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PREVENTION, PESTICIDES AND  
TOXIC SUBSTANCES

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Mr. Larry R. Hodges  
Bayer CropScience LP  
2 T.W. Alexander Drive,  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Subject: Label Notification(s) for Pesticide Registration Notice 2007-4

Dear Registrant:

The Agency is in receipt of your Application(s) for Pesticide Notification under Pesticide Registration Notice (PRN) 2007-4 dated July 17, 2009 for:

**EPA Registration 264-958    Tops MZ Potato Seed-Piece Treatment Fungicide**

The Registration Division (RD) has conducted a review of this request for applicability under PRN 2007-4 and finds that the label change(s) requested falls within the scope of PRN-2007-4. The label has been date-stamped "Notification" and will be placed in our records.

Please be reminded that 40 CFR Part 156.140(a)(4) requires that a batch code, lot number, or other code identifying the batch of the pesticide distributed and sold be placed on nonrefillable containers. The code may appear either on the label (and can be added by non-notification/PR Notice 98-10) or durably marked on the container itself.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 703-305-6249 or Banza Djapao of my staff at 703-305-7269.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel C. Holloman".

Linda Arrington  
Notifications & Minor Formulations Team Leader  
Registration Division (7505P)  
Office of Pesticide Programs



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<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

OPP Identifier Number

### Application for Pesticide - Section I

1. Company/Product Number 264-958	2. EPA Product Manager NOTIF	3. Proposed Classification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
4. Company/Product (Name) Tops MZ Potato Seed-Piece Treatment Fungicide	PM# 21	
5. Name and Address of Applicant (Include ZIP Code) Bayer CropScience LP 2 T. W. Alexander Drive Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this is a new address	6. Expedited Review. In accordance with FIFRA Section 3(c)(3) (b)(i), my product is similar or identical in composition and labeling to: EPA Reg. No. <b>NOTIFICATION</b> Product Name <b>APR 10 2009</b>	

### Section - II

<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment - Explain below.	<input type="checkbox"/> Final printed labels in response to Agency letter dated _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission in response to Agency letter dated _____	<input type="checkbox"/> "Me Too" Application.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notification - Explain below.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Explain below.

**Explanation:** Use additional page(s) if necessary. (For section I and Section II.)

"Notification of label change per PR Notice 2007-4. This notification is consistent with the guidance in PR Notice 2007-4 and the requirements of EPA's regulations at 40 CFR §§ 156.10, 156.140, 156.144, 156.146, and 156.156. No other changes have been made to the labeling or the Confidential Statement of Formula for this product. I understand that it is a violation of 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 to willfully make any false statement to EPA. I further understand that if the amended label is not consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR §§ 156.10, 156.140, 156.144, 156.146, and 156.156, this product may be in violation of FIFRA and I may be subject to enforcement action and penalties under sections 12 and 14 of FIFRA."

### Section - III

1. Material This Product Will Be Packaged In:				2. Type of Container	
Child-Resistant Packaging <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Unit Packaging <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Water Soluble Packaging <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Metal	<input type="checkbox"/> Plastic
* Certification must be submitted		If "Yes" Unit Packaging wgt.	No. per container	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glass	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper
		If "Yes" Package wgt	No. per container	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
3. Location of Net Contents Information <input type="checkbox"/> Label <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Container		4. Size(s) Retail Container 40 lb		5. Location of Label Directions <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Manner in Which Label is Affixed to Product <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lithograph Paper glued Stenciled				<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

### Section - IV

1. Contact Point (Complete items directly below for identification of individual to be contacted, if necessary, to process this application.)		
Name Larry R. Hodges	Title Registration Manager - Insecticides	Telephone No. (Include Area Code) 919-549-2870
<b>Certification</b> I certify that the statements I have made on this form and all attachments thereto are true, accurate and complete. I acknowledge that any knowingly false or misleading statement may be punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under applicable law.		6. Date Application Received <b>(Stamped)</b>
2. Signature 	3. Title Registration Manager - Insecticides	
4. Typed Name Larry R. Hodges	5. Date July 17, 2009	

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# TOPS<sup>®</sup> MZ<sup>®</sup> Potato Seed-Piece Treatment Fungicide

**ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:**

Thiophanate-methyl: (dimethyl[(1,2-phenylene) bis (iminocarbonothioyl)]bis[carbamate])* .....	2.5%
Mancozeb: A coordination product of zinc ion and manganese ethylene bisdithiocarbamate .....	6.0%
In which the ingredients are:	
Manganese++ .....	1.2%
Zinc++ .....	0.15%
Ethylene bisdithiocarbamate ion (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> ) .....	4.65%
<b>INERT INGREDIENTS:</b> .....	91.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*Also known as dimethyl 4,4'-o-phenylenebis[3-thioallophanate]

**EPA Reg. No. 264-958**

**EPA Est.**

Covered under U.S. Patent Number 5007953

## KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

For MEDICAL And TRANSPORTATION Emergencies ONLY Call 24 Hours A Day 1-800-334-7577  
For PRODUCT USE Information Call 1-866-99BAYER (1-866-992-2937)

### FIRST AID

<b>IF SWALLOWED:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice.</li> <li>Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow.</li> <li>Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor.</li> <li>Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.</li> </ul>
<b>IF INHALED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move person to fresh air.</li> <li>If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take off contaminated clothing.</li> <li>Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>IF IN EYES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>

In case of emergency call toll free the Bayer CropScience Emergency Response Telephone No. 1-800-334-7577.  
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment.

## PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

### HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS CAUTION

Harmful if absorbed through the skin. Causes eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

**Applicators and other handlers (other than mixers and loaders) must wear:** Coveralls over long-sleeved shirt and long pants, waterproof gloves, shoes plus socks and a NIOSH approved respirator with any N, R, P or HE filter.

**Mixers and loaders must wear:** Coveralls over long-sleeved shirt and long pants, waterproof gloves, shoes plus socks, protective eyewear and chemical-resistant apron when mixing/loading. For exposures in enclosed areas, mixers and loaders must wear a NIOSH approved respirator with an organic vapor (OV) cartridge or canister with any N, R, P or HE prefilter; for exposures outdoors, a NOISH approved respirator with any N, R, P or HE filter.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

When handlers use closed systems in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170.240(d)(4-6)], the handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

**USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Users should:** Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet. Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing. Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS**

This pesticide is toxic to fish. For terrestrial uses, do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes.

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

**It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.**

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

**AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS**

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment (PPE), and restricted-entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard. Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 24 hours. Exception: if the product is soil-injected or soil-incorporated, the Worker Protection Standard, under certain circumstances, allows workers to enter the treated area if there will be no contact with anything that has been treated. PPE required for early reentry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil, or water, is: coveralls over long-sleeved shirt and long pants, waterproof gloves, shoes plus socks, and protective eyewear.

**STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

**PESTICIDE STORAGE**

Store in cool, dry location. Do not store in direct, hot sunlight. Protect from freezing temperatures.

**PESTICIDE DISPOSAL**

Pesticide wastes are toxic. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance

**CONTAINER DISPOSAL**

Non-refillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Offer for recycling, if available. Completely empty bag into application equipment by tapping sides to dislodge residues. Then dispose of empty bag in a sanitary landfill or by incineration, or, if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

## NOTICE

**This pesticide will not control bacterial diseases or other diseases not claimed on this label.** Consult your local extension potato specialist for variety and treatment information, and for recommendations specific to your area on how to minimize the potential expression of seed-piece decay and potato diseases.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Do not use this product at higher than recommended rate.

**Note:** Thiophanate-methyl is a systemic fungicide having a specific mode of action which has been subject to development of resistant strains of fungi. Development of resistance cannot be predicted. Therefore, Bayer CropScience cannot assume liability for crop damage resulting from resistant strains of fungi. Consult with your local extension potato specialist for guidance and ways to control any possible resistant strains of fungi which may occur.

**NOTE:** This pesticide is to be sold ONLY in this original unbroken package.

Do not use treated seed-pieces for food, feed, or fodder. Plant as soon as possible after cutting and treating in accordance with the basic recommendations of your local extension potato specialist.

Apply only in areas with adequate ventilation or dust collection and control equipment installed. Do not substitute fans for ventilation in areas where application is made to cut potatoes.

## APPLICATION

TOPS MZ aids in the suppression of potato seed-piece diseases caused by *Fusarium* (dry rot), *Rhizoctonia* (black scurf and stem canker), and *Helminthosporium solani* (silver scurf) and will help reduce the \*spread of *Phytophthora infestans* (late blight) that may occur from surface infestation resulting from seed-piece to seed-piece contact during the handling, cutting and planting process. [\*TOPS MZ is not efficacious against systemic seed-piece infections or airborne (secondary) inoculum.] Use 0.75-1.0 pound TOPS MZ per 100 pounds of cut seed-pieces. Apply by means of a seed dust metering applicator or dust attachment positioned over the belt so that the cut seed-pieces are thoroughly covered with TOPS MZ. Thoroughly clean and sanitize cutting machines, knives, trays, tables, barrels, equipment, trucks and planters before cutting and planting seed-pieces. Consult your local extension potato specialist for detailed information about controlling Silver Scurf in your area.

**IMPORTANT: READ BEFORE USE**

Read the entire Directions for Use, Conditions, Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitations of Liability before using this product. If terms are not acceptable, return the unopened product container at once.

By using this product, user or buyer accepts the following Conditions, disclaimer of Warranties and Limitations of Liability.

Treatment of highly mechanically damaged seed, or seed of known low vigor and poor quality, may result in reduced germination and/or reduction of seed and seedling vigor. Treat and conduct germination tests on a small portion of seed before committing the total seed lot to a selected chemical treatment. Due to seed quality conditions beyond the control of Bayer CropScience, no claims are made to guarantee germination of carry-over seed.

**CONDITIONS:** The directions for use of this product are believed to be adequate and should be followed carefully. However, it is impossible to eliminate all risks associated with the use of this product. Crop injury, ineffectiveness or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as weather conditions, presence of other materials, or the manner of use or application, all of which are beyond the control of Bayer CropScience. To the extent allowable under State law, all such risks shall be assumed by the user or buyer.

**DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES:** BAYER CROPSCIENCE MAKES NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, OF MERCHANTABILITY OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR OTHERWISE, THAT EXTEND BEYOND THE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS LABEL. No agent of Bayer CropScience is authorized to make any warranties beyond those contained herein or to modify the warranties contained herein. BAYER CROPSCIENCE DISCLAIMS ANY LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE USE OR HANDLING OF THIS PRODUCT.

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