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## MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STOP SALE, USE, OR REMOVAL ORDER

RE: Issuance of Statewide Stop Sale, Use or Removal Order (SSURO) stopping all sales and use of all DICAMBA pesticide products labeled for agricultural uses.

The Missouri Department of Agriculture Bureau of Pesticide Control hereby issues and orders all registrants and/or their agents (distributors and retailers) to immediately cease all sales and offers of sales of ALL Dicamba containing products labeled for agricultural use, including new Dicamba formulations (XTENDIMAX<sup>TM</sup> with VaporGrip<sup>TM</sup> Technology, EPA Reg. No. 524-617; ENGENIA<sup>TM</sup> Herbicide, EPA Reg. No. 7969-345; and FEXAPAN<sup>TM</sup> PLUS VAPORGRIP<sup>TM</sup> TECHNOLOGY HERBICIDE, EPA Reg. No. 352-913).

Furthermore, this order directs all agricultural pesticide users (certified commercial applicators and private applicators) to cease in-crop postemergent use of ALL Dicamba containing pesticide products effective immediately upon issuance of this Stop Sale, Use or Removal Order.

The Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Pesticide Control, issues this SSURO under the authority of Section 281.090 RSMo. The Director of Agriculture has probable cause to believe Dicamba containing pesticide products are being used in violation of Section 281.101.2 RSMo.

Section 281.101.2 RSMo states in part, "It shall be unlawful to recommend for use, to use, or to supervise the use of any pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its labeling required by labeling requirements of FIFRA, Missouri Pesticide Use Act, or Missouri Pesticide Registration Act." Older Dicamba products are not labeled by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for in-crop post-emergent use in Dicamba tolerant cotton and soybean crops. EPA-approved labels for Xtendimax, Engenia and FeXapan warn all users to not apply the pesticide during a temperature inversion and to not allow the pesticide to drift onto desirable broadleaf vegetation because severe injury or destruction could result.

The sale of any Dicamba containing product or the in-crop post-emergent use of any Dicamba containing product following the issuance of this SSURO will be in violation of Section 281.101 RSMo and subject to enforcement actions.

Upon the department's approval and registration of Special Local Need labels for Xtendimax, Engenia and FeXapan herbicide products, these three products will be released for sale and use in accordance with the new label restrictions. The statewide SSURO will remain in effect until Dec. 1, 2017, for all other Dicamba containing products labeled for agricultural use.

| Chris Chin                                     | July 7, 2017 |  |
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| Director of Missouri Department of Agriculture |              |  |