

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	12/10/24	
Media Program:	Pesticides	
Regulatory Program(s)	FIFRA 12(a)(1)	
Company Name:	CEDEX, LLC	
Facility Name:	Zaraco Forwarding	
Facility Physical Location:	14411 Export Rd., Ste. B	
(city, state, zip code)	Laredo, TX 78045	
Mailing address:	14411 Export Rd., Ste. B	
(city, state, zip code)	Laredo, TX 78045	
County/Parish:	Dallas	
Facility Phone Number	(956)635-6302 /(956)612-6172	
Facility Contact:	Julian Bentley	Owner
	cedex09mex@hotmail.com	
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	N/A	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	424990	
SIC:	5199	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Julian Bentley	CEDEX, LLC	Owner
Lee McMillan	EPA Region 6 – Pesticides Enforcement	Lead Inspector
Justin Mullenix	EPA Region 6 – Pesticides Enforcement	Inspector
Gerardo Acosta	EPA Region 6 – ECAD	Advisor/Interpreter
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date	 Digitally signed by LEE MCMILLAN Date: 2025.02.11 06:58:52 -06'00'	02/11/2024
	Lee V. McMillan	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date	Stuckey, Troy  Digitally signed by Stuckey, Troy Date: 2025.02.11 08:21:50 -06'00'	
	H. Troy Stuckey	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

I, EPA Region 6 inspector Lee McMillan and inspector Justin Mullenix arrived at Cedex, LLC at 10:00 AM on December 10, 2024. I arrived to conduct an unannounced for-cause pesticides inspection to investigate a product known as acetamiprid. Initially upon arrival I met with Alejandro Zarate of Zaraco Forwarding. I presented my credentials to Mr. Zarate and informed him that this was an EPA inspection to review the above product regarding compliance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). It was then determined that this location was renting space to Mr. Julian Bentley, the owner of Cedex, LLC who was not onsite at the time of the inspection. Mr. Bentley was contacted by telephone and we made arrangements to meet with him at an alternate location.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

CEDEX, LLC is an import/export business founded in 2009. The company imports approximately 15,000 requests per month from Mexico. CEDEX transports merchandise in the USA (Laredo, Texas) and all over Mexico.

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

During the inspection, I looked around the location at the area being used by Cedex with the help of Mr. Zarate. There were no products of interest at the warehouse location at the time of the inspection. (See Appendix 1). At the time of the inspection there were no pesticide products on hand and no photos were taken. The tour concluded at 10:50 AM.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

I met with Mr. Julian Bentley at an alternate location where we discussed the products. I presented my credentials and the Notice of Inspection. During our conversation it was determined that the product was imported into the U.S. for immediate export to Mexico on January 14, 2023. Mr. Bentley stated that this product was only shipped one time.

I conducted closing conference with Mr. Bentley at 11:48 AM on December 10, 2024. I observed no areas of concern at the time of the inspection. We received the invoice for the shipment back to Mexico via email the same day. I concluded the inspection and exited the facility at 11:55 AM.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

No additional information was received by EPA after exiting the Facility on December 10, 2024. Case has been concluded and closed.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Notice of Inspection

APPENDIX 1

NOTICE OF INSPECTION



United States
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Washington, DC 20460

Notice of Inspection

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Facility Name <i>Cedex, LLC</i>	Facility Address <i>14411 Export Rd. Ste. B Laredo, TX 78045</i>
Name of Facility Official <i>Julian Bentley</i>	Title <i>Owner</i>

By my signature, I represent that I am an owner, operator or agent in charge of the facility being inspected, and attest that the EPA, Designated State or Political Subdivision Employee or Officer identified on this form presented his or her credentials prior to issuing this Notice of Inspection.

Facility Official's Signature: *Julian Bentley III*

Authority for Inspection

For the purpose of inspecting and obtaining samples of any pesticides or devices packaged, labeled and released for shipment, and samples of any containers or labeling for such pesticides or devices, in places where pesticides or devices are held for distribution or sale [FIFRA § 9(a) (7 U.S.C. §136g)]; and for the purpose of inspecting and obtaining copies of those records specified in FIFRA §8 (7 U.S.C. §136f) and 40 C.F.R. Part 169.

Reasons for Inspections (Check applicable boxes)

☐ Routine Inspection Violation
☒ For Cause Inspection Suspected: *Unregistered Pesticide*

Additional Information:

Investigating products containing aceata miprid
Import to Export

Name of Inspector <i>Lee McMillan</i>	
Signature of Inspector <i>Lee McMillan</i>	Date <i>12/10/24</i>
Title <i>Sr. Inspector</i>	Time <i>11:29 AM</i>
Address EPA Region 6, 1201 Elm St, Dallas, TX 75270	

Note: The absence of a Facility Official's signature on this form does not invalidate this Notice of Inspection, or establish that consent to the inspection was not provided or that the proper procedures were not followed.