

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	3/6/24	
Media Program:	Pesticides	
Regulatory Program(s)	FIFRA	
Company Name:	Fastco, Inc.	
Facility Name:	FASTCO	
Facility Physical Location:	13106 Spivey Drive	
(city, state, zip code)	Laredo, Texas 78045	
Mailing address:	13106 Spivey Drive	
(city, state, zip code)	Laredo, Texas 78045	
County/Parish:	Webb County	
Facility Phone Number	(956) 723-6656	
Facility Contact:	Francisco Reyes	Co-owner
	francisco@reyesretana.net	
FRS Number:	n/a	
Identification/Permit Number:	n/a	
Media Identifier Number:	n/a	
NAICS:	488510	
SIC:	4731	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Justin Mullenix	EPA-R06-ECAD-WSTEB	Inspector
Gerardo Acosta	EPA-R06-ECAD	Accompanying Staff
Christine Tokarz	EPA-R08-ECAD-ATEB-TPES	Accompanying Staff
Francisco Reyes	FASTCO, Inc.	Co-owner
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date	JUSTIN MULLENIX Digitally signed by JUSTIN MULLENIX Date: 2024.04.29 11:18:14 -05'00'	
	Justin Mullenix	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date	H STUCKEY Digitally signed by H STUCKEY Date: 2024.04.29 12:46:08 -05'00'	
	H. Troy Stuckey, PhD	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

This neutral scheme marketplace inspection was conducted pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Section 8, 7 U.S.C. § 136f, and Section 9(a), 7 U.S.C. § 136g(a), to evaluate compliance with FIFRA and the regulations thereunder.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Fastco, Inc. (“FASTCO”) is a company headquartered in Laredo, Texas, that operates as a customs broker. The company operates out of a single location and earns an estimated annual revenue of \$1.21 million according to sources available online.

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

I, EPA Region 6 inspector Justin Mullenix, accompanied by EPA staff members Gerardo Acosta and Christine Tokarz, arrived at FASTCO on March 6, 2024, at approximately 8:50 AM. We entered the facility and identified ourselves to an employee who we then asked if a supervisor was present. We were led to a nearby conference room where we met with Mr. Francisco Reyes, co-owner of the company and U.S. customs broker.

I explained the objective of the inspection and asked if the company deals in any pesticidal products. Mr. Reyes confirmed that the company facilitates the import and export of pesticidal products but that none were present at the facility at the time of inspection. Mr. Reyes explained that most of the products that the company distributes are never received by the facility, and those that are received are only in inventory for a matter of days. He went on to explain that he was aware of certain pesticidal products distributed by FASTCO being exported to Mexico for further processing into finished products. I asked Mr. Reyes if any pesticides are produced (formulated, packaged, labeled, re-packaged, re-labeled, etc.) at the FASTCO facility and he stated no. I asked Mr. Reyes if he could provide a tour of the facility and he agreed. Prior to the tour, I presented my federal credential to Mr. Reyes along with a Notice of Inspection (EPA Form 3540-2) which he and I signed.

We followed Mr. Reyes to a warehouse portion of the facility where various products were being held in inventory. Mr. Reyes explained that chemicals were kept separate from other products, and we proceeded to that part of the warehouse. I and the accompanying EPA staff members evaluated the chemicals that were present and did not observe any FIFRA-regulated products.

After touring the facility, we returned to the conference room. I discussed the outcome of the inspection and provided the Notice of Inspection to Mr. Reyes which he photocopied for his records. I provided a copy of the U.S. EPA Small Business Resources Information Sheet to Mr. Reyes as well and informed him

that an inspection report would be provided to FASTCO within 60 days. The inspection concluded at approximately 9:20 AM.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

No areas of concern were observed at the time of inspection.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

No additional information has been provided to the inspector or accompanying staff since the conclusion of the inspection.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Notice of Inspection

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Notice of Inspection



United States
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Washington, DC 20460

Notice of Inspection

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Facility Name FASTCO	Facility Address 13106 Spivey Dr, Laredo, TX 78045
Name of Facility Official <i>Francisco Javier Reyes Arana</i>	Title <i>U.S. Customs Border</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:

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: _____

Additional Information:

Name of Inspector	Justin Mullenix
Signature of Inspector <i>Justin Mullenix</i>	Date <i>3/6/24</i>
Title Life Scientist	Time <i>8:56 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.