration of this exemption, or prior to requesting a subsequent exemption for the use. Additionally, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.32(a), these offices must also be immediately informed of any adverse effects resulting from use of this pesticide in connection with the exemption use. Any future correspondence regarding this exemption should refer to file symbol 21TN02.
- 2) The unregistered product, Grignard Pure, (containing 52.25% triethylene glycol active ingredient (a.i.)), manufactured by Grignard Company, LLC, may be used under this exemption. All applicable use directions, restrictions, and precautions on the revised Section 18 label of January 14, 2021 must be followed unless otherwise modified in this authorization.
- 3) Product is ready-to-use to be applied through designated portable dispersal devices or through the HVAC systems. Grignard Pure would be dispersed for up to 12 hours continuously per a 24-hour period. Dispersal is to achieve an airborne concentration of the product of 1.66 mg/m<sup>3</sup> to 9 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, as corresponds to a nonvisible haze to a light moderate haze respectively, or as measured by a certified sensor, to achieve a time-weighted average below 4.8 mg/m<sup>3</sup> product (3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> a.i.).

- 4) Application of Grignard Pure is for use in indoor spaces only, occupied or unoccupied, to treat the air in the following listed indoor spaces (occupied or unoccupied) when adherence to current public health guidelines (e.g., CDC guidance at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), recommending face masks, social distancing, limited occupancy, and increased ventilation) is impractical, difficult to maintain, or is not expected to provide a sufficient level of protection. Areas of particular concern include breakrooms, locker rooms, bathrooms, lobbies, elevators, eating areas, and food preparation areas within:
  - Health care facilities (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, medical offices, dental offices), but not in resident / in-patient rooms, emergency rooms including waiting areas, operating rooms, or intensive care units;
  - Intrastate buses, trains, and subways;
  - Food processing (NAICS 311) but not food services (NAICS 722);
  - Indoor spaces within buildings, including government facilities, where people are conducting activity deemed essential by the state and allowed by the state lead agency.
- 5) The requested emergency uses are expected to supplement current disinfection products and procedures, in light of the need to reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2. Guidance issued by Federal, State, and local public health officials recommending face masks, social distancing, limited occupancy, and increased ventilation must also be followed when feasible.
- 6) Grignard Pure may be sold and distributed under this emergency exemption only for use by or under direction of trained Grignard-certified applicators, for use in Grignard-approved equipment only, installed by Grignard-certified installers. Use with any other machines, equipment, or systems is prohibited.
- 7) Prior to allowing use, TDA and Grignard Company, LLC will coordinate training for users in the application of Grignard Pure by certified equipment. Application is only allowed by users trained and authorized by Grignard, or by those under the direct supervision of a trained and authorized user.
- 8) TDA will coordinate with Grignard to communicate with Federal, State, and local officials that Grignard Pure is only available to those authorized by TDA under this emergency exemption authorization.
- 9) TDA, the managers of the treated spaces, and Grignard must ensure prominent posting of signage, as agreed upon January 14, 2021 at entrances and within treated areas. Grignard must supply adequate signage with delivery of product. The signage must include the following statement: ***“Grignard Pure may cause temporary irritation in sensitive individuals. If you experience eye, nose, and/or throat irritation, immediately leave the space and get fresh or outdoor air.”*** The signage must also include a contact number to report any adverse effects.

- 10) Stocks of the unregistered Grignard Pure product may be produced and introduced into the channels of trade as part of this emergency exemption authorization in accordance with 40 CFR 152.30(e). Any unused, unregistered product must either be returned to the manufacturer or distributor (unopened containers) or disposed of in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local waste disposal requirements following the expiration of this emergency exemption.
- 11) This public health exemption will expire one year from date of issuance as given above.
- 12) Issuance of this emergency exemption does not constitute an endorsement of any product or service.

If you or your staff have any questions with respect to this authorization document, please contact Emergency Response Team Member Andrea Conrath at 703.308.9356; [conrath.andrea@epa.gov](mailto:conrath.andrea@epa.gov), or the Emergency Response Team Leader Tawanda Maignan at 703.308.8050; [maignan.tawanda@epa.gov](mailto:maignan.tawanda@epa.gov).

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