

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	12/11/24	
Media Program:	Pesticides	
Regulatory Program(s)	FIFRA 12(a)(1)	
Company Name:	G&G Mex, LLC	
Facility Name:	Amigos Cold Storage	
Facility Physical Location:	901 E. Produce Rd.	
(city, state, zip code)	Hidalgo, TX 78557	
Mailing address:	6425 Polaris Dr., Ste 1	
(city, state, zip code)	Laredo, TX 78041	
County/Parish:	Webb	
Facility Phone Number	(956)707-4122	(+011)+52(81)1071-6064
Facility Contact:	Elsa Garcia	Owner
	elsagarcia@ggmexllc.com	
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	N/A	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	424990	
SIC:	5199	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Elsa Garcia	G & G Mex, LLC	Owner
Firmato Gomez	Amigos Cold Storage	Supervisor
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: 2025.02.25 08:16:27 -06'00'	Date
	Lee V. McMillan	
Supervisor Signature/Date	Stuckey, Troy Digitally signed by Stuckey, Troy Date: 2025.02.25 08:54:32 -06'00'	Date
	H. Troy Stuckey	

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

I, EPA Region 6 inspector Lee McMillan accompanied by inspector Justin Mullenix and Gerardo Acosta began an investigation based on a 2022 Tip and Complaint. We arrived at what we believed to be the office of G & G Mex located at 519 Houston, Laredo, TX 78040 at 12:12 PM on December 9, 2024. We discovered that this location was formerly the office of Hiram Vasquez, Jr., P.C., an accounting firm and registered agent for G & G Mex, LLC. The office is now occupied by LV Express, a trucking company. Hiram Vasquez, Jr., P.C., changed its office location to 6425 Polaris Dr., Ste. 1, Laredo, Texas 78041. I arrived at the office of Hiram Vasquez, Jr., P.C., to conduct an unannounced for-cause pesticides inspection to investigate G & G Mex, LLC at 12:33 PM. After arriving at the location, the staff informed us that G & G Mex doesn't have a physical location in the United States. I was provided with the name of the owner and a Mexican phone number. With the assistance of Gerardo Acosta, we were able to contact Ms. Elsa Garcia, the owner of G&G Mex. On December 10, 2024, Ms. Garcia provided her broker's information: Bustamante Brokers located in McAllen, TX.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

G&G Mex, LLC an import/export business founded in 2018. G&G Mex is primarily engaged in the retail sale of children's and infants' clothing, furnishings, and accessories. The company has approximately 2 employees and has annual revenue of approximately \$30K.

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

On December 11, 2024, EPA Region 6 inspector Lee McMillan accompanied by inspector Justin Mullenix travelled to McAllen, TX. I arrived at the Bustamante Brokers to conduct an unannounced for-cause pesticides inspection to investigate G & G Mex, LLC at 11:45 AM. I presented credentials and asked for a representative of Bustamante Brokers. I was informed that Mr. Dionicio Bustatmante was not available due to a meeting with Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Saul Martinez, a data clerk and representative of Prime Cold Storage where Bustamante Brokers rents an office was able to assist us with the investigation. Mr. Martinez was presented with our Notice of Inspection. I determined during the inspection that this Prime Cold Storage location, which primarily stores fruits and vegetables did not have any G&G Mex products on site. No photos were taken.

At approximately 3:20 PM on December 11, 2024, EPA Region 6 inspector Lee McMillan accompanied by inspector Justin Mullenix arrived at Amigos Cold Storage located at 901 E. Produce Rd., Hidalgo, TX 78557, based on the information on the invoice included in the Tip and Complaint. I arrived at the location to conduct an unannounced for-cause pesticides inspection to investigate G&G Mex, LLC. Once on site I was able to locate Mr. Firmato Gomez, the facility supervisor. I presented my credentials and

the Notice of Inspection. Mr. Gomez was able to direct us to the area where G&G Mex products were being held in the warehouse.

In the warehouse I observed to pallets of Clorox Ropa products imported from Mexico. There were approximately 40 boxes per pallet and each box contained eight (8)-1.89 L bottles. The labeling was in Spanish. The labels stated, “Quita Manchas y Desinfecta”(translation: Removes Stains and Disinfects). The back of the label was also in Spanish. The back side of the label stated, “Elimina 99.9% de virus y bacterias de tu prendas” (translation: Eliminates 99.9% of viruses and bacteria from your clothes). The back label also had a white sticker placed on top of it titled, “Laundry – Stain Remover”. (See Appendix 1). The tour concluded at 4:40 PM.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

I conducted closing conference with Mr. Gomez at the Amigos Cold Storage facility at 4:48 PM on December 11, 2024. I observed 80 boxes each containing 8-1.89 L bottles of Clorox Ropa at the time of the inspection. The labels were in Spanish and did not comply with the FIFRA labeling requirements for pesticide registration. I concluded the inspection and exited the facility at 4:50 PM.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

No additional information was received by EPA after exiting the Facility on December 11, 2024. Additional information regarding shipments and documentation is required to conclude this investigation. I will follow-up with Ms. Garcia the owner of G&G Mex, LLC.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Inspection Photos (9 taken)
- Appendix 2 – Notice(s) of Inspection
- Appendix 3 – Receipt for Samples

APPENDIX 1

PHOTOGRAPH LOG



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: Amigos Cold Storage Warehouse		
City: Laredo	County/Parish: Webb	State: Texas



Photo File Name: PC110334.JPG
Date of Photo: December 11, 2024
Time of Photo: 6:26 PM
Photographer: Justin Mullenix
Description: Amigo Cold Storage Sign



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: Amigos Cold Storage Warehouse		
City: Laredo	County/Parish: Webb	State: Texas



Photo File Name: PC110300.JPG

Date of Photo: December 11, 2024

Time of Photo: 4:28 PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: (2) Pallets of Clorox Ropa – (40) boxes per Pallet with 8-1.89L bottles in each box. The Clorox was imported from Mexico by G&G Mex, LLC.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location: Amigos Cold Storage Warehouse		
City: Laredo	County/Parish: Webb	State: Texas



Photo File Name: PC110301.JPG

Date of Photo: December 11, 2024

Time of Photo: 4:29 PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: (2) Pallets of Clorox Ropa – (40) boxes per Pallet with 8-1.89L bottles in each box. The Clorox was imported from Mexico by G&G Mex, LLC



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 4

Location: Amigos Cold Storage Warehouse		
City: Laredo	County/Parish: Webb	State: Texas



Photo File Name: PC110302.JPG

Date of Photo: December 11, 2024

Time of Photo: 4:30 PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Closeup shot of (2) Pallets of Clorox Ropa imported from Mexico by G&G Mex, LLC



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 5

Location: Amigos Cold Storage Warehouse		
City: Laredo	County/Parish: Webb	State: Texas



Photo File Name: PC110307.JPG

Date of Photo: December 11, 2024

Time of Photo: 4:32 PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Closeup shot of of box of Clorox Ropa imported from Mexico by G&G Mex, LLC



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 6

Location: Amigos Cold Storage Warehouse		
City: Laredo	County/Parish: Webb	State: Texas



Photo File Name: PC110308.JPG

Date of Photo: December 11, 2024

Time of Photo: 4:33 PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Closeup shot of label on Clorox Ropa bottle imported from Mexico by G&G Mex, LLC



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 7

Location: Amigos Cold Storage Warehouse		
City: Laredo	County/Parish: Webb	State: Texas



Photo File Name: PC110309.JPG

Date of Photo: December 11, 2024

Time of Photo: 4:33 PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Closeup shot of back label on Clorox Ropa bottle imported from Mexico by G&G Mex, LLC



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 8

Location: Amigos Cold Storage Warehouse		
City: Laredo	County/Parish: Webb	State: Texas



Photo File Name: PC110310.JPG

Date of Photo: December 11, 2024

Time of Photo: 4:33 PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Closeup shot of back label on Clorox Ropa bottle imported from Mexico by G&G Mex, LLC



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 9

Location: Amigos Cold Storage Warehouse		
City: Laredo	County/Parish: Webb	State: Texas



Photo File Name: PC110311.JPG

Date of Photo: December 11, 2024

Time of Photo: 4:36 PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Opened (2) Pallets of Clorox Ropa, imported from Mexico by G&G Mex, LLC.

APPENDIX 2

NOTICE OF INSPECTION



United States
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Washington, DC 20460

Notice of Inspection

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Facility Name <i>Amigos Cold Storage</i>	Facility Address <i>901 E. Produce Rd Hidalgo, TX 78557</i>
Name of Facility Official <i>Firmato Gomez</i>	Title <i>Supervisor</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: *[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
☒ For Cause Inspection

Violation

Suspected: *Unregistered Pesticide*

Additional Information:

Products imported for G+G Mex, LLC

Name of Inspector <i>Lee McMillan</i>	
Signature of Inspector <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>12/11/24</i>
Title <i>Sr. Inspector</i>	Time <i>3:27P</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.

APPENDIX 3

RECEIPT FOR SAMPLE



United States
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Washington, DC 20460

Receipt for Samples

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Facility Name <i>Amigos Cold Storage</i>	Facility Address <i>901 E. Produce Rd. Hidalgo, TX 78557</i>
Name of Facility Official <i>Firmato Gomez</i>	Title <i>Supervisor</i>

Samples Collected (Assign sample number and describe fully (e.g., product name, size, quantity, registration, establishment, lot, batch, model and/or serial numbers, etc.)) The following samples were collected by or on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and receipt is hereby acknowledged pursuant to Section 9(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. §136g).

2024-12-11-087507-2299-000 658668-01-01: 9 Photos

☒ Duplicate samples requested and provided	☐ Duplicate samples not requested	Amount paid <i>0</i>	☐ Cash	☐ Credit Card	☒ No Charge
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Acknowledgement of Samples Collected: The undersigned acknowledges that the samples shown above were obtained from pesticides or devices that were packaged, labeled and released for shipment.

Facility Official Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>12/11/24</i>
Name of Inspector <i>Lee V. McMillan</i>	Title <i>Sr. Inspector</i>
Signature of Inspector <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>12/11/2024</i>
Address <i>1201 Elm St., Ste 800, Dallas, TX 75270</i>	