DISCONTINUED PRODUCTS

Monsanto will act in a responsible manner in the management of its discontinued products.*

Monsanto will retain information on discontinued products in order to be able to assist in mitigating harm to human health and the environment.

The Environment Policy Committe will approve plans and strategies to deal appropriately with discontinued products which may pose substantial danger to health and the environment. Such plans and strategies will include a report containing all known documentation of environmental and health data. EPS will be responsible for maintaining and updating this report.

Generally, the responsibility for managing a discontinued product will rest with the operating company or its successor which manufactured the product.

Upon approval of the EPC, EPS will assume the management responsibility with costs continuing to be borne by the operating company. In the latter event, the appropriate operating company will serve as a resource on a continuing basis in the technology of manufacture, transportation, use, and ultimate disposal, and will provide supporting information in a readily retrievable form to EPS.

EPS will keep appropriate health records relating to discontinued products until such time as the EPC judges them no longer to be necessary; scientific evaluation of discontinued products will continue if appropriate.

Monsanto Hazardous Waste Management Policy will guide appropriate hazardous waste disposal procedures for all discontinued products.

Monsanto will remove and bear the expense to remove and dispose of discontinued products abandoned in containers it has authorized for sale, use, or disposal where such abandonment presents harm to human health and the environment. Approval authority for both removal and expected costs will be the responsibility of the Senior Vice President, Environmental Policy Staff. In each case, the EPC will be informed before such action.

Monsanto will not take action or bear the expense to remove and dispose of its manufactured materials which present harm to human health and the environment if the manufactured material was intentionally abandoned, mishandled, misused in its application, or discharged to the environment by others in violation of environmental statutes or regulations or instructions given by Monsanto. In such cases, however, Monsanto will supply consultation and advice.

Under guidance from EPS, Corporate PR is responsible for managing and coordinating all communications about any environmental and health aspects of discontinued products. EPS will coordinate with Corporate PR all initiatives and responses to media on discontinued products.

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*In this instance, "discontinued products" are defined as material which were—but no longer are—manufactured by Monsanto, and by-products, residues, or wastes resulting from such manufacture.

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