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Subject: Label Notification for Pesticide Registration Notice 2007-4 (Storage & Disposal Changes)

Dear Registrant:

The Agency is in receipt of your Application(s) for Pesticide Notification under Pesticide Registration Notice (PRN) 2007-4 dated May 21, 2010 for:

# EPA Registration 264-511 "BASE 250 Ethephon"

The Registration Division (RD) has conducted a review of this request for applicability under PRN 2007-4 and finds that the label change(s) requested falls within the scope of PRN-2007-4. The label has been date-stamped "Notification" and will be placed in our records.

Please be reminded that 40 CFR Part 156.140(a)(4) requires that a batch code, lot number, or other code identifying the batch of the pesticide distributed and sold be placed on nonrefillable containers. The code may appear either on the label (and can be added by non-notification/PR Notice 98-10) or durably marked on the container itself.

If you have any questions, please call me directly at 703-305-5335 or Owen F. Beeder of my staff at 703-308-8899.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Mastradone, Ph.D., Acting

Notifications & Minor Formulations Team Leader

Registration Division (7505P) Office of Pesticide Programs

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May 20, 2010

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ATTN: Mr. Tony Kish (PM 22)

Registration Division (7505P)

Subject: BASE 250 Ethephon (Reg. No.: 264-511): Submission of the Application of Pesticide Notification under PR Notice 2007-4 (Ref.: the Pesticide Container and Containment Final Rule, August 16, 2006)

Dear Mr. Kish:

Bayer CropScience herein submits this amendment for the BASE 250 Ethephon (Reg. No.: 264-511), a solution containing ethephon as the active ingredient. The amendment is to comply with the label language required by the regulation in 40 CFR part 156 established by the Final Rule "Pesticide Management and Disposal; Standards for Pesticide Container and Containment" (August 16, 2006). Based on the Guidance issued under the PR Notice 2007-4 and the product-specific information, we propose the following "Container Disposal" labeling (see Section for "Storage and Disposal"):

#### CONTAINER DISPOSAL

Rigid, Non-refillable containers small enough to shake (i.e., with capacities equal to or less than 5 gallons)

Non-refillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Offer for recycling, if available. Triple rinse or pressure rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. Triple rinse 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. Once container is rinsed, offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill.

Rigid Non-refillable containers that are too large to shake (i.e., with capacities greater than 5 gallons or 50 lbs)

Non-refillable containers - Do not reuse or refill this container. Refer to Bottom Discharge IBC or Top Discharge IBC, Drums, Kegs information as follows.

Bottom Discharge IBC (e.g. - Schuetz Caged IBC or Snyder Square Stackable)

Pressure rinsing the container before final disposal is the responsibility of the person disposing of the container. To pressure rinse the container before final disposal, empty the remaining contents from the IBC into application equipment or mix tank. Raise the bottom of the IBC by 1.5 inches on the side which is opposite of the bottom discharge valve to promote more complete product removal. Completely remove the top lid of the IBC. Use water pressurized to at least 40 PSI to rinse all interior portions. Continuously pump or drain rinsate into application equipment or rinsate collection system while pressure rinsing. Continuo pressure rinsing for 2 minutes or until rinsate becomes clear. Replace the lid and close bottom valve.

Top Discharge IBC, Drums, Kegs (e.g. – Snyder 120 Next Gen, Bonar B120, Drums, Kegs).

Triple rinsing the container before final disposal is the responsibility of the person disposing of the container. To triple rinse the container before final disposal, empty the remaining contents from this container into application equipment or mix tank. Fill the container at least 10 percent full with water. Agitate vigorously or recirculate water with the pump for 2 minutes. Rinse all interior surfaces. Pour or pump rinsate into application equipment or rinsate collection system. Repeat this procedure two more times. Once container is rinsed, offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfull.

#### Refillable Containers

Refillable container – Refer to Bottom Discharge IBC or Top Discharge IBC, Drums, Kegs information as follows. Refill this container with pesticide only. Do not reuse this container for any other purpose. After emptying product from container, either return container to Bayer CropScience per instructions from Bayer CropScience Customer Service Center (1-800-527-4781) or rinse and either recycle or dispose of the container as follows:

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#### Refillable Containers

End users are authorized to remove tamper evident cables as required to remove the product from the container unless the container is equipped with one way valves and refilling or returning is planned. If this is the case, end users are not authorized to remove tamper evident cables, one way valves or clean container. See Container Disposal instructions under Storage and Disposal.

Enclosed is an EPA Form 8570-1, one copy of the revised BASE 250 Ethephon label for review, and an extra page (with the Container Disposal Section) where the revised/new text is highlighted.

This amendment is consistent with the guidance in PR Notice 2007-4 and EPA's alternative language acceptance letter to Bayer CropScience dated November 10, 2009. No other changes have been made to the labeling or the Confidential Statement of Formula for this product I understand that it is a violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 to willfully make any false statement to EPA. I further understand that if the amended label is not consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR §§156.10, 156.140, 156.144, 156.146 and 156.156, this product may be in violation of FIFRA and I may be subjected to enforcement action and penalties under Section 12 and 14 of FIFRA'.

Please contact me if you should have further questions.

Sincerely,

Laura Phelps

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# **BASE 250 Ethephon**

# KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN DANGER

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NOTIFICATION

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 1-866-99BAYER (1-866-992-2937)

# FIRST AID

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 eye.
Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
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.
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 rearment.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: Treat symptomatically. Consideration should be given to the possibility that oversposure 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: <a href="mailto:screen">screen</a> barley, blackberries, cantaloupes, chemies (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.

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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.

**CONDITIONS:** The directions for use of this product are believed to be adequate and must be followed carefully. However, it is impossible to eliminate all risks associated with the 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 Bayer CropScience. All such risks shall be assumed by the user or buyer.

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