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Re: Nortica 10 WP - Application Dated April 9, 2014
EPA Registration No. 432-1524 - Minor Label ("Fast Track") Amendment

Dear Dr. Pangilinan:

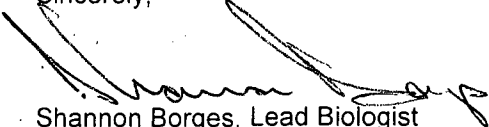
The Agency reviewed your request for registration amendment dated April 9, 2014 which included revised label directions for better clarity, added marketing graphic placeholder, and updating container handling statement. Your application regarding the above referenced product label under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Section 3(c)(5) are acceptable and the amended label is approved provided you do the following:

1. Submit and/or cite all data required for registration and registration review under FIFRA Section 3(c)(5) when the Agency requires all registrants of similar products to submit such data.
2. Submit final printed labels prior to release of product for shipment.

This registration amendment does not eliminate the need for continual reassessment of the pesticide. If EPA determines at any time that additional data are required to maintain in effect an existing registration, the Agency will require submission of such data under section 3(c)(2)(B) of FIFRA. If you do not comply with these terms of registration appropriate regulatory action will be taken. Your release for shipment of the amended product constitutes acceptance of these terms. A new stamped label is included for your records. Please submit final printed labels prior to release of product for shipment.

If you have any questions regarding this pesticide, please email me at borges.shannon@epa.gov or call me on 703-305-7175.

Sincerely,



Shannon Borges, Lead Biologist
Microbial Pesticides Branch
Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division.

Encl: Approved label

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ACCEPTED

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Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, for the pesticide registered under EPA Reg. No.

432-1524

NORTICA® 10 WP

A Biological Agent for the Protection of Plant Roots Against Plant Parasitic Nematodes on Turf, Residential and Commercial Lawns, Sod Farms, Sports Fields and Golf Courses (Greens, Tees, Fairways and Roughs)

[*Belonolaimus longicaudatus* Rau Image]

Editorial Note – [Bracketed text] is optional language

Active Ingredient:

Bacillus firmus (strain I-1582)* 10.0%

Other Ingredients: 90.0%

Total: 100.0%

* Contains a minimum of 6 x 10⁹ cfu/gram

Reg. No. 432-1524

EPA Est. No. _____

Fertilizer Grade 14-0-21

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 1-800-331-2867

FIRST AID

If in eyes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 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 or clothing:	<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.
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. You may also contact 1-800-334-7577 for emergency medical treatment.	

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION

Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- waterproof gloves
- shoes plus socks
- dust/mist filtering respirator meeting NIOSH standards of at least N-95, R-95, or P-95

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.

Engineering Controls

When handlers use closed systems or enclosed cabs 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.

IMPORTANT: When reduced PPE is worn because a closed system is being used, handlers must be provided all PPE specified above for "applicators and other handlers" and have such PPE immediately available for use in an emergency, such as a spill or equipment break-down.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

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 when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment wash waters or rinsate.

IMPORTANT: Read the entire label before using this product.

Production Date: _____

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 State or Tribal 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 intervals (REI). 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 4 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 entry 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
- Waterproof gloves
- Shoes plus socks
- Dust/mist filtering respirator meeting NIOSH standards of at least N-95, R-95, or P-95

Non-Agricultural Use Requirements

The requirements in this box apply to uses of this product that are NOT within the scope of the Worker Protection Standard for agricultural pesticides (40 CFR Part 170). The WPS applies when this product is used to produce agricultural plants on farms, forests, nurseries, or greenhouses.

Keep unprotected persons out of treated areas until sprays have dried.

USE INFORMATION

NORTICA® 10 WP suppresses nematode populations through the activity of *Bacillus firmus*. With this biological protection, a vigorous root system is established by the plant.

NORTICA 10 WP is suitable for application by spraying, drenching, or drip irrigation. Optimal results are obtained by preplant application (2-7 days before planting).

Applying NORTICA 10 WP during periods of root growth will cause a reduction in nematode populations in the soil. NORTICA 10 WP does not control other pests or pathogens. Use other means (such as soil fumigants) to control other soil-borne pathogens.

RESTRICTIONS

- Do not apply within two weeks of a fumigant application.
- Do not combine NORTICA 10 WP in the spray tank with pesticides, adjuvants, or fertilizers if there has been no previous experience or use of the combination to show it is physically compatible, effective, and non-injurious under your use conditions.
- Do not add products which lower the spray tank acidity below pH 5.

COMPATABILITY

NORTICA 10 WP is physically compatible with many commonly used pesticides, fertilizers, and adjuvants. To ensure compatibility of tank-mix combinations evaluate prior to use, as follows: Using a suitable container add proportional amounts of NORTICA 10 WP to water, then add wettable powders, followed by water dispersible granules, liquid flowables, and then emulsifiable concentrates. Mix thoroughly and let stand for at least five minutes. If the combination stays mixed or can be remixed, it is physically compatible.

Test the combination on a small portion of the target to be treated to ensure that a phytotoxic response will not occur within 48 hours. Observe the most restrictive of the labeling limitations and precautions of all products used in mixtures.

NORTICA 10 WP has been evaluated for phytotoxicity on a range of turfgrasses and no lasting phytotoxicity has been observed. After application of NORTICA 10 WP always irrigate to remove the product from foliage and to ensure it reaches the soil.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Spray applications

Apply NORTICA 10 WP through any standard spray nozzles. Do not exceed the prescribed rate.

NORTICA 10 WP may be applied to turf by foliar spray. Apply a spray solution of the prescribed rate of NORTICA 10 WP with a water volume rate between 1.5 and 3 gallons per 1000 sq ft (65 to 130 gallons of water per acre). Agitate the solution until the product is completely suspended and apply directly to the soil or turf.

[For an optimum turf response to treatment, sequentially apply urea fertilizer at a dose of 15 lb of urea per acre (0.34 lb per 1000 sq ft), equivalent to 6.9 lb of nitrogen per acre (0.16 lb of nitrogen per 1000 sq ft).]

New Turf Grow-Ins: For optimal results, make the first application 2 to 7 days prior to seeding, sprigging, and laying sod. Maintain soil moisture until seeds, sprigs, or sods are established.

Warm Season Turf: For optimal results, make the initial application in late winter or early spring, prior to the first new flush of roots. Apply when soil temperatures have reached 60°F or above for three consecutive days. Applications can be made in the fall prior to dormancy or discontinued during a slow period for root growth. Maintain adequate soil moisture for root growth.

