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REVISED

MONTEREY COUNTY POSTING REGULATION

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Posting is required for pesticide applications to growing crops for which there is an established safety interval of 24 hours or longer. Posting is not required for non-crop, dormant crop, preplant, or preemergent applications, nor when applications are not made directly onto plant foliage. No person shall apply any pesticide referred to below without posting the field in accordance with the following requirements:

1. Posting shall be required when a toxicity category one pesticide is applied to plant foliage. (These are 24 hour reentry materials)
2. Posting shall be required when any of the following pesticides are applied to plant foliage: (These are 48 hour reentry materials)

Azodrin, Bidrin, Trithion, Systox, Di-Syston, Thiodan (endosulfan), Endrin, Ethion, Metasystox P, Supracide, Methyl Parathion, Phosdrin (mevinphos), Parathion, Thimet, Phosphamidon, and TEPP.
3. Warning signs shall be posted at each corner of the treated area and the normal points of entry into that field.
4. Warning signs shall be of such durability and construction that they will remain clearly legible for the duration of the safety interval:
 - a. Warning signs shall be mounted on a solid backing.
 - b. Legibility and visibility: Information on warning signs shall be legible from a distance of 25 feet, and the entire sign shall be visible and not obscured.
 - c. Warning signs shall have red printing on a white background, shall include a skull and crossbone symbol, and shall read, in the English and Spanish languages, substantially as follows:

DANGER	PELIGRO
Place skull and crossbone symbol here	
DO NOT ENTER	NO ENTRE

Additional information may be included on signs.

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5. Warning signs shall be posted before a pesticide application begins, and may be posted when an application is scheduled to begin within 24 hours.
6. No person, directly or through any agent, shall permit any other person under his control or in his employ to enter a field where warning signs are posted. (All fields shall be checked prior to crew entry for complete and proper removal of signs.) Licensed pest control advisors and management personnel who will have only limited and intermittent exposure to treated plants may enter posted fields. Irrigators and tractor operators may enter the field only under the following conditions:
 - a. The pesticide spray has dried or pesticide dust has settled,
 - and b. Substantial and prolonged body contact with the treated foliage will not occur,
 - and c. Protective clothing is worn to protect parts of the person's body that is likely to have some contact with treated foliage (eg. rubber boots, rubber gloves).
7. Removal of signs is prohibited during the safety interval, and signs shall be removed within 24 hours after the expiration of the safety interval. Signs which must be removed on a Saturday or Sunday may remain up until the following Monday as long as no people will be in posted fields, except for #6 above. Removal of signs is the responsibility of the farm operator.
8. Any person who violates any provision of this regulation is subject to the civil and criminal penalties set forth in Food and Agricultural Code Sections 11891 through 11894.
9. This regulation will take effect on May 5, 1983 and will remain in effect until rescinded or modified.

Notes:

- 1) Posting is not required for sulfur applications.
- 2) All category 1 pesticides require at least 24 hour posting, if applied to foliage.
- 3) Certain pesticide labels require longer reentry periods, field posting or special protective clothing to be worn by field workers. These requirements are not addressed by Monterey County's Posting Regulation. Please consult the Agricultural Commissioner's Office for clarification.