



Tech Bulletin

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EPA Regulatory Update: COVID-19

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EPA Approves First Surface Disinfectant Products Tested on the SARS-CoV-2 Virus

Recently the EPA made an announcement that it had approved two products for efficacy against SARS-CoV-2.

This announcement does not nullify the EPA's List N, which includes disinfectants that meet the agency's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2; those products are still recommended by the EPA and CDC. Rather, this announcement simply notifies the public that products will be approved to make marketing claims of efficacy against the specific organism, SARS-CoV-2.

Spartan Chemical and several other manufacturers have submitted test data to the EPA for the SARS-CoV-2 virus; we had hoped the EPA would approve all applications concurrently, but they didn't. Over the course of the next few months, you will see several other manufacturers product's approvals being announced. We will be sure to let you know as soon as we can officially make efficacy claims against this organism.

To view Spartan products included on List N, click [here](#).

EPA Guidance Published for Adding Electrostatic Spray Application Directions for Use to Antimicrobial Product Registrations

Recently, there has been increased interest in the application of antimicrobial disinfectants on List N via electrostatic spray given the need to disinfect large indoor spaces to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19.

On July 8, 2020, the EPA notified disinfectant manufacturers that it had published guidance on this topic.

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/expedited-review-adding-electrostatic-spray-application-directions-use>

According to the EPA, **ALL manufacturers of disinfectants will have to take the following steps in order to officially market their product as being appropriate for use with electrostatic sprayers.**

1. The product is already on EPA List N and the product labeling is already approved for application via spray
2. Confirmatory efficacy data with electrostatic sprayer
3. Wetness test to ensure contact time is met
4. Updated product label with electrostatic sprayer use directions

NOTE: Electrostatic sprayer droplet size must be equal to or greater than 40micron.

Spartan understands the demand for electrostatic spray applications and is already taking the required steps with the EPA. This regulation applies to all manufactures of disinfectants and all must go through the same registration process to market their product as appropriate for electrostatic spray applications.

We will work with a sense of urgency to meet the demand for electrostatic spray options while keeping you and your customers compliant with the EPA.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please don't hesitate to contact your Spartan regional manager or anyone else at the home office; we are here to assist you.