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AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

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MAY 15 1998

Subject: Mertect 40 Antimycotic ✓
EPA Registration No. 100-887
Your label amendment application (notification) dated
April 2, 1998

Dear Mr. Pence,

The amended labeling referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, is acceptable provided that you:

1. Make the following changes to the label:

a. Add a "Storage" subsection to the "STORAGE AND DISPOSAL" section. Include in this section such statements as are appropriate to protect the integrity of the product and its container, what to do if there is a spill, etc.

b. In the "Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals" section, add the following sentence after "Do not get in eyes or on skin.":

"Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling."

c. In the "First Aid" section, separate the "If in eyes or on skin" into two sections and word them as follows:

"If in eyes: Flush eyes with plenty of water. Call a physician [you can also add "if irritation persists]."

"If on skin: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation persists."

d. Move the language in the paragraph directly before the section title "Environmental Hazards" to the appropriate "Storage" or "Disposal" subsection.

- e. In the "Environmental Hazards" section, if this product is not intended for outdoor use, delete the sentence

"Do not apply directly to water."

If the product is intended for outdoor use, modify the same sentence to read:

"Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark."

- 2. Submit one copy of your final printed labeling before you release the product for shipment.

If these conditions are not complied with, the registration may be subject to cancellation in accordance with FIFRA section 6(e). Your release for shipment of the product bearing the amended labeling constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact John Bazuin at (703)305-7381.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia L. Giles-Parker
 Product Manager (22)
 Fungicide Branch
 Registration Division (7505C)

Attachment: Label stamped "ACCEPTED with COMMENTS"

ACCEPTED
with comment
 MAY 15 1998

Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, for the pesticide registration under EPA Reg. No. **100-887**

Mertect®



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ANTIMYCOTIC
 To retard or control mold growth in reconstituted tobacco leaf

Active Ingredient:	
2-(4-thiazolyl)-benzimidazole	40.0%
Inert Ingredients:	60.0%
Total:	100.0%

EPA Reg. No. 100-887
 EPA Est. 39578-TX-1

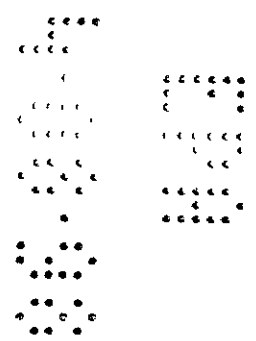
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. CAUTION

See additional precautionary statements at end of label.

Product ID.
10050

20 POUNDS
 Water-Dispersible

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Mertect® 40

DIRECTIONS FOR USE AND CONDITIONS OF SALE AND WARRANTY

IMPORTANT: Read the entire Directions for Use and the Conditions of Sale and Warranty before using this product. If terms are not acceptable, return the unopened product container at once.

CONDITIONS OF SALE AND WARRANTY

The Directions for Use of this product reflect the opinion of experts based on field use and tests. The directions are believed to be reliable and should be followed carefully. However, it is impossible to eliminate all risks inherently associated with 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 Novartis Crop Protection, Inc. or the Seller. All such risks shall be assumed by the Buyer.

Novartis warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably fit for the purposes referred to in the Directions for Use subject to the inherent risks referred to above.

Novartis makes no other express or implied warranty of Fitness or Merchantability or any other express or implied warranty. In no case shall Novartis or the Seller be liable for consequential, special, or indirect damages resulting from the use or handling of this product. Novartis and the Seller offer this product, and the Buyer and user accept it, subject to the foregoing Conditions of Sale and Warranty, which may be varied only by agreement in writing signed by a duly authorized representative of Novartis.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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

For each 100 lbs. of bone-dry tobacco, suspend 2.4 oz. of Mertect 40 in the tobacco water stream. Then proceed as usual with the preparation of the reconstituted tobacco leaf.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Disposal

Prohibitions

Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal. Open dumping is prohibited. Do not reuse empty container.

Pesticide Disposal

Pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate that cannot be used according to label instructions must be disposed of according to federal, state, or local procedures under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Container Disposal

Completely empty liner by shaking and tapping sides and bottom to loosen clinging particles. Empty residue into application equipment. Then dispose of liner and fiber drum in a sanitary landfill or by incineration if allowed by state and local authorities.

General

Consult federal, state, or local disposal authorities for approved alternative procedures such as limited open burning.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals

CAUTION

Harmful if swallowed. Do not get in eyes or on skin.

First Aid

If in eyes or on skin: Flush with water; for eyes, get medical attention.

If swallowed: Call a physician or Poison Control Center. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water and induce vomiting by touching back of throat with finger. Do not induce vomiting or give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

For minor spills, leaks, etc., follow all precautions indicated on this label and clean up immediately. Take special care to avoid contamination of equipment and facilities during cleanup procedures and disposal of wastes. In the event of a major spill, fire, or other emergency, call 1-800-888-8372, day or night.

Environmental Hazards

This pesticide is toxic to fish. Do not apply directly to water. Do not contaminate water by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes.

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