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Attn: Danielle Larochelle Bayer CropScience LP P.O. Box 12014 2 T.W. Alexander Drive Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Subject:

Stance Plant Regulator

EPA Registration No. 264-841

Your label amendment application dated March 4, 2008, for a master and

supplemental label

# Dear Ms. Larochelle:

The amendments referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, has been reviewed. Only the master label is acceptable, provided the conditions herein are observed in a revised final printed master label, which is to be resubmitted to the Agency within 45 days of the date hereon. The master label stamped, "Accepted with Comments" is enclosed. Unless stated otherwise, the following corrections refer to the master label.

- 1. Under the section 'Late Season Applications', on page 4, revise the sentence "Apply up to 8.0 fl oz per acre for a late season application(s)."
- 2. If the size of the product container is greater than, or equivalent to either 5 gallons, or 5 pounds, the label's 'Environmental Hazards' section must be revised, adding the following NPDES statement: 'This product is...fish. Do not contaminate water...disposal of wastes. 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 Systems (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product to sewer system without previously notifying the local sewage treatment plant authority. For guidance, contact your State Water Board or Regional Office of the EPA'.

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- 3. On page 4, in the table, change "64 to 25.6 Acres," to read: "64 (2.0 fl oz.) to 25.6 (5.0 fl oz) Acres."
- 4. Immediately following the previous section, in 'Use of Adjuvants', the reduction to '4 hours' must be changed, by specifying a range of '4-8 hours' which is more deliberate, and accurate for such user guidance.

If you have any questions, please contact Bryant Crowe by phone at (703) 305-0025 or via email at crowe.bryant@epa.gov.

Sincerely

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**Enclosure** 

# **STANCE™ Plant Regulator**

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Cyclanilide (1-(2,4-dichlorophe	enylaminocarbonyl)-cyclopropane carboxylic	acid)*2.1%
Mepiquat chloride (N,N-dimeth	ylpiperidinium chloride)**	8.4%

# INERT INGREDIENTS: 89.5% TOTAL: 100.0%

\* Contains 0.184 pounds cyclanilide per gallon.

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# KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION — CAUCION

For <u>MEDICAL</u> And <u>TRANSPORTATION</u> Emergencies <u>ONLY</u> Call 24 Hours A Day 1-800-334-7577 For <u>PRODUCT USE</u> Information Call 1-866-99BAYER (1-866-992-2937)

# **FIRST AID**

IF IN EYES:	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 ON SKIN OR CLOTHING:	Take off contaminated clothing.				
	Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.	11 (			
	Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.				
IF SWALLOWED:	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 dector.				
	Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow.				
	Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.				
IF INHALED:	Move person to fresh air.				
	<ul> <li>If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, pr to-mouth if possible.</li> </ul>	eferably mouth			
	Call a poison control center or doctor for further 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.

# PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

# HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS CAUTION

Causes moderate eye irritation. Harmful if swallowed or absorbed through the skin. Avoid contact with eyes, skin or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, or using tobacco. Do not contaminate food or feedstuffs.

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

# Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves made of any waterproof material such as polyethylene or polyvinyl chloride.
- · Shoes plus socks

<sup>\*\*</sup> Contains 0.736 pounds mepiquat chloride per gallon.

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

# **ENGINEERING CONTROLS STATEMENT**

When handlers use closed systems, enclosed cabs, or aircraft in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170.240 (d) (4–6)], the handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

# **USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

### Users should:

- · Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- User should remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS**

Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters.

# STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

### **PESTICIDE STORAGE**

Store at temperatures between 32°F and 110°F. If allowed to freeze, remix before using.

### **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**

Non-refillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Triple 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 ¼ 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. Then offer for recycling, if available, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or incineration or if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke

### DO NOT REUSE EMPTY CONTAINER

# **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

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

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.

# AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR Part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment (PPE), and restricted-entry interval.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 24 hours.

PPE required for early entry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil, or water, is:

- Coveralls
- Chemical-resistant gloves made of any waterproof material such as polyethylene or polyvinyl chloride.
- Shoes plus socks

# SPRAY DRIFT MANAGEMENT

Avoiding spray drift at the application site is the responsibility of the applicator. The interaction of many equipment-and-weather related factors determine 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 to agricultural field crops. These requirements do not apply to forestry applications, public health uses or to application using dry formulations:

- 1. The distance of the outer most nozzles on the boom must not exceed 3/4 the length of the wingspan or rotor.
- 2. Nozzles must always point backward parallel with the air stream and never be pointed downwards more than 45 degrees.

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 <u>Aerial Drift Reduction Advisory Information</u>.

### 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 below).

# **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 the recommended practice. Significant deflection from 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 3/4 of the wingspan or 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 downward. Therefore, on the up 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 drops, etc.).

#### WIND:

Drift potential is lowest between wind speeds of 2 - 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 and how they affect spray drift. 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. 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 habitats for threatened or endangered species, non-target crops) is minimal (e.g., when wind is blowing away from the sensitive areas). Do not apply STANCE Plant Regulator by air if sensitive species are within 200 feet downwind.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

STANCE is a low dose foliar plant regulator for cotton, utilizing the active ingredients cyclanilide and mepiquat chloride in a 1:4 ratio. STANCE modifies plant growth to reduce plant height resulting in a more manageable cotton crop. Additional benefits include: earliness, increased fruit retention, less boll rot, better light interception of lower leaves, improved defoliation and harvest efficiency.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

STANCE is a low dose plant regulator with use rates ranging from 2.0 to 5.0 fl. oz. per acre for early and midseason crop management. Sequential applications can be made with a minimum of 7 days between applications (see Timing and Application Rate Table). Consult with your local Bayer CropScience Representative or Cotton Extension Specialist for guidance with exceptionally challenging situations. STANCE can be tank mixed with insecticides, miticides and foliar fertilizer (see Mixing Instructions).

Prior to application(s) the field should be carefully scouted for stress from factors including: weather, nematode, mite or insect damage, disease stress, herbicide injury or fertility stress. Application(s) should not be made to cotton under stress.

- For ground application use a minimum of 10 gallons of water per acre using nozzles that will develop a Medium spray category as defined by ASAE S-572. Typical nozzles include hollow cone, flat fans, extended range flat fans, and Turbo Teejet.
- For aerial equipment apply in a minimum of 2 gallons of water per acre.

# **APPLICATION TIMING AND RATES**

Begin applications at matchead square (first square of a typical cotton plant is  $\frac{1}{10}$  to  $\frac{1}{10}$  inch in diameter). First application should be applied when 50% of the cotton plants have one or more matchead squares. Begin sequential applications 7-14 days later or when regrowth occurs. Allow a minimum of 7 days between applications.

Use rates of 2.0 to 5.0 fl. oz. per acre based on field examination and the degree of vegetative vigor. For moderate vegetative vigor use 2.0 fl. oz. per acre and for high vegetative vigor use 3.0 to 5.0 fl. oz per acre. For high management situations, modification in application interval in addition to rate increase can provide enhanced crop management. Allow a minimum of 7 days between applications. Do not exceed 22 fl. oz. per crop per year.

For sequential applications following a matchhead square treatment or for applications initiated after matchhead square, use 2.0 to 5.0 fl. oz. per acre as needed based on field examination and degree of vegetative vigor (see Timing and Application Rate Table).

**STANCE Plant Regulator Timing and Application Rate Table** 

Timing of Application	Use this Amount of STANCE (fl. oz./Acre)	For High Management Situations, Use this Amount of STANCE (fl. oz./Acre) *	At the Indicated Rate One Gallon of STANCE will Treat:
Application beginning at the matchhead square growth stage and sequential applications or applications beginning after matchhead square growth stage.	2.0 to 3.0	Up to 5.0	64 to 25.6 Acres

Allow a minimum of 7 days between applications.

Do not exceed 22 fl. oz. per crop per year.

# LATE SEASON APPLICATIONS

Applications of STANCE can help manage certain late season crop situations such as fields that don't cut out completely, fields where cotton continues to grow after cut-out and other similar situations. Late season applications alone are not a substitute for appropriate early season crop management and should not replace early season STANCE usage. Very rank fields with vigorous regrowth due to poor boll load and optimum growing conditions may not fully respond to a late season application at the maximum suggested use rate.

Late season applications of STANCE may provide better response on fields that have also received early season applications of STANCE.

Apply up to 8.0 fl oz per acre. Consult with your local Bayer CropScience Representative or Cotton Extension Specialist for guidance with exceptionally challenging situations.

ALLOW A MINIMUM OF 7 DAYS BETWEEN APPLICATIONS. DO NOT EXCEED 22 FL. OZ. PER CROP PER YEAR. APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE UP TO 30 DAYS PRIOR TO HARVEST.

# **USE OF ADJUVANTS**

STANCE is generally rain-safe in 4 hours. If rain is expected within 4 hours, use of a high quality EPA-exempt surfactant can reduce the rain-safe period to 2 hours.

## MIXING INSTRUCTIONS

STANCE Plant Regulator is a suspension concentrate (SC) formulation and must be applied with calibrated spray equipment. STANCE is formulated to mix readily in water. Prior to adding STANCE to the spray tank, ensure that the spray tank is thoroughly cleaned and free of other pesticides that may injure cotton. STANCE is compatible with most insecticides and miticides. STANCE can be tank mixed with foliar fertilizers if prior experience and/or test strips has proven to be compatible and non-injurious. Prior to preparing a tank mix always perform a compatibility test mix with all tank mix components. Mix the finished spray solution as follows:

<sup>\*</sup>High management situations are defined as situations where any one of the following conditions may occur: aggressive watering, aggressive fertilization or aggressive varieties.

- 1. Fill the spray tank half-full with water.
- 2. Start agitation.
- 3. Add STANCE and continue agitation.
- 4. If mixing with a dry flowable/wettable powder tank mix partner, prepare a slurry of the proper amount of the product in a small amount of water. Add the slurry of dry materials to the spray tank.
- 5. If mixing with a liquid tank mix partner, add the liquid tank mix partner.
- 6. Complete filling the spray tank with water.

Ensure that all spray system lines including pipes, booms, and screens have the correct concentration of the spray solution by flushing out the system lines before starting the crop application. Maintain agitation until the contents of the tank is sprayed. If the spray mixture is allowed to settle, thorough agitation is required to re-suspend the mixture before spraying is resumed. Screen size in nozzles or line strainers must be 50 mesh or larger.

# RESTRICTIONS

Do not tank mix this product with other products containing mepiquat chloride.

Do not apply within 30 days of harvest.

Do not apply this product through any kind of irrigation equipment.

Do not plant another crop within 75 days of last application.

Small grain and leafy vegetable crops may be planted 75 days after last application. Any crops other than small grain and leafy vegetable crops may be planted 4 months after last application.

Do not graze or feed cotton forage to livestock.

Do not apply more than 22 fl. oz. of this STANCE per acre per season.

Do not exceed a maximum of 0.132 lbs. of mepiquat chloride active ingredient per acre per year through combined or repeated uses of any products containing mepiquat chloride. The total annual maximum use rate of STANCE at 22 fl. oz. equals 0.127 lbs. of mepiquat chloride active ingredient per acre per year.

Do not exceed a maximum of 0.25 lbs. of cyclanilide active ingredient per acre per year through combined or repeated uses of any products containing cyclanilide, such as STANCE and FINISH 6 PRO. The total annual maximum use rate of STANCE at 22 fl. oz. equals 0.0316 lbs. of cyclanilide active ingredient per acre per year. The annual maximum use rate of FINISH 6 PRO at 42.6 fl. oz. equals 0.125 lbs. of cyclanilide active ingredient per acre per year. The combined annual maximum use rates of STANCE and FINISH 6 PRO equals 0.157 lbs. of cyclanilide active ingredient per acre per year.

Stress: Prior to application(s) the field should be carefully scouted for stress from factors including: weather, nematode, mite or insect damage, disease stress, herbicide injury or fertility stress. Application(s) should not be made to cotton under stress.

# **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. To the extent allowed by law, all such risks shall be assumed by the user or buyer.

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