

# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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Dear Pet Grooming Business Operator:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is responsible for the oversight of the sale, use, storage, and disposal of pesticides in New York. We are contacting you about the potential use of pesticides in your pet grooming business. Products to control fleas, ticks, and other pests are considered pesticides under the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) and their sale and use is regulated by DEC.

Any pesticide sold or used in New York must be registered by both the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and DEC unless it is exempt from registration. Some pesticides are considered minimum risk (FIFRA§ 25(b)) and are exempt from USEPA and DEC registration. Minimum risk pesticides can only contain certain active ingredients. More information on minimum risk pesticides can be found on the DEC's website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8532.html#Exempt>.

Most pesticides have a USEPA registration number on the product label, which is abbreviated on the label as "EPA Reg. No." It is a violation of the ECL for a pesticide that is not exempt from registration to be sold or used in New York State without being registered with the DEC as well as with USEPA. The use of a pesticide that has not been registered by DEC could subject your business to an enforcement action by DEC.

To assure that your business is using a DEC-registered pesticide you may check the registration status of a pesticide by going to the DEC website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/27354.html> or the Cornell University Cooperative Extension Product, Ingredient, and Manufacturer System (PIMS) website at: <http://pims.psur.cornell.edu>.

In addition, pesticides must only be used in accordance with their label directions. That includes following all of the directions for use and all of the safety requirements on the label.

The application of pesticides as part of a pet grooming business is considered the commercial application of pesticides. DEC is working to develop a program to address and clarify the certification requirements.



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If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, or any other questions relating to the use of pesticides by your business, you may contact the DEC Bureau of Pest Management, Compliance and Laboratory Services Section at (518) 402-8727 or [pesticide.compliance@dec.ny.gov](mailto:pesticide.compliance@dec.ny.gov).

You will be receiving additional information regarding pesticide applicator certification and pesticide business registration requirements in subsequent correspondence from the DEC.

Sincerely,



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