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Subject: Label Amendment - Registration Review Mitigation for Bifenthrin and Imiprothrin  
Product Name: The Ortho Group / HOME DEFENSE MAX PERIMETER  
INSECT KILLER AEROSOL (2)  
EPA Registration Number: 239-2697  
Case Number: 479939 and 679064  
Application Dates: February 18, 2021

Dear Chris Zemanek:

The Agency, in accordance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, has completed reviewing all the information submitted with your application to support the Registration Review of the above-mentioned product in connection with the Bifenthrin and Imiprothrin Interim Decisions, and has concluded that your submission is acceptable. The label referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under FIFRA, as amended, is acceptable.

Should you wish to add/retain a reference to the company's website on your label, then please be aware that the website becomes labeling under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and is subject to review by the Agency. If the website is false or misleading, the product would be misbranded and unlawful to sell or distribute under FIFRA section 12(a)(1)(E). 40 CFR 156.10(a)(5) list examples of statements EPA may consider false or misleading. In addition, regardless of whether a website is referenced on your product's label, claims made on the website may not substantially differ from those claims approved through the registration process. Therefore, should the Agency find or if it is brought to our attention that a website contains false or misleading statements or claims substantially differing from the EPA approved registration, the website will be referred to the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

A stamped copy of your labeling is enclosed for your records. This labeling supersedes all previously accepted labeling and must be used at your next label printing. You must submit one copy of the final printed labeling before you release the product for shipment with the new labeling. In accordance with 40 CFR 152.130(c), you may distribute or sell this product under the previously approved labeling for 12 months from the date of this letter. After 12 months, you may only distribute or sell this product if it bears this new revised labeling or subsequently approved labeling. "To distribute or sell" is defined under FIFRA section 2(gg) and its implementing regulation at 40 CFR 152.3.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Samantha Thomas by phone at 202-566-2368, or via email at [thomas.samantha@epa.gov](mailto:thomas.samantha@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathryn Britton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Cathryn Britton  
Chief, Risk Management and Implementation  
Branch V  
Pesticide Re-evaluation Division (7508M)  
Office of Pesticide Programs

ENCLOSURE: Stamped label

# Home Defense Max Perimeter Insect Killer Aerosol<sup>2</sup>

## EPA Reg. No. 239-2697

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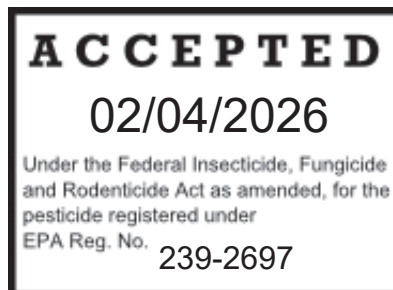
New! Continuous Spray!

Ortho

Home Defense Max

Ant & Roach Killer

(Indoor & Perimeter Insect Killer)



### Active Ingredients:

Bifenthrin\* .....0.050%

Imiprothrin.....0.100%

**Other Ingredients** .....99.850%

Total: 100.000%

\*Cis isomers 97% minimum, trans isomers 3% maximum  
US Patent No. 4,223,505

For Indoor Residential Use Only/For indoor use only/For both indoor and outdoor use/For outdoor use only

### KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

#### CAUTION

See back [panel] for additional precautionary statements.

NET WEIGHT 16 oz/XXX g

[BACK PANEL of can]

ORTHO®

HOME DEFENSE MAX® ANT & ROACH KILLER

(HOME DEFENSE Max INDOOR & PERIMETER INSECT KILLER)

[ICON] Water based

[ICON] People and pets may re-enter treated areas after spray has dried

- Non-staining
- Dries fast

Kills all types of beetles including Asian lady beetles, Crickets, Earwigs, Pantry Pests and Silverfish.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE:

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

All outdoor spray applications must be limited to spot or crack-and-crevice treatments only, except for the following permitted uses:

1. Perimeter band treatments of 7 feet wide or less from the base of a man-made structure to pervious surfaces (e.g., soil, mulch, or lawn);
  2. Applications to underside of eaves, soffits, doors, or windows permanently protected from rainfall by a covering, overhang, awning, or other structure;
  3. Applications around potential exterior pest entry points into man-made structures such as doorways and windows, when limited to a band not to exceed one inch;
  4. Applications to vertical surfaces (such as the side of a man-made structure) directly above impervious surfaces (e.g., driveways, sidewalks, etc.), up to 2 feet above ground level;
  5. Applications to vertical surfaces directly above pervious surfaces, such as soil, lawn, turf, mulch or other vegetation) only if the pervious surface does not drain into ditches, storm drains, gutters, or surface waters.
- Spot treatments must not exceed two square feet in size (for example, 2 ft. by 1 ft. or 4 ft. by 0.5 ft.).
  - Do not apply directly to impervious horizontal surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways, and patios except as a spot or crack-and-crevice treatment.
  - Treat surfaces to ensure thorough coverage but avoid runoff.
  - To treat insects harbored in voids and cracks-and-crevices, applications must be made in such a manner to limit dripping and avoid runoff onto untreated structural surfaces and plants.
  - Do not make applications during rain. Avoid making applications when rainfall is expected before the product has sufficient time to dry (minimum 4 hours).
  - Rainfall within 24 hours after application may cause unintended runoff of pesticide application.
  - Do not apply or irrigate to the point of runoff.
  - Do not apply when the wind speed is greater than 15 mph.
  - Do not spray the product into fish pools, ponds, streams, or lakes. Do not apply directly to sewers or storm drains, or to any area like a drain or gutter where drainage to sewers, storm drains, water bodies, or aquatic habitat can occur.
  - Do not allow the product to enter any drain during or after application.



Do not allow to enter indoor or outdoor drains. No permita la entrada a desagües internos o externos. Follow proper disposal procedures on this label. Siga las indicaciones del etiquetado para el desecho apropiado del producto.

### Before you apply:

- Cover or remove exposed food (including pet food)
- Cover all food processing surfaces and utensils. Thoroughly wash with soap and water before re-use.

### Create a bug barrier:

- Shake well before using.
- Hold can about 18" from surface being sprayed.
- Apply a 4" wide band in areas where insects are a recurring problem to create a barrier.
- Spray until surfaces are wet.
- **Indoors:** Apply along baseboards, beneath and behind appliances, sinks, cabinets, in pantries, on floor coverings (including carpet, tile, linoleum and wood floors), around plumbing and garbage cans, in cracks and crevices in walls, around window frames and doorways, and in attics and basements. In pantries: Remove all items and clean thoroughly before applying.
- **Outdoors:** Apply along the foundation, around window frames and doorways, on porches and patios, in garages, (and) along eaves and exterior siding.

Do not use as a room spray. Do not spray animals or animal bedding [or resting quarters].

**After you apply:**

- People and pets may re-enter treated areas after spray has dried.

**STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

**PESTICIDE STORAGE:** Store in a cool, dry place. Keep container tightly closed.

**PESTICIDE DISPOSAL & CONTAINER HANDLING:** Do not Puncture or Incinerate! **If empty:** Place in trash or offer for recycling if available. **If partly filled:** Call your local solid waste agency for disposal instructions. Do not dispose down-the-drain or sewer. Call your local solid waste agency for local disposal options.

**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:** This pesticide is extremely toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates. To protect the environment, do not allow pesticide to enter or run off into storm drains, drainage ditches, gutters or surface waters. Applying this product in calm weather when rain is not predicted for the next 24 hours will help to ensure that wind or rain does not blow or wash pesticide off the treatment area. Care should be used when spraying to avoid fish and reptile pets in/around ornamental ponds.

**PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL HAZARDS:** Contents under pressure. Do not use or store near heat or open flame. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Exposure to temperatures above 130°F may cause bursting. Do not apply this product around electrical equipment due to the possibility of shock hazard.

**NOTICE:** To the extent consistent with applicable law, buyer assumes all responsibility for safety and use not in accordance with directions.

CONTAINS NO CFCs WHICH DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

[NO CFCs icon]

Federal regulations prohibit CFC propellants in aerosols

[phone icon] Questions, Comments: 1-800-225-2883 or [www.ortho.com](http://www.ortho.com) [computer icon]

**The Ortho Guarantee:** If for any reason you, the consumer, are not satisfied with this product, mail us your original proof of purchase to obtain a full refund of your purchase price.

**Ortho & Your Environment:** Your home and yard are places for family and pets to enjoy. That's why Ortho® products are designed with care to provide effective solutions to insect problems inside and outside your home. For best results and a healthy environment, please follow instructions for appropriate usage, storage and disposal.

Formulated for residential use.

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Manufactured for / Sold by:

The ORTHO Group

P.O. Box 190, Marysville, OH 43040

EPA Reg. No. 239-2697

EPA Est. XXXXXXXXX

[Superscript is first letter of lot number]

### ***Optional Marketing Claims***

#### **Water based product claims:**

- Water based
- Dries clean
- Dries fast
- No oily residue
- No mess
- Does not stain (fabrics, floors, wood, surfaces)
- Non-staining
- Unscented
- Fragrance-Free
- Leaves no odor
- No sticky mess
- No lingering odor
- Odor Free
- Odorless
- No greasy residue (mess)
- Continuous (aerosol) spray

#### **Area-related claims:**

- Consistent spray for maximum accuracy
- Consistent/even coverage
- Ideal for small areas
- Use inside and outside your home!

#### **Where to use/How to use claims**

- Apply along (and behind) baseboards
- Apply along (and behind) appliances
- Apply beneath (and behind) sinks
- Apply in other areas where insects are often
- Gets into cracks and crevices
- Gets to the places bugs hide
- Reaches where bugs hide
- Ready to Use
- You're (It's) always ready to spray
- Easy to use
- The easy way to spray (Home Defense Max)
- Stays where you spray it
- Change the way you spray
- Use (Can be used) in (bathrooms), (kitchens), (family rooms), (pantry) and (bedrooms)

#### **Other claims**

- Guaranteed (results)
- No more tired hands
- No more hand fatigue
- Precise control for maximum accuracy