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AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

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Subject: BASE 250 Ethephon ✓
EPA Registration No. 264-511
Your label amendment application dated August 12, 2002

Dear Mr. Rao,

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 comply with the following conditions.

1. You must make the following change to the label: In the "IF IN EYES:" subsection of the "FIRST AID" section, in the second statement add "eye" after "then continue rinsing".
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,

/s/

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

Attachment: Label stamped "ACCEPTED with COMMENTS"

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BASE 250 Ethephon

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| ACTIVE INGREDIENT: Ethephon [(2-chloroethyl) phosphonic acid] | 71.3% |
| INERT INGREDIENT: | 28.7% |
| EPA Reg. No. 264-511 | EPA Est. No. 264-PA-01 |

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN DANGER

PRECAUCION AL USUARIO: Si usted no lee ingles, no use este producto hasta que la etiqueta le haya sido explicada ampliamente.
PRECAUTION TO THE USER: If you cannot read English, do not use this product until the label has been fully explained to you.

For **MEDICAL** And **TRANSPORTATION** Emergencies **ONLY** Call 24 Hours A Day 1-800-334-7577

For **PRODUCT USE** Information Call 1-888-AVENTIS (1-888-283-6847)

FIRST AID

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| IF IN EYES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice. |
| IF SWALLOWED: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediately call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. |
| 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. |

For MEDICAL Emergencies Call 24 Hours A Day 1-800-334-7577.

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: Treat symptomatically. Consideration should be given to the possibility that overexposure to materials other than this product may have occurred. No specific antidote is available. Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

DANGER

HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Corrosive. Causes irreversible eye damage and skin burns. Harmful if swallowed or absorbed through skin. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Wear goggles or face shield. Wear protective clothing and rubber gloves. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash clothing before reuse.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, ponds, estuaries, oceans or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product to sewer systems without previously notifying the sewage treatment plant authority. For guidance contact your State Water Board or Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

**It is a violation of Federal Law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.
 Read entire label before using this product.**

Base 250 Ethephon must be stored and used in ventilated areas only.

Only For Formulation Into an End-Use Plant Growth Regulator, for (1) The Following Use(s): Terrestrial food uses on: apples, barley, blackberries, cantaloupes, cherries (sweet and tart), coffee beans, cotton, cucumbers (hybrid seed production), grapes, peppers, pineapples, pumpkins (hybrid seed production), squash (hybrid seed production), sugarcane, tomatoes, walnuts and wheat. Terrestrial non-food uses on: grasses for seed production, ornamentals, tobacco (flue-cured) and mistletoe.

2) Uses for Which USEPA has Accepted the Required Data and/or Citations of Data that the Formulator has Submitted in Support of Registration and (3) Uses for Experimental Purposes that are in Compliance with USEPA Requirements.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

STORAGE

Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal. If container is broken or contents have spilled, follow all precautions and clean up immediately. Before cleaning up, put on full-length trousers, long-sleeved shirt, protective gloves and goggles or face shield. Soak up spill with absorbent media such as sand, earth or other suitable material and dispose of waste at an approved waste disposal facility.

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL

Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. Dispose of excess or waste pesticide by use according to label directions, or contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

CONTAINER DISPOSAL

Do not reuse empty container. Triple rinse (or equivalent). Then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration or, if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

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IMPORTANT: READ BEFORE USE

Read the entire Directions for Use, Conditions, Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitations of Liability before using this product. If terms are not acceptable, return the unopened product container at once.

By using this product, user or buyer accepts the following Conditions, Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitations of Liability.

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**ACCEPTED
with COMMENTS
In EPA Letter Dated:**

NOV 18 2002

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

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