

FIFRA SECTION 18 EMERGENCY EXEMPTION LABEL (Rev. 3/20/25)

This label is for use only when no suitable EPA-registered products are available for use against FMDv, ASFv, or AIV

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

CHEMICAL: Citric acid (CAS #77-92-9), anhydrous

PRODUCTS: Citric acid anhydrous (fine granular, granular, or powder)

USE SITE: Hard, nonporous and porous food and nonfood surfaces including, but not limited to, the following: any federal, state, or private indoor or outdoor use site, such as: agricultural and non-agricultural equipment and facilities; transportation equipment and facilities; quarantine equipment and facilities; laboratory equipment and facilities; slaughterhouses and food processing plants; and footwear/personal protective equipment associated with the above use sites.

PESTS: Foot-and-mouth disease virus (FMDv)
African swine fever virus (ASFv)
Low and highly pathogenic avian influenza virus (AIV)

EXEMPTION

DATES: March 20, 2028

USE RATE: 3% citric acid

APPLICATORS: APHIS and its partners (i.e., Federal, State, and local governments, animal industries, and members of the general public).

USE DIRECTIONS: Follow all applicable use directions, restrictions, and precautions on the citric acid product label and on this exemption label. May be used on hard, nonporous and porous food and nonfood surfaces contaminated or potentially contaminated with FMDv, ASFv, and/or AIV. Surfaces must be pre-cleaned by removing extraneous organic matter, such as with detergent, rinsing, and drying.

Prepare solution by dissolving solid citric acid in soft, moderately hard, or hard water containing no more than 400 ppm soluble salts. Apply 3% citric acid solution on pre-cleaned porous and nonporous food and non-food contact surfaces. Contact time on porous surfaces is 30 minutes. Contact time on nonporous is 15 minutes.

Reapply solution if necessary, so that surface remains completely wet for applicable contact time. A fresh solution must be prepared daily. Treatments may be conducted at any location in the United States, including tribal lands.

RESTRICTIONS: KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

DANGER: Corrosive. Causes irreversible eye damage. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear protective eye wear (goggles, face shield, or safety glasses) and chemical-resistant gloves during application. Harmful if swallowed or inhaled. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash clothing before reuse. Do not mix/use with bleach, chlorinated products, or mildew stain removers as irritating fumes may result.

First Aid Statement	
If in eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15–20 minutes. • Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. • Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
If on skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take off contaminated clothing. • Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15–20 minutes. • Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
If swallowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. • Have a person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. • Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor. • Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
If inhaled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move person to fresh air. • If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible. • Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.
HOT LINE NUMBER	
<p>Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. For information on this pesticide product (including health concerns, medical emergencies, or pesticide incidents), call the National Pesticide Telecommunication Network at 1–800–858–7378.</p>	

Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, estuaries, ponds, oceans, or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product into sewer systems without previously notifying the Local Sewage Treatment Plant Authority. For guidance, contact your State Water Board or Regional Office of the EPA.

Do not discharge into waters or habitats that may contain federally listed threatened or endangered plants and or animals.

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Store in a tightly closed container. Store in areas inaccessible to small children. Do not reuse bottle.

Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If disposal according to the label is not possible, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency or the Hazardous Waste Representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

Any adverse effects resulting from the use of citric acid under this emergency exemption must be immediately reported to the Veterinary Pathogen Disinfectant Staff Officer at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, National Center for Animal Health Emergency Management, Interagency Coordination Staff, 4700 River Road, Unit 41, Riverdale, MD 20737–1237, telephone (800) 940–6524.