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TITLE 1. GENERAL [100 - 7931.000] (Title 1 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134.)

DIVISION 10. ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS [7920.000 - 7931.000] (Division 10 added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2.)

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PART 5. SPECIFIC TYPES OF PUBLIC RECORDS [7923.600 - 7929.610] (Part 5 added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2.)

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CHAPTER 3. Environmental Protection, Building Standards, and Safety Requirements [7924.300 - 7924.900] (Chapter 3 added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2.)

ARTICLE 1. Pesticide Safety and Efficacy Information Disclosable Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act [7924.300 - 7924.335] (Article 1 added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2.)

7924.300. If both of the following conditions are satisfied, nothing in this division exempts from public disclosure the same categories of pesticide safety and efficacy information that are disclosable under Section 10(d)(1) of the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136h(d)(1)):

(a) The individual requesting the information is not an officer, employee, or agent specified in subdivision (a) of Section 7924.310.

(b) The individual signs the affirmation specified in subdivision (b) of Section 7924.310.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Section 7931.000. Conditionally inoperative as prescribed in Section 7924.335.)

7924.305. (a) The Director of Pesticide Regulation, upon the director's initiative, or upon receipt of a request pursuant to this division for the release of data submitted and designated as a trade secret by a registrant or applicant, shall determine whether any or all of the data so submitted is a properly designated trade secret. In order to assure that the interested public has an opportunity to obtain and review pesticide safety and efficacy data and to comment before the expiration of the public comment period on a proposed pesticide registration, the director shall provide notice to interested persons when an application for registration enters the registration evaluation process.

(b) If the director determines that the data is not a trade secret, the director shall notify the registrant or applicant by certified mail.

(c) The registrant or applicant shall have 30 days after receipt of this notification to provide the director with a complete justification and statement of the grounds on which the trade secret privilege is claimed. This justification and statement shall be submitted by certified mail.

(d) The director shall determine whether the data is protected as a trade secret within 15 days after receipt of the justification and statement or, if no justification and statement is filed, within 45 days of the original notice. The director shall notify the registrant or applicant and any party who has requested the data pursuant to this division of that determination by certified mail. If the director determines that the data is not protected as a trade secret, the final notice shall also specify a date, not sooner than 15 days after the date of mailing of the final notice, when the data shall be available to any person requesting information pursuant to Section 7924.300.

(e) This article does not prohibit any person from maintaining a civil action for wrongful disclosure of a trade secret.

(f) "Trade secret" means data that is nondisclosable under Section 10(d)(1) of the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136h(d)(1)).

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Section 7931.000. Conditionally inoperative as prescribed in Section 7924.335.)

7924.310. (a) Unless the applicant or registrant consents to disclosure of information that the applicant or registrant submits to the state pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 12811) of Chapter 2 of Division 7 of the Food and Agricultural Code, the Director of Pesticide Regulation shall not knowingly disclose any of that information to any of the following:

(1) An officer, employee, or agent of any business or other entity engaged in the production, sale, or distribution of pesticides in a country other than the United States, or in a country in addition to the United States.

(2) Any other person who intends to deliver this information to any foreign or multinational business or entity.

(b) To implement this section, the director shall require a person requesting information described in subdivision (a) to sign the following affirmation:

AFFIRMATION OF STATUS

This affirmation is required by Article 1 (commencing with Section 7924.300) of Chapter 3 of Part 5 of Division 10 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

I have requested access to information submitted to the Department of Pesticide Regulation (or previously submitted to the Department of Food and Agriculture) by a pesticide applicant or registrant pursuant to the California Food and Agricultural Code. I hereby affirm all of the following statements:

(1) I do not seek access to the information for purposes of delivering it or offering it for sale to any business or other entity, including the business or entity of which I am an officer, employee, or agent, engaged in the production, sale, or distribution of pesticides in a country other than the United States or in a country in addition to the United States, or to an officer, employee, or agent of such a business or entity.

(2) I will not purposefully deliver or negligently cause the data to be delivered to a business or entity specified in paragraph (1) or its officers, employees, or agents.

I am aware that I may be subject to criminal penalties under Section 118 of the Penal Code if I make any statement of material facts knowing that the statement is false or if I willfully conceal any material fact.

Name of Requester		Name of Requester's Organization
Signature of Requester		Address of Requester
Date	Request No.	Telephone Number of Requester
Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Requester's Client, if the requester has requested access to the information on behalf of someone other than the requester or the requester's organization listed above.		

(c) Section 118 of the Penal Code applies to any affirmation made pursuant to this article.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Section 7931.000. Conditionally inoperative as prescribed in Section 7924.335.)

7924.315. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, if the Director of Pesticide Regulation determines that information submitted by an applicant or registrant is needed to determine whether a pesticide, or any ingredient of any pesticide, causes unreasonable adverse effects on health or the environment, the director may disclose that information to any person in connection with a public proceeding conducted under law or regulation.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Section 7931.000. Conditionally inoperative as prescribed in Section 7924.335.)

7924.320. The Director of Pesticide Regulation shall maintain records of the names of persons to whom data is disclosed pursuant to this article and the persons or organizations they represent and shall inform the applicant or registrant of the names and the affiliation of these persons.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Section 7931.000. Conditionally inoperative as prescribed in Section 7924.335.)

7924.325. The Director of Pesticide Regulation may limit an individual to one request per month pursuant to this article if the director determines that a person has made a frivolous request within the past 12-month period.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Section 7931.000. Conditionally inoperative as prescribed in Section 7924.335.)

7924.330. (a) Any officer or employee of the state, or former officer or employee of the state, who, because of this employment or official position, obtains possession of, or has access to, material which is prohibited from disclosure by this article, and who, knowing that disclosure of this material is prohibited by this article, willfully discloses the material in any manner to any person not entitled to receive it, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by both fine and imprisonment.

(b) For purposes of this section, any contractor with the state who is furnished information pursuant to this article, or any employee of any contractor, shall be considered an employee of the state.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Section 7931.000. Conditionally inoperative as prescribed in Section 7924.335.)

7924.335. This article shall be operative only so long as, and to the extent that, enforcement of Section 10(d)(1) of the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136h(d)(1)) has not been enjoined by federal court order. If a final and unappealable federal court judgment or decision holds that paragraph invalid, this article shall become inoperative, to the extent of the invalidity.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022.)