



February 28, 2023

Dear Valued Syngenta Distributor and Retailer Customers,

As many of you may know, the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) recently voted not to extend the deadline to renew pesticide registrations beyond February 28, 2023, despite its clear authority to do so. The request to extend the deadline was made on several occasions by CropLife America and RISE on behalf of member companies who are registrants in the State of Maine and based on a number of concerns voiced to the BPC over the past year, including regarding the BPC's ability to protect the confidentiality of registrants' proprietary business and ingredient information. CropLife and RISE also raised concerns over the practical challenges and obstacles to compliance given the BPC renewal portal's current design.

Syngenta Crop Protection is concerned about the material risks of disclosure of its highly confidential pesticide ingredient information contained in its Confidential Statements of Formula (CSFs). As part of Maine's new law enacted last year, CSFs are now required to be submitted with any pesticide registration or renewal. Although the BPC confirmed that such information must be held confidential as a matter of law, the BPC has not provided sufficient assurances regarding *how* it could ensure the protection of this information. Without confidence in that process, the potential economic and competitive harm that would result from such a disclosure (inadvertent or otherwise) is too high of a risk.

Accordingly, Syngenta Crop Protection including Syngenta Professional Solutions, is not planning to re-register *any* pesticides in the State of Maine as of February 28, 2023. We will continue to monitor the situation, and will reevaluate if a change in this approach is appropriate. For all existing stocks of Syngenta Crop Protection products in the State of Maine as of March 1, 2023 - under Maine law, "retailers and end users of pesticides no longer registered in Maine may continue to sell and use those [products] provided they were properly registered when obtained...."

We recognize the potential impacts this decision may have on our most critical stakeholders, Maine's growers and applicators. We fully support continued availability of innovative products critical to Maine's agriculture industry. However, absent of adequate, clear, and certain regulatory processes and safeguards in place, we risk not having the confidentiality protections afforded under federal law. We invite and encourage Maine growers and applicators to join in advocating for proper protections that allow Syngenta to continue offering the best products in Maine.

We know you have a wide choice of crop protection products and solutions available to you, and we appreciate your past and continued support of Syngenta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vern R. Hawkins".

Vern Hawkins
President, Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC