

Mendocino County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Quick Check Synopsis

If we do a **Field Worker Safety** inspection, these are the requirements we will be checking for:

***This information is intended as a quick reference for requirements related to Field Worker Safety Inspections. For a complete list of requirements please refer to <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/subchpte.htm#0204> or contact our office at 707-463-4208 for further information. January, 2012

1. **Farm Labor Contractor (FLC) Registered** (1695 LC)

- Is the farm labor contractor registered?
- N/A if growers employees

2. **Notice of Application within ¼ mile** (6618a)

- Property operator must provide notice of application to any person that may enter or come within ¼ mile of a treated field or a field under REI.
- Is there an application taking place? Are there any fields under REI in ¼ mile? How is notice communicated?

3. **Decontamination Facility** (6768)

- Soap, water and single use paper towels within a ¼ mile.

4. **Hazard Communication A-9 Complete** (6731)

- The A-9 must be filled out and posted at the work site or central location.

5. **Emergency Medical Care Knowledge** (6766)

- Employees or the supervisor in the field need to know what to do and where to go in a medical emergency.
- The information is also supposed to be posted on the A-9 (see # 4).

6. **Field Worker Training** (6764)

- Field workers assigned to work in treated fields (fields treated within the past 30 days) must be trained by a certified person within the past five years.

7. **Application Specific Information** (6761.1)

- The operator of property shall display, at a central location, the following application-specific information while fieldworkers are employed to work in treated fields on the operator's property:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identification of the treated field• Restricted entry interval• Active ingredient(s)• California registration number(s) if applicable | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time and date of the application• Product name(s), EPA registration number(s)• Spray adjuvant product name(s) |
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- N/A if farm labor contractor is inspected.

8. **Field Work during Pesticide Application** (6762)

- No persons other than those making the application are allowed to be in the treatment area. For *nursery* or *greenhouse* applications, contact our office for possible exemptions.
- General exemptions: Five specifically, including granular baits inside traps which are applied to the field. See code or contact us for specifics.

9. **Field Entry after pesticide application** (6770)

- Employees are not allowed in treated areas with an REI in effect unless wearing all required PPE for early entry. No entry allowed in the first 4 hours following application.
- No more than 8 hours a day of limited contact activities in a 24 hour period are allowed **and** the label must not require double notification (oral and posting).

10. Early Entry Requirements (6771)

Prior to allowing employees to enter and work in treated fields under an REI, the employer must inform them of:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific restrictions and conditions pursuant to section 6770 about the work activity to be performed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticide product labeling precautionary statements related to human hazards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms of poisoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency first aid and decontamination procedures including emergency eye flushing techniques
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to obtain emergency medical care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prevention, recognition, and first aid for heat-related illness if personal protective equipment is used;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That clothing and personal protective equipment may be contaminated with pesticide residues; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for, use, and care of personal protective equipment required for early entry into treated fields;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions for removing, laundering and storing clothing and equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of washing thoroughly at the end of the exposure period.

- One pint of emergency eyewash water is required to be immediately accessible (carried by the employee or on the vehicle being operated by the employee) for early entry activities when product labeling required protective eyewear.

11. Posting Compliance (6776)

- The operator of the property shall assure that signs are posted around treated fields in the following circumstances:
 - (1) Whenever required by pesticide product labeling.
 - (2) All greenhouse applications.
 - (3) Any application that results in a REI greater than 7 days.
- Post prior to application, leave signs in place throughout REI and remove signs within 3 days of REI expiration.
- Signs shall be posted so that they are visible at all usual points of entry to the treated area. If there are no identified points of entry, signs shall be posted at the corners of the treated field.
- When a treated field is adjacent to an unfenced public right-of-way, such as a road, trail, or path, additional signs shall be posted at each end of the treated field and at intervals not exceeding 600 feet along the treated field's border.

12. Greenhouse Ventilation Criteria (6769)

- These criteria apply when a pesticide with product labeling requiring respiratory protection for application is applied in a greenhouse or when any pesticide is applied as a fumigant, smoke, mist, fog, or aerosol inside a greenhouse.
- If there are no labeling statements addressing ventilation, the ventilation requirements listed below must be fulfilled:
- Ten air exchanges are complete; Two hours of mechanical ventilation; Four hours of passive ventilation (opening vents, windows, or doors); 24 hours with no ventilation or a combination that equals 100%.

13. Labeling PPE (FAC 12973)

- All persons working in a treated field prior to the expiration of REI are required to wear all PPE required by pesticide label for early entry activities.
- **Owners** and Employees are subject to PPE label requirements.