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New Zealand – Notification of Sodium Fluoroacetate (1080) Required by 10 April 2015

The New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) announced new requirements for importers, laboratories and places of work holding any amount of sodium fluoroacetate, otherwise known in its pesticide form as 1080. Effective immediately, new imports of 1080 must be notified to the EPA and importers must obtain and provide Customs with the EPA certificate prior to collecting the product from the Customs Service.

All laboratories and workplaces holding any existing amount of this substance as of 12 March 2015 are required to notify the EPA of the quantity held and the name of the supplier by 10 April 2015. After April 2015, all laboratories and workplaces must report their holdings of 1080 at any time in a calendar year to the EPA by March 31 of the following year.

Laboratories operating under the Exempt Laboratories regulations must ensure that substance 1080 is securely contained. Sodium fluoroacetate, a chemical with the CAS number 62-74-8, an organofluorine chemical compound, a colorless salt and is typically used in pesticides as a metabolic poison. It is approved for use in New Zealand under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act and has the HSNO approval number HSR002771.

Formulated products containing sodium fluoroacetate, or the soluble concentrate containing 200 g per liter of sodium fluoroacetate, are exempted from the notification, annual reporting and import certificate requirements. The tighter controls on 1080 have been introduced as a government response to the criminal threat to use 1080 to contaminate infant and other formula.

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