August 2, 2014,

**Complaint to Rona about OFF and herbicides products in the Regina store**

To Rona

Dear Sir or Ms,

On 31 July 2014, I had to go to the Regina Rona store, located on the East of town.

I am chemically sensitive and especially react to pesticides of all kinds with various physical symptoms, up to and including neuropathy and paralysis.

When I got to the store, the entrance was lined up inside with a wall of Off products, containing *DEET* and likely some containing *pyrethrins* (2) of some kind. Then in a few places throughout the store, there were pallets of *WEED-B-GON* (1). Admittedly I was trying to get away from those as fast as possible, so I don’t know which of the four products below (two contain less toxic iron) they were.

I went through as fast as I could and did not think there was a problem, but when I was driving home, I started losing feeling in my legs, the first sign of a more serious problem. Thankfully, I made it home safely to have a bath and hang my clothes outside before washing. It could have been worse.

All pesticides (the term includes herbicides and mosquito repellents) sold have to be registered with the *PMRA*. However, the federal *Pest Control Products Act (3)* and Regulations (4) are clear in saying that registration is not a guarantee of safety and that it is against the law to say or imply that they are.

In addition to that, *Multiple Chemical Sensitivities* are recognized as a disablilty in Canada by the Human Rights Commission (5). A simple accommodation in this case is to move these products outside in the garden center outside, where there is much better ventilation, and where people go if they want such products. They should not be stored indoors where they unwillingly expose customers to the fumes, especially in a location like the entrance or the check-out counter which cannot be avoided.

I am making

Saskatchewan Agriculture aware of this exposure in the context of their consultation on **A Consultation to Amend *The Pest Control Products Regulations, 1995***.(6) Regulations and training are sorely needed for domestic vendors in Saskatchewan.

I will avoid Rona stores until this issue is appropriately dealt with.

I am writing to

1.make you aware of the incident

2. ask which Weed-B-Gon product was for sale in pallets throughout the store,

3. and to ask what you are planning to do about moving these products outside where they belong.

Thank you for your attention,

Paule Hjertaas,

President and spokesperson for the Saskatchewan Network for Alternatives to Pesticides www.snapinfo.ca

15 Olson Place,

Regina, SK, S4S 2J6

**References**

1. <http://www.snapinfo.ca/info/pyrethrins>
2. Weed-B -Gon label s (from PMRA label search). I don’t know which product you carried.

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| **Product Name :**  | ORTHO WEED-B-GON WEED KILLER READY-TO-USE SPOT WEEDER |
| **Registrant Name :**  | SOLARIS GROUP A UNIT OF MONSANTO CANADA INC. |
| **Registration Status :**  | HISTORICAL |
| **Date of First Registration :**  | 1996-11-14 |
| **Last Sale by Registrant :**  |  |
| **Last Sale by Retail :**  | 1997-08-12 |
| **Expiry Date of Registration :**  | 2000-12-31 |
| **Marketing Type :**  | DOMESTIC |
| **Active Ingredient(s):** | 2,4-D (PRESENT AS AMINE SALTS : DIMETHYLAMINE SALT, DIETHANOLAMINE SALT, OR OTHER AMINE SALTS)(2,4-DICHLOROPHENOXY)ACETIC ACID**CASN** = 94-75-7 ( **GUAR** = 0.20 % )MECOPROP (PRESENT AS DIMETHYLAMINE SALT)(RS)-2-(4-CHLORO-O-TOLYLOXY)PROPIONIC ACID - DIMETHYLAMINE (1:1)**CASN** = 32351-70-5 ( **GUAR** = 0.20 % ) |

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| **Registration Number :**  | 25114 |
| **Product Name :**  | WEED-B-GON KILLEX LOCK-N-SPRAY |
| **Registrant Name :**  | SOLARIS GROUP A UNIT OF MONSANTO CANADA INC. |
| **Registration Status :**  | HISTORICAL |
| **Date of First Registration :**  | 1999-01-28 |
| **Last Sale by Registrant :**  |  |
| **Last Sale by Retail :**  | 2004-08-23 |
| **Expiry Date of Registration :**  | 2004-08-23 |
| **Marketing Type :**  | DOMESTIC |
| **Active Ingredient(s):** | MECOPROP (PRESENT AS AMINE SALT)**CASN** = ( **GUAR** = 50 g/l )2,4-D (PRESENT AS ACID)(2,4-DICHLOROPHENOXY)ACETIC ACID**CASN** = 94-75-7 ( **GUAR** = 95 g/l )DICAMBA (PRESENT AS ACID, AMINE SALT, ESTER, POTASSIUM SALT, OR SODIUM SALT)3,6-DICHLORO-O-ANISIC ACID**CASN** = 1918-00-9 ( **GUAR** = 9 g/l ) |

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| **Product Information** |
| **Registration Number :**  | 30913 |
| **Product Name :**  | SCOTTS® ECOSENSE® WEED B GON® READY-TO-USE WEED CONTROL WITH WAND A |
| **Registrant Name :**  | SCOTTS CANADA LTD.\* |
| **Registration Status :**  | REGISTERED |
| **Date of First Registration :**  | 2013-04-09 |
| **Last Sale by Registrant :**  |  |
| **Last Sale by Retail :**  |  |
| **Expiry Date of Registration :**  | 2017-12-31 |
| **Marketing Type :**  | DOMESTIC |
| **Active Ingredient(s):** | IRON (PRESENT AS FEHEDTA)HYDROXYETHYLETHYLENEDIAMINETRIACETIC ACID, FERRIC COMPLEX**CASN** = 17084-02-5 ( **GUAR** = 0.25 % NOMINAL ) |

**Label Search Results**

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| **Product Information** |
| **Registration Number :**  | 31320 |
| **Product Name :**  | SCOTTS® ECOSENSE® WEED B GON® WEED CONTROL WITH PULL'N SPRAY® APPL |
| **Registrant Name :**  | SCOTTS CANADA LTD.\* |
| **Registration Status :**  | REGISTERED |
| **Date of First Registration :**  | 2014-03-17 |
| **Last Sale by Registrant :**  |  |
| **Last Sale by Retail :**  |  |
| **Expiry Date of Registration :**  | 2019-12-31 |
| **Marketing Type :**  | DOMESTIC |
| **Active Ingredient(s):** | IRON (PRESENT AS FEHEDTA)HYDROXYETHYLETHYLENEDIAMINETRIACETIC ACID, FERRIC COMPLEX**CASN** = 17084-02-5 ( **GUAR** = 0.25 % ) |

1. <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/P-9.01/> section 6(7) Prohibitions
2. <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2006-124/index.html>, Section 21 Advertising Prohibition
3. <http://www.snapinfo.ca/links/health> under *MCS and Allergies*
4. <http://www.snapinfo.ca/info/presentations-and-publications>