

PARAQUAT LABEL CHANGES TIMELINE

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 14, 2018: All Paraquat registrants received their EPA-stamped labels that comply with Phase 1 (Label Amendments and Supplemental Warning Materials).
- November 14, 2019: Last date that REGISTRANTS can sell on “old” label. After this date, REGISTRANTS can only sell product that complies with Phase 1.
NOTE: Per EPA’s Paraquat Dichloride Human Health Mitigation Decision: “Persons other than the registrant can continue to sell and/or use under the previously approved labelling until existing stocks are exhausted provided that such use is consistent with the terms of the previously approved labeling.” (Persons other than the registrant would include Retailers, Distributors, etc. Persons using “old” labelled product would need to comply with requirements on that “old” label – not the newer “Certified Applicator and Training” label.)
- Sometime in 2019-20: EPA will approve PHASE 3 label changes (Closed System Requirement). Revised labels are due into EPA March 30, 2019, EPA will review them and approve them at a later date.
- Sometime in 2020-21:
(12 months after
Phase 3 Label
Changes) Last date that REGISTRANTS can sell product that does not comply with the closed system requirement.
NOTE: Per EPA’s Paraquat Dichloride Human Health Mitigation Decision: “Persons other than the registrant can continue to sell and/or use under the previously approved labelling until existing stocks are exhausted per provided that such use is consistent with the terms of the previously approved labeling.” (Persons other than the registrant would include Retailers, Distributors, etc. Persons using “old” labelled product would need to comply with requirements on that “old” label – not the newer “Closed System” label.)

PHASE 1 LABEL CHANGES (After 11-14-19: REGISTRANTS can only sell product that complies with these changes.)

THIS is **NOT** THE CLOSED SYSTEM LABEL. This label requires use by Certified Applicators only – not just under the supervision of a Certified Applicator. It also has additional safety and Spanish language, a sticker on the cap and an additional container safety sticker as well as a counter card requirement. Applicators must complete an EPA approved paraquat training a minimum of every three years and applicators must retain records. Training will be provided through a website listed on the label and be free of cost. (The website and training module will be the same for all Paraquat products and is in English)

PHASE 3 CHANGES (12 months after label approval, REGISTRANTS can only sell product that complies with Phase 3)

The label will contain all of the previous supplemental warning materials and Certified Applicator requirement as well as Closed system requirement for all non-bulk (less than 120 gal) packaging. Bulk Product is not subject to the closed system requirement. All Paraquat registrants (except one) have formed a working group to develop a uniform closed system for smaller package sizes.

EPA’S PARAQUAT REGISTRATION REVIEW DOCKET

- Paraquat Dichloride Registration Review can be found at:
<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0855>
- Details of the changes are in: **Paraquat Dichloride Human Health Mitigation Decision**
<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0855-0112>
- Most current timeline is: **February 6, 2018 Amendment to Paraquat Dichloride Human Health Mitigation Decision**
<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0855-0119>