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AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

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Attention: Mr. William Sweeney

**Subject: Sweeney's Poison Peanuts Mole & Gopher Bait II**  
**EPA Reg. No. 30-25**  
**Our letter of May 7, 2003**  
**Your letter of June 5, 2003**

- Purpose**            The purpose of this submission is to revise your label in accordance with PR Notices 2001 and 2001-6 and our last letter.
  
- Review**            The labeling submitted with the above letter, under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) is acceptable, provided you submit one (1) copy of final printed labeling to us, with the following change, before you ship your product.
  - 1. Left justify "Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals",

A copy of the stamped label is enclosed for your records.
  
- Existing stocks**    Stocks of existing labels may be used for eighteen (18) months.
  
- Consequence for non-compliance**    If this condition is not complied with, the registration will be subject to cancellation in accordance with FIFRA section 6(e). Your release for shipment of the product constitutes acceptance of this condition.
  
- EPA contact**        If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me by phone (703-305-5407), fax (703-305-6596), or E-Mail (peacock.dan@epa.gov).

**Questions** If you have questions about this letter, please contact me at 703-305-5407 (by phone), 703-305-6596 (by fax), or [peacock.dan@epa.gov](mailto:peacock.dan@epa.gov) (by E-Mail).

Sincerely yours,



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Registration Division (7504C)

**Letter location** Disk121,A:\Zinc Phosphide\30-25, revised label per 2001-1 and -6.wpd

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**KILL  
MOLES\*  
and  
GOPHERS**

ACCEPTED  
with COMMENTS  
in EPA Letter Dated:

SEP 22 2003

**Sweeney's®  
POISON  
PEANUTS** Under the Federal Insecticide,  
Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
as amended, for the pesticide  
registered under EPA Reg. No.  
Pellets  
**MOLE\* & GOPHER BAIT II** 30-25

**INGREDIENTS:**

Active Ingredient: Zinc Phosphide ..... 2%  
Inert Ingredients: ..... 98%  
Total ..... 100%

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN  
CAUTION**

See Rear Panel for FIRST AID and other PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS.

Net Weight 4 Ounces

**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**

**Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals**

<b>FIRST AID</b>	
Any person applying zinc phosphide products and experiencing signs and symptoms such as nausea, abdominal pain, tightness in the chest, or weakness, should be seen by a doctor immediately	
<b>If swallowed</b>	Immediately call a Poison Control Center or doctor, or transport the patient to the nearest hospital. <b>DO NOT DRINK WATER.</b> Do not administer anything by mouth or make the patient vomit unless advised to do so by a doctor.
<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 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>
<b>HOT LINE NUMBER</b>	
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 Telecommunications Network at 1-800-858-7378, seven days a week, 6:30 am to 4:30 pm Pacific Time.	

**CAUTION**

May be harmful if swallowed or inhaled. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Avoid breathing dust. Wash hands after use. Avoid contamination of food or foodstuffs. Avoid contact with acids. **KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN, PETS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS.**

**Environmental Hazards**

This product is toxic to fish, birds, and other wildlife. 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.

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## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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

### Use Restrictions:

#### THIS PRODUCT IS FOR SUBTERRANEAN USE ONLY

For use against moles\* and pocket gophers in lawns, golf courses and other non-crop areas and areas where food and feed may not be contaminated with soil.

**DO NOT PLACE IN AREAS ACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN AND PETS.** Only apply the bait underground. Collect and bury all dead animals found above the ground.

**DO NOT APPLY THIS PRODUCT BY USE OF A MECHANICAL BURROW BUILDER.**

**Specific Directions for Moles\* (*Scalopus aquaticus*):** The presence of moles may be indicated by a network of surface ridges in the turf, by a series of conical mounds of earth pushed up from deep burrows or by damage to tulips.

**Surface Ridges:** Prior to treatment, determine which burrows are active according to one of the following two methods. Either press down a small section of the tunnel or remove a one inch section of the tunnel's roof. Mark these sections and recheck in 24-hours. The burrow is considered active if the flattened runway has been raised up or if the roof has been repaired. Only treat active burrows. Carefully punch a hole in the top of active tunnels with pointed end of can, drop in a teaspoonful and carefully close the hole with sod or stone. Do not collapse the runway again or allow loose soil to cover the bait. After a few days, check to see if the burrows are still active according to one of the two methods described above. If so, repeat treatment.

**Conical Mounds:** Remove center plug from the conical mounds with the aid of a long-handled spoon and drop a teaspoonful amount of SWEENEY'S POISON PEANUTS into the underground tunnel. Close opening with rock or sod. Do not allow loose dirt to cover bait.

**Specific Directions for Pocket Gophers:** Burrowing pocket gophers (*Thomomys spp.* and *Citellus spp.*) throw out low fan shaped mounds on either side of their underground tunnel. These lateral tunnels coming to the surface are on the flat side of the fan and are plugged with soil. With a long-handled spoon, carefully remove the plug. Insert a teaspoonful amount as far down as possible. Reclose opening being careful not to cover bait with soil.

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## STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

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

**Storage:** Store only in original container, in a dry place inaccessible to children, pets and domestic animals.

**If empty:** Do not reuse this container. Place in trash or offer for recycling if available.

**If partly filled:** Call your local solid waste agency or 1800-CLEANUP for disposal instructions. Never place unused product down any indoor or outdoor drain.

\* Not for Mole use in CA or IN

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