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Office of Pesticide Programs  
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Washington, D.C. 20460

NOTICE OF PESTICIDE:

- Registration
- Reregistration

(under FIFRA, as amended)

EPA Reg. Number:

241-437

Date of Issuance:

3-20-08

2008

Term of Issuance:

Conditional

Name of Pesticide Product:

Clearcast Herbicide

Name and Address of Registrant (include ZIP Code):

BASF Corporation  
Agricultural Products  
26 Davis Drive  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

On the basis of information furnished by the registrant, the above named pesticide is hereby registered/reregistered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

Registration is in no way to be construed as an endorsement or recommendation of this product by the Agency. In order to protect health and the environment, the Administrator, on his motion, may at any time suspend or cancel the registration of a pesticide in accordance with the Act. The acceptance of any name in connection with the registration of a product under this Act is not to be construed as giving the registrant a right to exclusive use of the name or to its use if it has been covered by others.

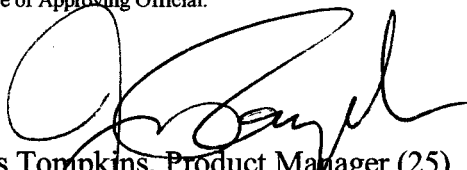
This product is conditionally registered in accordance with FIFRA section 3(c)(7)(a) provided you agree in writing to:

1. To the label add the correct EPA Registration Number and EPA Establishment Number.
2. On page 5 change "Do not apply Clearcast directly to areas containing endangered aquatic plant species" to "Do not apply Clearcast in a way that adversely effects Federally listed endangered and threatened species."
3. On page 8 change "Where states have more stringent regulations, they should be observed" to "Where states have more stringent regulations, they must be observed".
4. On page 8 change "The applicator should be familiar" to "The applicator must be familiar".
5. On page 8 change "Applications should not be made" to "Applications must not be made".
6. On page 8 change "Applications should not occur during" to "Applications must not occur during".

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7. On page 9 change "The pesticide should only be applied" to "The pesticide must only be applied".

Signature of Approving Official:



James Tompkins, Product Manager (25)  
Herbicide Branch, Registration Division (7505P)

Date:

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EPA Form 8570-6

You will submit one copy of your final printed labeling before you release the product for shipment. A stamped copy of labeling is enclosed for your records. If you have any questions please contact Erik Kraft at 703-308-9358.

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# CLEARCAST™

herbicide

For the control of vegetation in and around aquatic and noncropland sites.

**Active Ingredient:**

common salt of imazapyr 2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-4H-pyridin-2-yl] 6-oxo-1H-imidazo[2-b]5-pyridin-3-ylidene acid 12.1%

**Other Ingredients:**

87.9%

**Total:**

100.0%

US Patent No. 5,334,576  
EPA Reg. No. 241-XXX

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**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.  
CAUTION/PRECAUCION**

Si usted no entiende la etiqueta, busque a alguien para que se la explique a usted en detalle. (If you do not understand this label, find someone to explain it to you in detail.)

In case of an emergency endangering life or property involving this product, call day or night: 1-800-832-HELP (4357).

See inside for complete First Aid, Precautionary Statements, Directions For Use, Conditions of Sale and Warranty, and other special precautions and restrictions.

Net Contents: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BASF**  
The Chemical Company

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<b>FIRST AID</b>	
<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 to 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 to 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>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>HOT LINE NUMBER</b>	
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment. You may also contact BASF Corporation for emergency medical treatment information: 1-800-832-HELP (4357).	

### **PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**

#### **HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

##### **CAUTION**

Harmful if absorbed through skin or inhaled. Avoid breathing spray mist. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

#### **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

Some materials that are chemical-resistant to this product are listed below. If you want more options, follow the instructions for **Category A** on an EPA chemical-resistance category selection chart.

#### **Applicators and other handlers must wear:**

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves, such as butyl rubber ≥14 mils, or natural rubber ≥ 14 mils, or neoprene rubber ≥14 mils, or nitrile rubber ≥ 14 mils
- Shoes plus socks

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

<b>USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>Users should:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.</li> <li>• Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.</li> </ul>

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS**

This pesticide may be hazardous to plants outside the treated area. **DO NOT** apply to water except as specified in this label. **DO NOT** contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters and rinsate.

### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. This labeling must be in the possession of the user at the time of pesticide application.

**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.

Ensure spray drift to nontarget species does not occur.

**DO NOT** apply **Clearcast™ herbicide** in any manner not specifically described in this label.

Observe all cautions and limitations on this label and on the labels of products used in combination with **Clearcast**. **DO NOT** use **Clearcast** other than in accordance with the instructions set forth on this label. Keep containers closed to avoid spills and contamination.

#### **STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

**DO NOT** contaminate food, feed or water by storage or disposal.

#### **PESTICIDE STORAGE**

KEEP FROM FREEZING.

**DO NOT** store below 32° F.

**DO NOT** contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

**PESTICIDE DISPOSAL.** Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on-site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

#### **CONTAINER DISPOSAL**

**Nonrefillable Container. DO NOT reuse or refill this container.** Triple rinse or pressure rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying; then offer for recycling, if available, or reconditioning, if appropriate, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or by other procedures approved by state and local authorities.

**Triple rinse containers small enough to shake (capacity ≤ 5 gallons) as follows:** Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Fill the container 1/4 full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds. Pour rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank, or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Repeat this procedure two more times.

**Triple rinse containers too large to shake (capacity > 5 gallons) as follows:** Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container 1/4 full with water. Replace and tighten closures. Tip container on its side and roll it back and forth, ensuring at least one complete revolution, for 30 seconds. Stand the container on its end and tip it back and forth several times. Empty the rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank, or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Repeat this procedure two more times.

**Pressure rinse as follows:** Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or mix tank. Hold container upside down over application equipment or mix tank, or collect rinsate for later use or disposal. Insert pressure rinsing nozzle in the side of the container and rinse at about 40 PSI for at least 30 seconds. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Clearcast™ herbicide** is an aqueous formulation that may be diluted in water and either applied directly to water for the control/suppression of certain submerged aquatic vegetation or applied as a broadcast or spot spray to floating and emergent vegetation. Aquatic sites that may be treated include estuarine and marine sites, ponds, lakes, reservoirs, wetlands, marshes, swamps, bayous, arroyos, ditches, canals, streams, rivers, creeks and other slow-moving or quiescent bodies of water. **Clearcast** may also be used during drawdown conditions. **Clearcast** may also be applied to noncropland sites for terrestrial and riparian vegetation control.

**Clearcast** is quickly absorbed by foliage and/or plant roots and rapidly translocated to the growing points stopping growth. Susceptible plants may develop a yellow appearance or general discoloration and will eventually die or be severely growth inhibited.

**Clearcast** is herbicidally active on many submerged, emergent and floating broadleaf and monocot aquatic plants. The relative levels of control and selectivity can be manipulated by using a choice of rates and herbicide placement (water injected or floating/emergent foliar application).

To help maintain the utility of herbicide programs, the use of herbicides with different modes of action are effective in managing weed resistance.

## SPRAY ADJUVANTS

Applications of **Clearcast** targeting emergent, floating or shoreline species require the use of a spray adjuvant. Always use a spray adjuvant that is appropriate for aquatic sites.

**Nonionic Surfactants.** Use a nonionic surfactant at the rate 0.25% v/v or higher (see manufacturer's label) of the spray solution (0.25% v/v is equivalent to 1 quart in 100 gallons). For best results, select a nonionic surfactant with an HLB (hydrophilic to lipophilic balance) ratio between 12 and 17 with at least 70% surfactant in the formulated product (alcohols, fatty acids, oils, ethylene glycol or diethylene glycol should not be considered as surfactants to meet the above requirements).

**Methylated Seed Oils or Vegetable Oil Concentrates.** Instead of a surfactant, a methylated seed oil or vegetable-based seed oil concentrate may be used at the rate of 1.5 to 2 pints per acre. When using spray volumes greater than 30 gallons per acre, methylated seed oil or vegetable-based seed oil concentrates should be mixed at a rate of 1% of the total spray volume, or alternatively use a nonionic surfactant as described above. Research indicates that these oils may aid in **Clearcast** deposition and uptake by plants under stress.

**Silicone-based Surfactants.** See manufacturer's label for specific rate recommendations. Silicone-based surfactants may reduce the surface tension of the spray droplet allowing greater spreading on the leaf surface as compared to conventional nonionic surfactants. However, some silicone-based surfactants may dry too quickly, limiting herbicide uptake.

**Invert Emulsions.** **Clearcast** can be applied as an invert emulsion. The spray solution results in an invert (water-in-oil) spray emulsion designed to minimize spray drift and spray runoff, resulting in more herbicide on the target foliage. The spray emulsion may be formed in a single tank (batch mixing) or injected (in-line mixing). Consult the invert chemical label for proper mixing directions.

**Other.** An antifoaming agent, spray pattern indicator, sinking agent or drift-reducing agent may be applied at the product labeled rate if necessary or desired.

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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

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**Clearcast** may be applied directly to the water for the control of submerged aquatic plant species and some emergent and floating species, or as a foliar application specifically for emergent and floating species.

**DO NOT exceed maximum use rate per application:**

Water treatment - 500 ppb (173 fluid ozs of **Clearcast** per acre foot)

Foliar broadcast application - 2 quarts per acre (0.5 lb ae/A)

Foliar spot application - up to 5% **Clearcast** by volume.

**Clearcast** may be applied via surface and aerial equipment including both fixed wing and helicopter.

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**SPRAY DRIFT REQUIREMENTS**

**Aerial Applications**

- Applicators are required to use a coarse or coarser droplet size (ASABE S572) or, if specifically using a spinning atomizer nozzle, applicators are required to use a volume mean diameter (VMD) of 385 microns or greater for release heights below 10 feet. Applicators are required to use a very coarse or coarser droplet size or, if specifically using a spinning atomizer nozzle, applicators are required to use a VMD of 475 microns or greater for release heights above 10 feet. Applicators must consider the effects of nozzle orientation and flight speed when determining droplet size.
- Applicators are required to use upwind swath displacement.
- The boom length must not exceed 60% of the wingspan or 90% of the rotor blade diameter to reduce spray drift.
- **DO NOT** apply when wind speed is greater than 10 mph.
- If applying at wind speeds less than 3 mph, the applicator must determine if
  - a) Conditions of temperature inversion exist, or
  - b) Stable atmospheric conditions exist at or below nozzle height.

**DO NOT** make applications into areas of temperature inversions or stable atmospheric conditions.

**Ground Boom Applications**

- Applicators are required to use a nozzle height below 4 feet above the ground or plant canopy and coarse or coarser droplet size (ASABE S572) or, if specifically using a spinning atomizer nozzle, applicators are required to use a volume mean diameter (VMD) of 385 microns or greater.
- Applications with wind speeds greater than 10 mph are prohibited.
- Applications into temperature inversions are prohibited.

**DO NOT** apply when wind conditions may result in drift, when temperature inversion conditions exist, or when spray may be carried to sensitive areas. See **MANAGING OFF-TARGET MOVEMENT** section for more drift reduction recommendations.

**SURFACE APPLICATION**

**Application to targeted emergent and/or floating vegetation.** To make surface applications targeting emergent or floating vegetation, uniformly apply with properly calibrated broadcast or spot treatment equipment in 10 or more gallons of water per acre. Spot treatments can be made with up to 5% **Clearcast™ herbicide** by volume. To ensure thorough spray coverage, higher spray volumes may be required when treating areas with large and/or dense vegetation. Use an appropriate spray pressure to minimize the drift potential depending upon spray equipment, conditions and application objectives.

**Application to water targeting submerged and/or emergent/floating vegetation.** **Clearcast** may be broadcast applied to the water surface or injected below the water surface. **Clearcast** may be applied as undiluted product or diluted with water prior to application. Under surface-matted conditions, **Clearcast** should be injected below the water surface to achieve better product distribution.

Apply **Clearcast** to water to achieve a final concentration of the active ingredient of no more than 500 ppb. Multiple applications of **Clearcast** may be made during the annual growth cycle to maintain the desired vegetation response.

**Clearcast Rates Per Treated Surface Acre**

Average Water Depth of Treatment Site (feet)	Desired Active Ingredient Concentration (ppb)*			
	50	100	200	500
	Clearcast Rate (fl ozs) per Treated Surface Acre			
1	17	35	69	173
2	35	69	138	346
3	52	104	207	518
4	70	138	277	691
5	87	173	346	864
6	104	207	415	1037
7	122	242	484	1210
8	139	277	553	1382
9	157	311	622	1555
10	174	346	691	1728

\***Clearcast** contains 1.0 pound of active ingredient per gallon. There are 128 fl ozs in one gallon.

**AERIAL APPLICATIONS**

**Clearcast** may be applied by both fixed wing and helicopter aircraft. There is no minimum spray volume when making applications directly to the water. For applications targeting emergent and/or floating vegetation, uniformly apply with properly calibrated equipment in 5 or more gallons of water per surface acre.

**DRAWDOWN APPLICATIONS**

**Clearcast** may be used in drawdown situations to provide postemergence and/or preemergence control/suppression of aquatic vegetation. Apply **Clearcast** as a broadcast spray at rates up to 64 ozs/A or as a spot spray treatment with up to 5% **Clearcast** by volume. Applications should be made when water has receded and exposed soil is moist to dry. For postemergence (foliar) applications, wait at least two weeks after application before reintroducing water. When treating irrigation canals, the initial flush of recharge water after application must not be used for irrigation purposes.

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## LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

### General Limitations

- **DO NOT** apply **Clearcast** to achieve a total active ingredient concentration in the water greater than 500 ppb.
- **DO NOT** apply more than 2 quarts of **Clearcast™ herbicide** per surface acre for the control of emergent and floating vegetation.

### Irrigation Restrictions

1. **DO NOT** use treated water to irrigate greenhouses, nurseries or hydroponics.
2. **DO NOT** plant sugar beets, onions, potatoes or non-**CLEARFIELD®** canola in soils that have been previously irrigated with **Clearcast**-treated water until a soil bioassay successfully demonstrates acceptable levels of crop tolerance.
3. **DO NOT** use any **Clearcast**-treated waters from still or quiescent sources for irrigation purposes less than 24 hours after **Clearcast** application is completed.
4. Waters receiving **Clearcast** either as a water treatment or as a foliar treatment on emergent/floating plants may be used for irrigation as long as concentrations are ≤ 50 ppb. Treated waters resulting in concentrations > 50 ppb may not be used for irrigation until residue levels have been shown to be ≤ 50 ppb by an acceptable method.
5. Still and quiescent waters with an average depth of four (4) or more feet receiving a foliar application of **Clearcast** (≤ 2 quarts per acre) to emergent/floating vegetation may be used for irrigation on allowable sites 24 hours after application is completed.
6. There are no irrigation restrictions on allowable sites for the use of treated water from flowing waters, such as irrigation canals with an average depth of four (4) or more feet, receiving a foliar application of **Clearcast** (≤ 2 quarts per acre) to emergent/floating vegetation.
7. After application of **Clearcast** to dry irrigation canals/ditches, the initial flush of water during recharge must not be used for irrigation purposes.

### Other Water Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions on livestock watering, swimming, fishing, domestic use, or use of treated water for agricultural sprays.

**Potable Water. Clearcast** may be applied to potable water sources at concentrations up to 500 ppb to within a distance of 1/4 mile from an active potable water intake. Within 1/4 mile of an active potable water intake, **Clearcast** may be applied, but water concentrations resulting from injection and/or foliar applications may not exceed 50 ppb. If water concentrations greater than 50 ppb are required, then the potable water intake must be shut and, if necessary, an alternate water supply be made available until the water concentration can be shown to be less than 50 ppb by an acceptable method.

### Endangered Plant Species

To prevent potential negative impacts to endangered plant species, **DO NOT** apply **Clearcast** directly to areas containing endangered aquatic plant species.

### VEGETATION CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS Guidelines for Foliar Treatment of Emergent and Floating Vegetation

- Always use a surfactant for foliar applications of emergent and floating weeds.
- Foliar applications of **Clearcast** may be made as a broadcast spray or as a spot spray with a percent spray solution ranging from 0.25% to 5% **Clearcast** by volume.
- Control will be reduced if spray is washed off of foliage by wave action.

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### Emergent, Floating, and Shoreline Species Controlled with Foliar Applications

Common Name	Scientific Name	Rate (ozs/A)	Comments
Alligatorweed	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	64	Repeat applications may be necessary. Add 1 qt/A of <b>Rodeo® herbicide</b> for quicker brownout.
American lotus	<i>Nelumbo lutea</i>	64	
Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria</i> spp.	32	
Cattail	<i>Typha</i> spp.	32 to 64	Apply after full green up through killing frost.
Chinese tallowtree	<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>	32 to 64	
Common reed	<i>Phragmites</i> spp.	64	Use 1 qt/A MSO; apply in late vegetative stage up to killing frost.
Common salvinia	<i>Salvinia minima</i>	32 to 64	Apply with MSO or MSO + silicone-based surfactant; retreatment will be necessary.
Floating pennywort	<i>Hydrocotyle ranunculoides</i>	32 to 64	Repeat applications may be necessary.
Four-leaf clover	<i>Marsilea</i> spp.	32	
Frogbit	<i>Lymnobia spongia</i>	16 to 32	Water concentrations of 50 to 100 ppb will control frogbit.
Giant reed	<i>Arundo donax</i>	64	Apply 1 qt/A MSO.
Mexican lily	<i>Nymphaea mexicana</i>	32 to 64	
Parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	64	Apply only to emergent vegetation.
Pickereelweed	<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	32	
Smartweed	<i>Polygonum</i> spp.	16 to 32	
Water hyacinth	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	16 to 32	Water concentrations of 50 to 100 ppb will control water hyacinth.
Water primrose	<i>Ludwigia</i> spp.	32	Add 1 qt/A of <b>Rodeo</b> for quicker brownout.
Watershield	<i>Brasenia schreberi</i>	48 to 64	Water concentrations of 50 to 100 ppb will control watershield.
Water lily	<i>Nymphaea</i> spp.	32 to 64	
Spatterdock	<i>Nuphar lutea</i>	64	



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**Submersed Species Controlled with Water-injected Applications**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Rate (ppb)	Comments
Bladderwort	<i>Utricularia floridana</i> <i>U. inflata</i>	50 to 100	
Hydrilla <sup>1</sup>	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	150 to 200	See section on <b>Special Weed Control</b> for application directions.
Eurasian watermilfoil <sup>2</sup>	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	100 to 200	See section on <b>Special Weed Control</b> for application directions.
Northern watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum exalbescens</i>	100 to 200	
Variableleaf milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	100 to 200	
Pondweed, American flat stemmed leafy Illinois small variableleaf  clasping largeleaf	<i>Potamogeton</i> spp. <i>P. nodosus</i> <i>P. zosteriformis</i> <i>P. foliosus</i> <i>P. illinoensis</i> <i>P. pusillus</i> <i>P. gramineus</i> <i>P. diversifolius</i> <i>P. perfoliatus</i> <i>P. amplifolius</i>	50 to 100	
Pondweed, curlyleaf	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	50	
Pondweed, sago <sup>3</sup>	<i>Potamogeton pectinatus</i> ( <i>Stuckenia pectinatus</i> )	100	See section on <b>Special Weed Control</b> for application directions.
Water stargrass	<i>Heteranthera dubia</i>	100	
Widgeon grass	<i>Ruppia maritima</i>	200	

**Special Weed Control**

<sup>1</sup>**Hydrilla.** Apply **Clearcast™ herbicide** at 150 to 200 ppb to actively growing plants early in the growing season. Applications made prior to topped out hydrilla may require repeat application. Single applications of <150 ppb or multiple sequential treatments with <150 ppb per application can be used to suppress and growth regulate hydrilla to reduce the impact of hydrilla growth on recreation opportunities.

<sup>2</sup>**Eurasian watermilfoil.** Apply **Clearcast** at 100 to 200 ppb to actively growing plants early in the growing season. Applications made to mature milfoil (vegetation topped out) may require multiple applications.

<sup>3</sup>**Sago pondweed.** Sago pondweed may be controlled in nonflowing water with water-injected applications at 100 ppb. In dry ditches (drainage and irrigation), sago pondweed may be controlled or growth suppressed with soil-applied **Clearcast** at 64 ozs/A. In irrigation canals, apply **Clearcast** after drawdown and prior to water recharge.

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## MANAGING OFF-TARGET MOVEMENT

The information that follows is general guidance for managing and minimizing off-target exposure of this product. Specific use recommendations in this label may vary from these general guidelines depending on the application method and objectives and should supersede the general information provided below.

Avoiding spray drift at the application site is the responsibility of the applicator. The interaction of many equipment- and weather-related factors determines the potential for spray drift. The applicator and the grower are responsible for considering all these factors when making decisions.

The following drift management requirements must be followed to avoid off-target drift movement from aerial applications:

1. The distance of the outermost nozzles on the boom must not exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$  the length of the wingspan or 90% of the rotor.
2. Nozzles must always point backward parallel with the air stream and never be pointed downwards more than 45 degrees.
3. **DO NOT** apply if wind speed is greater than 10 mph, except when making injection or subsurface applications to water.

Where states have more stringent regulations, they should be observed.

The applicator should be familiar with and take into account the information covered in the aerial drift reduction advisory information presented below.

### INFORMATION ON DROPLET SIZE

The most effective way to reduce drift potential is to apply large droplets. The best drift management strategy is to apply the largest droplets that provide sufficient coverage and control. Applying larger droplets reduces drift potential but will not prevent drift if applications are made improperly or under unfavorable environmental conditions (see **WIND, TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY**, and **TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS**).

### CONTROLLING DROPLET SIZE

- **Volume.** Use high flow rate nozzles to apply the highest practical spray volume. Nozzles with higher rated flows produce larger droplets.
- **Pressure. DO NOT** exceed the nozzle manufacturer's recommended pressures. For many nozzle types, lower pressure produces larger droplets. When higher flow rates are needed, use higher flow rate nozzles instead of increasing pressure.
- **Number of Nozzles.** Use the minimum number of nozzles that provide uniform coverage.
- **Nozzle Orientation.** Orienting nozzles so that the spray is released parallel to the airstream produces larger droplets than other orientations and is recommended practice. Significant deflection from the horizontal will reduce droplet size and increase drift potential.

- **Nozzle Type.** Use a nozzle type that is designed for the intended application. With most nozzle types, narrower spray angles produce larger droplets. Consider using low-drift nozzles. Solid-stream nozzles oriented straight back produce the largest droplets and the lowest drift.

### BOOM LENGTH

For some use patterns, reducing the effective boom length to less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the wingspan or 90% of rotor length may further reduce drift without reducing swath width.

### APPLICATION HEIGHT

Applications should not be made at a height greater than 10 feet above the top of the largest plants unless a greater height is required for aircraft safety. Making applications at the lowest height that is safe reduces exposure of droplets to evaporation and wind.

### SWATH ADJUSTMENT

When applications are made with a crosswind, the swath will be displaced downwind. Therefore, on the upwind and downwind edges of the field, the applicator must compensate for this displacement by adjusting the path of the aircraft upwind. Swath adjustment distance should increase with increasing drift potential (higher wind, smaller droplets, etc.).

### WIND

Drift potential is lowest between wind speeds of 2 to 10 mph. However, many factors, including droplet size and equipment type, determine drift potential at any given speed. Application should be avoided below 2 mph due to variable wind direction and high inversion potential.

**NOTE:** Local terrain can influence wind patterns. Every applicator should be familiar with local wind patterns and how they affect spray drift.

### TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY

When making applications in low relative humidity, set up equipment to produce larger droplets to compensate for evaporation. Droplet evaporation is most severe when conditions are both hot and dry.

### TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS

Applications should not occur during a temperature inversion because drift potential is high. Temperature inversions restrict vertical air mixing, which causes small suspended droplets to remain in a concentrated cloud. This cloud can move in unpredictable directions due to the light variable winds common during inversions. Temperature inversions are characterized by increasing temperatures with altitude and are common on nights with limited cloud cover and light to no wind. They begin to form as the sun sets and often continue into the morning. Their presence can be indicated by ground fog; however, if fog is not present, inversions can also be identified by the movement of smoke from a ground source or an aircraft smoke generator. Smoke that layers and moves laterally in a concentrated cloud (under low wind conditions) indicates an inversion, while smoke that moves upward and rapidly dissipates indicates good vertical air mixing.

## SENSITIVE AREAS

The pesticide should only be applied when the potential for drift to adjacent sensitive areas (e.g. residential areas, bodies of water, known habitat for threatened or endangered species, or crops) is minimal (e.g. when wind is blowing away from the sensitive areas).

Applicator is responsible for any loss or damage which results from spraying **Clearcast™ herbicide** in a manner other than recommended in this label. In addition, applicator must follow all applicable state and local regulations and ordinances in regard to spraying.

## Conditions of Sale and Warranty

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