

USDA Seizes 4 Pest Products

Four pesticidal products — a disinfectant, a garden insect dust, a bird repellent, and a fly bait — were seized by U.S. Marshals during the first half of March, following charges by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that these products were shipped in violation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

The Act is administered by the Pesticides Regulation Division of USDA's Agricultural Research Service to protect the public from losses and possible personal injury through faulty, misbranded, or adulterated products.

It requires all insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, herbicides, disinfectants, sanitizers, plant growth regulators, desiccants, plant defoliant, and products used for the control of certain types of fish, birds, and mammals moving in interstate commerce to be registered with the Secretary of Agriculture and to be properly formulated and labeled.

In Bridgeport, Conn., on March 12, U.S. Marshals seized 69 three-pound-twelve-ounce containers of "Dirtex Cleaner for Walls, Floors, Woodwork" shipped by Savagran Co. Norwood, Mass. USDA alleged that the product was not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as required by law; that the label did not bear an ingredient statement, and that the product, when used as directed, would not "fight germs as it cleans paint and varnish surfaces, woodwork, bathroom fixtures, tiles, stoves, refrigerators and other appliances, floors, linoleum, pots, pans, and every washable surface of the home," as claimed on the label.

In Providence, R. I., on March 11, U.S. Marshals seized 5 one-pound containers of "APCO '75' Rotenone Dust" USDA alleged that the product was misbranded because it contained an active ingredient not listed in the ingredient statement and because the label did not bear adequate instructions for use. The APCO '75' rotenone dust registered with USDA did not contain any chlordane. ARS tests showed that this particular shipment of the product did contain chlordane though it still bore the ingredient statement registered with USDA. The product still bore the same directions for use, though a product containing chlordane calls for different directions from a product containing only rotenone. USDA also alleged that the product was adulterated because the chlordane had been added.

In College Park, Ga., on March 2, U.S. Marshals seized 98 one-tenth-gallon tubes of a product shipped unlabeled by Dexter Pest Control & Services, Inc., and invoiced as "Bird Repellent" Stephenson Chemical Co., the College Park dealer, had labeled the product, in part, "Stephenson's Superior Bird Repellent for Pigeons, Starlings and Sparrows." USDA alleged that the product was not registered and that it was misbranded because the label did not bear an ingredient statement or directions for use.

In Lubbock, Texas, on March 2, U.S. Marshals seized approximately 8,930 two-ounce containers of "Cossman Fly Cake," shipped by

E. Joseph Cossman and Co., Hollywood, Calif. USDA alleged that the product was adulterated and misbranded because the label listed 25 percent of DDVP as the active ingredient and 99.75 percent inert ingredients. ARS analyses showed that this shipment of the product contained less than 25 percent of DDVP and more than 99.75 percent inert ingredients. The deficiency of the DDVP in the product made it ineffective for the control of flies, USDA said.

Calcium Needs

(Continued from Page 16) bone, rib and pelvis bone areas. It seems a hen will rob its own bones of calcium to produce eggshells when the intake of calcium is insufficient.

The Oyster Shell Institute claims these findings point up the need for feeding supplementary calcium when the pullet reaches sexual maturity. They suggest that a free-choice calcium supplement might help maintain the vital calcium balance in these early maturing layers.

(Continued from Page 15) maker. Frequent replenishment assures you of best quality for cooking. They should be stored in a cool, dry place and never near the range. Once containers are opened, herb flavors begin to wane. If they are properly stored, the few ounces of herbs in tightly closed containers retain good flavor and color for several months.

Herbs tend to lose flavor a little faster than most spices, but they are used in greater amounts. If you buy them in leaf form and crush them as you use them, they will keep their flavor longer. Ground spices should be replaced within six months, while whole spices keep their flavor almost indefinitely.

Some women who grow plants on kitchen window sills keep a few pots planted with rosemary, thyme, basil, marjoram, sage and parsley. This way, they can have fresh herbs whenever they wish.

Whole spices are especially useful in dishes which cook a long time such as stews. They should be added at the beginning of the cooking peri-

and aroma. Add ground spices, cheese, the spice of and herbs about 15 minutes mixture should be left standing before serving. In uncooked dishes, such as salad dressing, maximum flavor.



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