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OFFICE OF
PREVENTION, PESTICIDES AND
TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Subject: Label Amendment Submission of 8/23/93 Response to PR Notice 93-7
EPA Reg. No. 275-66
VECTOBAC-12AS

Dear Registrant:

The labeling cited above and submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, is accepted subject to the comments reflected on the enclosed sheet. A copy of your proposed labeling stamped "ACCEPTED WITH COMMENTS" is enclosed.

WHAT THIS ACCEPTANCE MEANS:

Based on your certification, the Agency has accepted the labeling changes that are necessary to comply with the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) labeling requirements of 40 CFR part 156, subpart K, described in PR Notices 93-7 and 93-11. Any other labeling changes submitted in connection with this amendment application but not directly related to compliance with the WPS have not been reviewed or accepted by the Agency. If you wish to make such changes, you must submit a separate amendment application proposing them. If your product is currently suspended, the acceptance of this labeling amendment does not affect the suspension in any way.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NEXT:

By the next label printing make all the specified changes to your labeling. Send to EPA one (1) copy of the final printed labeling:

- BEFORE selling or distributing any product bearing the final printed labeling
- AND
- WITHIN one year from date of this acceptance.



Recycled/Recyclable
Printed with Soy/Canola ink on paper that
contains at least 50% recycled fiber

Submit the final printed labeling via the U.S. Postal Service to:

Document Processing Desk (FIN-LABEL)
Office of Pesticide Programs (7505C)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20460-0001

Hand or courier deliveries of final printed labeling may be made to:

Document Processing Desk (FIN-LABEL)
Office of Pesticide Programs
Room 266A, Crystal Mall 2
1921 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202

Sincerely,

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for

Jim Tompkins, Deputy Chief
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Attachment

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Comment for: EPA Reg Nr.275-66
VECTOBAC-12AS

The following specific comments pertain to your WPS labeling submission concerning the product cited above:

Delete the following statement from your proposed label; it is not required for formulations of this type: "Some materials that are chemical-resistant to this product are listed below. If you want more options, follow the instructions for category ___ on an EPA chemical resistance category selection chart."

Add the following User Safety Recommendation to the label in the location shown in Section A on Part I of the Product Worksheet in Supplement Three-A to PR Notice 93-7: "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."

Delete the crossed-out statements on your proposed label. They are redundant statements or phrases.

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VECTOBAC® 12AS
AQUEOUS SUSPENSION
BIOLOGICAL LARVICIDE

Active Ingredient: *Bacillus thuringiensis*, subspecies *israelensis*,
1200 International Toxic Units (ITU) per mg (Equivalent to 4.84 billion
ITU per gallon, 1.279 billion ITU per liter).....1.2%

Inert Ingredients.....98.8%

Total.....100.0%

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
CAUTION

APPROVED
with COMMENTS
In EPA Letter Dated
FEB 10 1994
Under the Federal Insecticide,
Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
as amended, for the pesticide
registered under EPA Reg. No.
275-66

Chemical and Agricultural Products Division
Abbott Laboratories
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EPA Reg. No. 275-66
EPA Est. No. 33762-IA-1

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STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT

- If in Eyes: Flush with plenty of water. Get medical attention if signs of irritation persists.
- If on Skin: Wash thoroughly with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if signs of irritation persists.
- If Inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth. Get medical attention.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARD TO HUMANS (& DOMESTIC ANIMALS)

CAUTION

Hazards to Humans

Harmful if absorbed through skin or inhaled. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Avoid breathing spray mist. ~~Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling.~~ Remove contaminated clothing and wash contaminated clothing before reuse. *delete*

Personal Protective Equipment

~~(Some materials that are chemical-resistant to this product are listed below)~~ *delete*

~~Applicators and other handlers must wear:~~

- ~~• Long-sleeved shirt and long pants.~~
- ~~• Waterproof gloves.~~
- ~~• Shoes plus socks.~~

~~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.~~

User Safety Recommendations

Users should:

Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.

PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS

Diluted or undiluted VectoBac 12AS can cause corrosion if left in prolonged contact with aluminum spray system components. Rinse spray system with plenty of clean water after use. Care should be taken to prevent contact with aluminum aircraft surfaces, structural components and control systems. In case of contact, rinse thoroughly with plenty of water. Inspect aluminum aircraft component regularly for signs of corrosion.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Do not apply directly to treated finished drinking water reservoirs or drinking water receptacles. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

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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 intervals. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

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.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 12 hours.

PPE required for early entry into 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.
- Waterproof gloves.
- Shoes plus socks.

CHEMIGATION

Do not apply this product through any irrigation system unless the labeling on chemigation is followed.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

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

STORAGE

Store in a cool [59° - 86°F (15° - 30°C)], dry place.

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

Triple rinse (or equivalent). Then 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. Do not reuse container.

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

Do not apply when wind speed favors drift beyond the area of treatment.

Mosquito Habitat

Suggested Rate Range*

(Such as the following examples):
Irrigation ditches, roadside ditches,
flood water, standing ponds, woodland
pools, snow melt pools, pastures, catch
basins, storm water retention areas,
tidal water, salt marshes and
rice fields.

0.25 - 1 pt/acre

In addition, standing water containing mosquito larvae, in fields growing crops such as: Alfalfa, almonds, asparagus, corn, cotton, dates, grapes, peaches and walnuts, may be treated at the recommended rates.

When applying this product to standing water containing mosquito larvae in fields growing crops, ~~do not apply this product in such a manner as to directly or through drift expose workers or other persons.~~ The area intended being treated must be vacated by unprotected persons.

Polluted water 1 - 2 pts/acre

(such as sewage lagoons, animal waste lagoons).

*Use higher rate range in polluted water and when late 3rd and early 4th instar larvae predominate, mosquito populations are high, water is heavily polluted, and/or algae are abundant.

Blackflies Habitat

Suggested Rate Range

Streams

Stream water** (=ppm) for 1 minute exposure time.

0.5 - 25 mg/liter

Stream water** (=ppm) for 10 minutes exposure time.

0.05 - 2.5 mg/liter

**Use higher rate range when stream contains high concentration of organic materials, algae, or dense aquatic vegetation.

Ground and Aerial Application

VectoBac 12AS may be applied in conventional ground or aerial application equipment with quantities of water sufficient to provide uniform coverage of the target area. The amount of water will depend on weather, spray equipment, and mosquito habitat characteristics. Do not mix more VectoBac 12AS than can be used in a 72 hour period.

For most ground spraying, apply in 5 - 100 gallons of water per acre using hand pump, airblast, mist blower, etc., spray equipment.

For aerial application, VectoBac 12AS may be applied either undiluted or diluted with water. For undiluted applications, apply 0.25 to 2.0 pts./acre of VectoBac 12AS through fixed wing or helicopter aircraft equipped with either conventional boom and nozzle systems or rotary atomizers.

For diluted application, fill the mix tank or plane hopper with the desired quantity of water. Start the mechanical or hydraulic agitation to provide moderate circulation before adding the VectoBac 12AS. VectoBac 12AS suspends readily in water and will stay suspended over normal application periods. Brief recirculation may be necessary if the spray mixture has sat for several hours or longer. **AVOID CONTINUOUS AGITATION OF THE SPRAY MIXTURE DURING SPRAYING.**

Rinse and flush spray equipment thoroughly following each use.

For blackfly aerial applications, VectoBac 12AS can be applied undiluted via fixed wing or helicopter aircraft equipped with either conventional boom and nozzle systems or open pipes. Rate of application will be determined by the stream discharge and the required amount of VectoBac 12AS necessary to maintain a .5 - 25 ppm concentration in the stream water. VectoBac 12AS can also be applied diluted with similar spray equipment. Do not mix more VectoBac 12AS than can be used in a 72 hour period.

Mushroom Flies (Sciaridae and Phoridae)

Conventional *Agaricus* (button) mushrooms:

For the control of the larval stage of mushroom flies when applied to mushroom compost or casing. When used as a compost drench, apply at spawn or up to 14 days after spawn. The casing treatment should be applied at casing or up to 7 days after casing. Use sufficient water (20 - 50 gallons per 1000 square feet of bed) and proper application equipment to obtain good distribution of the treatment through the growth medium.

SUGGESTED RATE RANGE:

Compost Only Treatment: Use 2.5 - 5.5 gal/1000 sq. ft. of bed.

Combination Compost and Casing Treatment: Use 2.5 - 4.5 gal/1000 sq. st. of bed at spawn or up to 14 days after spawn plus 0.5 - 1.5 gal/100 sq. ft. of bed at casing or up to 7 days after casing.

Use higher rate when pest pressure is heavy.

VectoBac 12AS has not been tested for mycotoxicity on all strains of common commercial mushrooms (*Agaricus*). Since strains may vary in their sensitivity, this product should be tested on a section of bed prior to whole house treatment.

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Exotic and Specialty Mushrooms
(Such as Shiitake, Oyster, and other varieties)

For control of the larval stage of mushroom flies when product is applied at spawn, at typical watering time, or when growth medium is soaked. Use sufficient water and proper application equipment to obtain good coverage and distribution of the material through the growth medium.

SUGGESTED RATE RANGE:

Drench or Soak Treatment: Use 20 - 80 ounces per gallon of water.

Use higher rate when pest pressure is heavy.

VectoBac 12AS has not been tested for mycotoxicity on all types of exotic and specialty mushrooms. This product should be tested on a portion of the crop prior to large scale commercial treatment.

Compatibility: VectoBac 12AS should not be mixed with water containing chlorine levels in excess of those found in potable water supplies. Materials containing copper and chlorine should not be mixed with this product.

Fungus Gnat Habitat
(All states except California)

Suggested Rate Range

Ornamental Plants in greenhouse, on nursery plantings in potting soil mixtures with high percent peat.

Light Infestation:
8 - 16 oz/100 gallons*
applied as a soil drench.

Heavy Infestation:
32 - 64 oz/100 gallons**
applied as a soil drench.

*8 - 16 oz/100 gallons = 0.5 - 1 tsp/gallon.
**32 - 64 oz/100 gallons = 2 - 4 tsp/gallon.

Apply with adequate water by soil drench to sufficiently wet the soil surface above and under greenhouse benches where larvae are found. Areas under benches should be treated where larvae are found. Areas under benches should be treated at high rate as this is one of the primary breeding areas. Reapply as needed. In situations where all life forms (eggs, larvae, pupae, and adults) are present, such as with existing infestations, make three (3) weekly applications at the suggested rate range for heavy

infestations. Regular follow-up applications using the suggested light infestation rates, will establish a long term maintenance program.

VectoBac 12AS is a larvicide and will not control adult gnats, therefore, applications must be timed for a stage of development when larvae are present in the soil.

Fungus gnat larvae generally respond to VectoBac 12AS within 24 hours following application.

VectoBac 12AS can be applied by injection into drip or overhead (sprinkler) irrigation systems.

VectoBac 12AS is not known to be phytotoxic to ornamental plant species. However, since all ornamental plant species have not been evaluated, sensitivity to VectoBac 12AS should be checked on several plants prior to wide scale usage

PRECAUTIONS

Important: VectoBac 12AS should not be injected in combination with fertilizers or fungicides containing copper or chlorine, as this may neutralize the active ingredients. (Chlorine levels in potable water supplies should not present a problem with VectoBac 12AS performance).

Do not apply soil drenches to plants under stress, or follow application with excessive amount of water.

For best result, apply drenches toward the end of irrigation period.

**SMALL QUANTITY DILUTION RATES
Gallons Spray Solution/Acre
(Ounces Needed per Gallon of Spray)**

VectoBac 12AS Rate in Pints Per acre	10 Gal/A	25 Gal/A	50 Gal/A
0.25	0.2	0.1	0.04
0.5	0.4	0.2	0.08
1.0	0.8	0.33	0.16
2.0	1.6	0.65	0.32

CHEMIGATION

Apply this product only through: sprinkler including solid set; flood (basin); or drip (trickle) irrigation systems. Do not apply this product through any other type of irrigation system.

Crop injury, lack of effectiveness, or illegal pesticide residues in the crop can result from nonuniform distribution of treated water.

If you have questions about calibration, you should contact State Extension Service Specialists, equipment manufacturers or other experts.

Do not connect an irrigation system (including greenhouse systems) used for pesticide application to a public water system unless the pesticide label-prescribed safety devices for public water systems are in place.

A person knowledgeable of the chemigation system and responsible for its operation, or under the supervision of the responsible person, shall shut the system down and make necessary adjustments should the need arise.

Rice - Flood (Basin) Chemigation

Systems using a gravity flow pesticide dispensing system must meter the pesticide into the water at the head of the field and downstream of a hydraulic discontinuity such as a drop structure or weir box to decrease potential for water source contamination from backflow if water flow stops.

VectoBac 12AS is metered or dripped into rice floodwater at application stations positioned at the point of introduction (levee cut) of water into each rice field or pan. Two to 3 pints of VectoBac 12AS are diluted in water to a final volume of 5 gallons. The diluted solution is contained in a 5 gallon container and metered or dispersed into the irrigation water using a constant flow device at the rate of 80 ml per minute. Introduction of the solution should begin when 1/3 to 1/2 of the pan or field is covered with floodwater. Delivery of the solution should continue for a period of approximately 4 1/2 hours. Floodwater depth should not exceed 10-12 inches to prevent excessive dilution of VectoBac 12AS which could result in reduced larval kill. Agitation is not required during the period in which the VectoBac 12AS suspension is being dispersed.

Application of VectoBac 12AS into rice floodwater is not permitted using a pressurized water and pesticide injection system.

Drip (Trickle) and Sprinkler Chemigation, (Greenhouses and Mushroom Houses)

Public water system means a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption if such system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year.

Chemigation systems connected to public water systems must contain a functional, reduced-pressure zone, backflow preventor (RPZ) or a functional equivalent in the water supply line upstream from the point of pesticide introduction. As an option to the RPZ the water from the public water system should be discharged into a reservoir tank prior to pesticide introduction. There shall be a complete physical break (air gap) between the outlet end of the fill pipe and the top or overflow rim of the reservoir tank of at least twice the inside diameter of the fill pipe.

The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid back toward the injection pump. The pesticide injection pipeline must also contain a functional, normally closed, solenoid-operated valve located on the intake side of the injection pump and connected to the system interlock to prevent fluid from being withdrawn from the supply tank when the irrigation system is either automatically or manually shut down.

The system must contain functional interlocking controls to automatically shut off the pesticide injection pump when the water pump motor stops, or in cases where there is no water pump, when the water pressure decreases to the point where pesticide distribution is adversely affected.

Systems must use a meter pump, such as a positive displacement injection pump (e.g., diaphragm pump) effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with pesticides and capable of being fitted with a system interlock.

The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve and low pressure drain appropriately located on the irrigation pipeline to prevent water source contamination from backflow.

The irrigation line or water pump must include a functional pressure switch which will stop the water pump motor when the water pressure decreases to the point where pesticide distribution is adversely affected.

If VectoBac 12AS needs to be diluted prior to injection, material may be mixed separately and then put into the injector. Agitation may be necessary, if materials are kept more than one day. VectoBac 12AS may be applied continuously.

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Where supply tanks are used for continuous application, fill the supply tank with the desired quantity of water. Start the mechanical or hydraulic agitation to provide moderate circulation before adding VectoBac 12AS. VectoBac 12AS suspends readily in water and will stay suspended over normal application periods. Avoid continuous agitation of spray mixture during spraying. Brief recirculation may be necessary if the spray mixture has sat for several hours.

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