

CHAPTER 23

The Law and Pesticides

Those who strive to eliminate all risk
are aiming at the end of progress.

Dick Beeler

I have seen the future
and it is California.

Anonymous

At the start of the 21st Century pesticides are regulated by a plethora of Federal, State and sometimes municipal laws. There are more than a dozen Federal Laws with provisions designed to regulate pesticides.

These include:

- Clean Air Act,
- Clean Water Act,
- Coastal Zone Management Act,
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (SARA Title III); Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (these three are linked)
- Endangered Species Act,
- **Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act,**
- **Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act,**
- Federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Law,
- **Food Quality Protection Act,**
- National Standards on Organic Production,
- Occupational Safety and Health Act,
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act,
- Safe Drinking Water Act,
- Toxic Substances Control Act.

Moreover, there are various regulations that affect agricultural biotechnology as managed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Environmental



An Act

To amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1972".

AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT

SEC. 2. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 135 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

"(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the 'Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act'.

"(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—