

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	11/04/2025	
Media Program:	Pesticides	
Regulatory Program(s)	FIFRA	
Company Name:	C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera	
Facility Name:	La Abarrotera	
Facility Physical Location:	9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5,6 &7	
(city, state, zip code)	San Antonio, Texas, 78223	
Mailing address:	9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5,6 &7	
(city, state, zip code)	San Antonio, Texas, 78223	
County/Parish:	Bexar	
Facility Phone Number	(210) 549 4007	
Facility Contact:	Ernesto Macis	General Manager
	ernietopochico@gmail.com	
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	N/A	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	424410	
SIC:	50	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Kiera Hancock	EPA-ECDST	Inspector
Justin Mullenix	EPA-ECDST	Inspector
Jose Villalobos Solis	C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera	Employee
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date	KIERA HANCOCK  Digitally signed by KIERA HANCOCK Date: 2025.12.18 10:17:32 -06'00'	Date
	Kiera Hancock	
Supervisor Signature/Date	 Digitally signed by GERARDO ACOSTA Date: 2025.12.18 10:27:40 -06'00'	Date
	Gerardo Acosta	

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

This for cause 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.

This inspection occurred for-cause for suspected sale and/or distribution of unregistered pesticides as identified through their website, <https://www.laabarrotera.com/>.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

La Abarrotera is a distributor and retailer that imports and distributes Mexican groceries such as sodas, cookies, detergents, and sweets. La Abarrotera is incorporated in Texas and is estimated to be a Category III size of business.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

I, EPA Region 6 inspector, Kiera Hancock, and inspector Justin Mullenix, arrived at C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera, on November 4, 2025, at approximately 1:25PM. I entered the facility and spoke with an employee who identified himself as Jose Villalobos Solis. I identified myself and my colleague as inspectors with the EPA and explained the purpose of our visit. I requested to move into an office to review and provide documentation. Inspector Mullenix and I presented our federal inspector's credentials, and I provided a Notice of Inspection (EPA form 3540-2) for review and signature (Appendix 1). Mr. Villalobos Solis declined to sign the document and informed us that he was informed by his boss, Ernesto Macis, not to sign any documents. Inspector Mullenix and I received permission to continue the inspection with the understanding Mr. Villalobos Solis would not sign the Notice of Inspection. It was our understanding that Mr. Macis knew of the inspection since he was contacted by Mr. Villalobos Solis during the inspection. Inspector Mullenix and I asked questions about the store and its activities. Mr. Villalobos Solis stated that he believed the products sold were not imported but bought within the United States. He also confirmed that La Abarrotera is also C.T. Grocers and confirmed he believed C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera was an accurate reflection of the company name. I provided a list of products observed to be potentially an area of concern on La Abarrotera's website (URL: <https://www.laabarrotera.com/>). Mr. Villalobos Solis reviewed the products and stated he did not believe Fabuloso (Spanish Label) or any of the products listed were sold. We then informed Mr. Villalobos Solis that we would look around and review the pesticidal products being offered for sale at the store.

Mr. Villalobos Solis, inspector Mullenix, and I entered the warehouse and observed a small assortment of FIFRA-regulated products being held for sale and distribution. Inspector Mullenix took photographs, and we both reviewed the labels (Appendix 3). Following our review of the pesticidal products, inspector

Mullenix and I reapproached Mr. Villalobos Solis to discuss the findings of the inspection. We informed him of Salvo Multiusos's label having pesticidal claims while not being registered within the United States. Mr. Villalobos Solis stated that he believed the product was sent to La Abarrotera by accident and to the best of his knowledge, it had not been sold.

We all then re-entered the office. I explained the FIFRA regulations and provided him with a Small Business Resource Information Sheet, the Confidential Business Information (CBI) Sheet, and the CBI Notice Questions and Answers. I stated that I will follow up with Mr. Macis for any sale and distribution and invoice records.

I informed Mr. Villalobos Solis that a copy of the EPA inspection report would be provided to him via email within sixty days. I then provided a Receipt for Samples (EPA Form 3540-3) for the photographs taken for his review and signature (Appendix 2). Mr. Villalobos Solis declined to sign the Receipt for Samples. A copy of the Receipt for Samples and Notice of Inspection was provided to Mr. Villalobos Solis. The inspection concluded at approximately 2:12PM.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

During the inspection, the pesticidal product, Salvo Multiusos, was observed to be an area of concern. The product label indicated it is used as a pesticide and was not registered within the United States at the time of the inspection. Label claims for the product included, but were not limited to the following claims:

1. "Elimina 99% de Bacterias" (Eliminates 99% of Bacteria)
2. "Ayuda a Remover Bacterias de la Ropa" (Helps Remove Bacteria from Clothes)

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

The following information was requested through email by EPA on November 10, 2025, after exiting the Facility on November 4, 2025:

1. Last three years of sale/distribution records for Salvo Multiusos.
2. Last three years of invoices for Salvo Multiusos.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Notice of Inspection (Form 3540-2)

Appendix 2 – Receipt for Samples (Form 3540-3)

Appendix 3 – Photograph Log – 10 photographs taken on November 4, 2025

Appendix 1

Notice of Inspection (Form 3540-2)



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Washington, DC 20460

Notice of Inspection

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Facility Name <i>C.T. Grocers DBA LA Abarrotera</i>	Facility Address <i>9342 SE Loop 410, Bldg 56 + 7, San Antonio, TX 78223</i>
Name of Facility Official <i>Jose Villalobos Solis</i>	Title <i>Employee</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: <i>unregistered pesticide sold / distributed</i>

Additional Information:

Name of Inspector *Kiera Hancock*

Signature of Inspector *[Signature]*

Date *11/4/25*

Title *Inspector*

Time *1:33pm*

Address *1201 Elm Street, 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 2

Receipt for Samples (Form 3540-3)



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Washington, DC 20460

Receipt for Samples

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Facility Name <i>L.T. Grocers DBA LA Abcortera</i>	Facility Address <i>9342 SE Loop 410, Bldg 5, 6, & 7 San Antonio, TX 78223</i>
Name of Facility Official <i>Jose Villalobos Solis</i>	Title <i>Employee</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).

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☐ Duplicate samples requested and provided	☒ Duplicate samples not requested	Amount paid	☐ 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	Date
Name of Inspector <i>Kiera Hancock</i>	Title <i>Inspector</i>
Signature of Inspector <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>11/4/2025</i>
Address <i>1201 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75270</i>	

Appendix 3

Photograph Log – 10 photographs taken on November 4, 2025



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera – 9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5, 6, & 7		
City: San Antonio	County/Parish: Bexar	State: Texas



Photo File Name: P1010017.jpg

Date of Photo: 11/04/2025

Time of Photo: 1:50PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Overview of warehouse.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera – 9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5, 6, & 7		
City: San Antonio	County/Parish: Bexar	State: Texas



Photo File Name: P1010018.jpg

Date of Photo: 11/04/2025

Time of Photo: 1:52PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: 1st side of Salvo Multiusos box.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location: C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera – 9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5, 6, & 7		
City: San Antonio	County/Parish: Bexar	State: Texas



Photo File Name: P1010019.jpg

Date of Photo: 11/04/2025

Time of Photo: 1:52PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: 2nd side of Salvo Muliusos box.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 4

Location: C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera – 9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5, 6, & 7		
City: San Antonio	County/Parish: Bexar	State: Texas



Photo File Name: P1010020.jpg

Date of Photo: 11/04/2025

Time of Photo: 1:53PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: 3rd side of Salvo Multiusos box.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 5

Location: C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera – 9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5, 6, & 7		
City: San Antonio	County/Parish: Bexar	State: Texas



Photo File Name: P1010021.jpg

Date of Photo: 11/04/2025

Time of Photo: 1:53PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: 4th side of Salvo Multiusos box.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 6

Location: C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera – 9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5, 6, & 7		
City: San Antonio	County/Parish: Bexar	State: Texas



Photo File Name: P1010022.jpg

Date of Photo: 11/04/2025

Time of Photo: 1:53PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Top of Salvo Multiusos box.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 7

Location: C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera – 9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5, 6, & 7		
City: San Antonio	County/Parish: Bexar	State: Texas



Photo File Name: P1010023.jpg

Date of Photo: 11/04/2025

Time of Photo: 1:53PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Front label of Salvo Multiusos.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 8

Location: C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera – 9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5, 6, & 7		
City: San Antonio	County/Parish: Bexar	State: Texas



Photo File Name: P1010024.jpg

Date of Photo: 11/04/2025

Time of Photo: 1:54PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Back label of Salvo Multiusos.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 9

Location: C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera – 9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5, 6, & 7		
City: San Antonio	County/Parish: Bexar	State: Texas



Photo File Name: P1010025.jpg

Date of Photo: 11/04/2025

Time of Photo: 1:55PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Overview of boxes held in warehouse.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 10

Location: C.T. Grocers dba La Abarrotera – 9341 SE Loop 410, Building 5, 6, & 7		
City: San Antonio	County/Parish: Bexar	State: Texas



Photo File Name: P1010026.jpg

Date of Photo: 11/04/2025

Time of Photo: 1:55PM

Photographer: Justin Mullenix

Description: Palette of Salvo Multiusos held on shelf.