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Subject Label Amendment

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Dear Mr McPherson

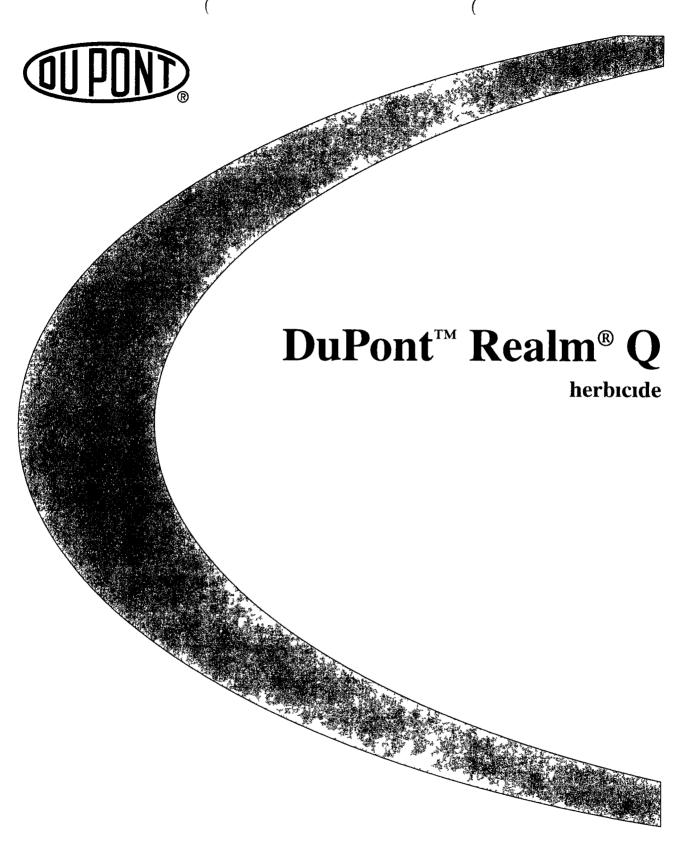
The labeling referred to above submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended is acceptable

A stamped copy of your label is enclosed for your records. This label supersedes all previously accepted labels. You must submit one (1) copy of the final printed label before you release the product for shipment. Products released for shipment after eighteen (18) months from the date of this letter must bear the new revised label. If these conditions are not complied with the registration will be subject to cancellation in accordance with FIFRA §6(e). Your release for shipment of the product constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

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Sincerely

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broadleaf weed control in field corn	Product Information	2
Apply at a rate of 4 ounces product per acre	Application Information	3
Include an adjuvant as recommended in this label The	Rate	3
use of nitrogen fertilizer is required in addition to the use	Timing to crop	3
of a crop oil concentrate or nomonic surfactant unless otherwise noted See SPRAY ADJUVANT	Timing to weeds	3
REALM® Q may be applied by ground (broadcast or	Sequential applications	3
band) 2 the state of the state	Spray adjuvants	3
For ground application apply in a minimum of 15	Weeds controlled	4
gallons of water at 20 40 PSI using flat fan nozzles for	Tank Mixtures	5
best results	Mixing instructions	5
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Apply to actively growing grass and broadleaf weeds at the recommended sizes. See RATE  Applications made to grasses or corn under stress may affect the performance or in some cases reduce crop	Restrictions	6
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# DuPont™ Realm® Q

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Under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act as amended for the pesticide registered under EPA Reg No 352-837

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herbicide	GROUP	2 and 27	HERBICIDE
For postemergence use in Field Corn			
Active Ingredients			By Weight
Rimsulfuron N ((4 6 dimethoxypyrimidin 2 yl) aminocarbo	onyl) 3 (ethylsulfonyl) 2 pyridines	ulfonamide	7 509
Mesotrione			31 25%
Other Ingredients			61 25%
TOTAL			100 0%

EPA Reg No 352 837 Nonrefillable Container

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OR

Refillable Container

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# KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

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)

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

IF SWALLOWED Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to by a poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything to an unconscious person.

IF INHALED Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration preferably by mouth to mouth if possible Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment. You may also contact 1 800 441 3637 for emergency medical treatment information

# PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARD TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION Causes moderate eye irritation Avoid contact with eyes or clothing

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Some of the 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 resistant category selection chart

# Applicators and other handlers must wear

Long sleeve shirt and long pants

Chemical resistant gloves Category A (such as butyl rubber natural rubber neoprene rubber or nitrile rubber) all > 14 mils

Shoes plus socks

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

# **Engineering Control Statements**

When handlers use closed systems or enclosed cabs 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**

Wash hands before eating drinking chewing gum using tobacco or using the toilet Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside Then wash thoroughly and put on 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 by cleaning of equipment or disposal of equipment washwaters or rinsate.

#### Surface Water Advisory

This product may contaminate water through drift of spray in wind. This product has a high potential for runoff for several weeks after application. Poorly draining soils and soils with shallow water tables are more prone to produce runoff that contains this product. A level well maintained vegetative buffer strip between areas to which this product is applied and surface water features such as ponds streams, and springs will reduce the potential for contamination of water from runoff Runoff of this product will be reduced by avoiding applications when rainfall is forecasted to occur within 48 hours. Sound erosion control practices will reduce this product is contribution to surface water contamination.

# **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

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

 $DuPont^{TM}$  REALM® Q herbicide must be used only in accordance with instructions on this label or in separately published DuPont labeling

DuPont will not be responsible for losses or damages resulting from use of this product in any manner not specifically instructed by DuPont User assumes all risks associated with such non-labeled use

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

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 12 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 Category A (such as butyl rubber natural rubber neoprene rubber or nitrile rubber) all > 14 mils

Shoes plus socks

# PRODUCT INFORMATION

REALM® Q is a selective herbicide for burndown and residual control of certain annual grass and broadleaf weeds when applied postemergence to field corn

REALM® Q can be tank mixed with a variety of herbicides to improve burndown and residual control

REALM® Q is absorbed through the roots and leaf tissue of plants rapidly inhibiting the growth of susceptible weeds Rainfall or sprinkler irrigation is needed to move REALM® Q into the soil. Susceptible weeds will generally not emerge from a postemerge application with activating rainfall or sprinkler irrigation (>0.5 inch). In some cases, susceptible weeds may germinate and emerge a few days after application, but growth then ceases and leaves become chlorotic three to five days after emergence. Death of leaf tissue and growing point will follow in some species, while others will remain green stunted and noncompetitive.

REALM® Q is best used in a planned as part of a sequential application herbicide program following a before planting application of DuPont<sup>TM</sup> BASIS® DuPont<sup>TM</sup> BREAKFREE® or DuPont<sup>TM</sup> CINCH® brands DuPont<sup>TM</sup> PREQUEL® DuPont<sup>TM</sup> RESOLVE® Q herbicides and/or other pre applied corn herbicides Refer to the label of the respective corn herbicide partner for specific use directions

For post emergence applications of DuPont™ REALM® Q if activating rainfall or sprinkler irrigation (>0.5 inch) is not received within 5 to 7 days after application follow with a cultivation or with a sequential application of DuPont™ ACCENT® Q herbicide or glyphosate as needed

# **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

### Field Corn Postemergence

#### Rate

Apply REALM® Q at 4 0 ounces per acre as a post emergence broadcast application Consult DuPont technical bulletins fact sheets or supplemental labeling for additional application rate information

#### Timing to Crop

Apply REALM® Q to corn that is up to 20 inches tall. Do not apply to corn taller than 20 inches or exhibiting 7 or more leaf collars, whichever is more restrictive.

While REALM® Q has a wide application window research has shown best results are obtained when applications are made early postemergence (row n go) when corn and weeds are small Target post applications to corn generally less than 12 tall for best overall performance

Applications of REALM® Q made after weed emergence will provide contact control of labeled weeds as well as residual control of later emerging weeds

# **Timing to Emerged Weeds**

Apply REALM® Q when grasses and broadleaf weeds are young and actively growing but before they exceed sizes listed on this label. Applications made to weed sizes greater than those listed on this product label may result in incomplete control. Grass and broadleaf weed competition due to incomplete control may reduce corn yields

On Roundup Ready corn glyphosate may be applied with REALM® Q after weeds emerge but before they reach the maximum size listed on the glyphosate herbicide label

On Liberty Link corn glufosinate may be applied with REALM® Q after weeds emerge but before they reach the maximum size listed on the glufosinate herbicide label

# Sequential Application Pre

REALM® Q may be used as a sequential application in a planned postemergence weed control program in corn following a reduced rate of a preemergence herbicide

Apply pre products such as BASIS® DuPont™ BREAKFREE® or DuPont™ CINCH® brands PREQUEL® RESOLVE® Q herbicides Refer to the preemergence grass herbicide label for use restrictions application information rotational crop guidelines and cautionary statements prior to applying REALM® Q

Do not apply REALM® Q to corn that exhibits herbicide injury from previous applications made to the current or preceding crop

# Spray Adjuvants

For control of emerged weeds applications of REALM® Q must include a crop oil concentrate or a nonionic surfactant. In addition, an ammonium nitrogen fertilizer must be used unless specifically prohibited by tank mix partner labeling.

Crop oil concentrate plus ammonium nitrogen fertilizer is the preferred adjuvant system for REALM® Q for control of emerged weeds When applied in tank mix combination with a glyphosate that contains a built in adjuvant ensure the total adjuvant load is equivalent to the recommendations on this label Select adjuvants authorized for use with both products

Consult local DuPont fact sheets technical bulletins or supplemental labels prior to using other adjuvant systems Products must contain only EPA exempt ingredients

Do not use with spray additives that alter the pH of the spray solution below 5 0 or above 9 0 as rapid product degradation can occur. Spray solutions of pH 6 0-8 0 allow for optimum stability of REALM® Q

# Petroleum Crop Oil Concentrate (COC)

Apply at 1% (1 gallon per 100 gallon spray solution) or 2% under arid conditions

Oil adjuvants must contain at least 80% high quality petroleum (mineral) oil with at least 15% surfactant emulsifiers

### Nonionic Surfactant (NIS)

Apply at 0 25% v/v (1 quart per 100 gallon spray solution)

Surfactant products must contain at least 60% nonionic surfactant with a hydrophilic/lipophilic balance (HLB) greater than 12

Do not use liquid nitrogen fertilizer as the total carrier solution for postemergence applications

### Ammonium Nitrogen Fertilizer

Use 2 quarts per acre of a high quality urea ammonium nitrate (UAN) such as 279 N or 329 N or 2 pounds per acre of a spray grade ammonium sulfate (AMS)

### Special Adjuvant Types

Combination adjuvant products may be used at doses that provide the required amounts of NIS COC and/or ammonium nitrogen fertilizer Consult product literature for use rates and restrictions

# Weeds Controlled/Suppressed

# DuPont™ REALM® Q 4 0 oz/acre

Refer to the Spray Adjuvants section for additional information on proper adjuvant selection

#### Grasses (1-2)

Barley volunteer Barnyardgrass Barnyardgrass
Bluegrass annual
Crabgrass large (1/2)
Cupgrass woolly (1)
Foxtail (bristly giant green yellow)
Johnsongrass seedling\*
Millet Wild Proso\* Panicum fall

Quackgrass\* Ryegrass Italian\* Shattercane (4 ) Signalgrass broadleaf\* Stinkgrass\* Wheat volunteer Wild oat\* Yellow nutsedge\*

\*partial control/suppression

#### Broadleaves (<5 tall)

Amaranth (Palmer\*\*\* Powell Spring) Buckwheat wild Buffalobur Burcucumber Canada thistle\* Carpetweed Carrot wild Chickweed common Cocklebur Curly dock Dandelion Hemp Horsenettle Jimsonweed Knotweed prostrate Kochia Ladysthumb

Lambsquarters common Mallow Venice Marestail\*\* Morningglory (ivyleaf tall\*)
Mustard wild Nightshade (hairy Eastern black)
Nutsedge Yellow\*
Pigweed (prostrate redroot smooth)
Pokeweed common\* Ragweed (common stant)
Sesbania hemp
Sida prickly\*\* Smartweed Pennsylvania Velvetleaf Waterhemp\* Wild radish Wild sunflower

#### REALM® O 4 0 oz/acre with Glyphosate

Glyphosate may be tank mixed with post emerge applications of REALM® O when made to corn hybrids containing the Roundup Ready gene Refer to the Spray Adjuvants section for additional information on proper adjuvant selection

When used in a tank mixture with glyphosate herbicide 40 ounces REALM® Q will deliver improved burndown and/or residual activity on the following weeds

Alfalfa volunteer Canada thistle Chamomile false Crabgrass Filaree redstem Henbit Johnsongrass seedling Millet Wild Proso Morningglory ivyleaf Mustard (birdsrape black wild) Purslane common

Quackgrass Ryegrass Italian Sandbur (field longspine) Shepherd's purse Signalgrass broadleaf Stinkgrass Waterhemp (smooth tall) Wild buckwheat Wild oat Yellow Nutsedge

#### REALM® Q 40 oz/acre with Glufosinate

REALM® O may be tank mixed with glufosinate herbicide if applications are made to corn hybrids containing the Liberty Link gene Consult with your seed supplier to confirm the corn hybrid is Liberty Link before applying any herbicide containing glufosinate

# Tank Mixtures Additional Control of Broadleaf and Grass Weeds

REALM® O may be tank mixed with full or reduced rates of other post emerge labeled grass and broadleaf herbicides such as Atrazine DuPont<sup>TM</sup> CINCH® and DuPont<sup>TM</sup> BREAKFREE® brands to provide added residual or burndown activity on emerged weeds Consult tank mix partner labeling for rate and soil type restrictions. Read and follow all manufacturers label instructions for the companion herbicide(s). Do not use a tank mix partner product if its label conflicts with this REALM® Q label

<sup>\*</sup>partial control/suppression
\*\*add atrazine for control

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>For resistance management add a herbicide with another mode of action such as atrazine

Ensure the tank mix product is labeled for the same timing method of application adjuvants and use restrictions as DuPont<sup>TM</sup> REALM® Q as well as other products used in the tank mixture

As EC formulations CINCH® and BREAKFREE® herbicides can act like an adjuvant in certain combinations and thus increase the risk of crop injury If either of these tank mixtures are used the user should leave the crop oil concentrate (COC) out of the adjuvant mix

REALM® Q may be tank mixed with CINCH® ATZ CINCH® ATZ Lite BREAKFREE® ATZ or BREAKFREE® ATZ LITE but special attention must be paid to adjuvant selection and/or application method. If any of these tank mixtures are used the user should leave the urea ammonium nitrate (UAN) out of the mix. There is still a risk of temporary crop injury in the form of leaf burn with these mixtures. To further reduce the risk of crop injury, the user should also leave out the crop oil concentrate (COC) and replace it with a nonionic surfactant (NIS)

In either case the control of emerged weeds may be reduced somewhat due to less than optimum adjuvant effect or weed coverage and there is still a risk of temporary crop injury in the form of leaf burn with these mixtures

Read and follow all applicable use directions precautions and limitations specified on the respective product labels technical bulletins fact sheets and supplemental labels. Always follow the tank mix instructions of the product label that is most restrictive.

# **Tank Mix Compatibility Testing**

Perform a jar test prior to tank mixing to ensure compatibility of REALM® Q and other pesticides. Use a clear quart jar with lid and mix the tank mix ingredients in their relative proportions. Invert the jar containing the mixture several times and observe the mixture for approximately 1/2 hour. If the mixture balls ups forms flakes sludge gel only film or layers or other precipitates it is not compatible and the tank mix combination should not be used.

# Mixing Instructions

#### **Water Carrier Instructions**

- 1 Fill the tank 1/4 to 1/3 full of water
- 2 While agitating add the required amount of REALM® Q
- 3 Continue agitation until the REALM® Q is fully dispersed
- 4 Once dispersed maintain agitation and continue filling tank with water
- 5 As tanks fills add desired tank mix partners
- 6 If not continuously agitated settling will occur If settling occurs thoroughly re agitate before using
- 7 Apply mixture within 48 hours of mixing for best results

If the selected companion herbicide has a ground or surface water advisory consider this advisory when using the companion herbicide

# **Application and Spray Volumes**

#### Ground

Use a minimum of 15 gallons of water per acres (GPA) to ensure thorough coverage of the weeds and the best performance. Use a minimum of 10 GPA for light scattered stands of weeds

Avoid spray overlaps as excessive rates may result in adverse crop response

To minimize spray drift to non target areas apply this product using nozzles which deliver a coarse or larger spray droplet as defined by ASABE standard S572 1 and as shown in nozzle manufacturer's catalogs. Keep the spray boom at the lowest possible spray height above the target surface. Refer to nozzle manufacturer's recommendations for proper nozzle pressure setting and sprayer speed for optimum product performance and minimal spray drift. Use sprayers that provide accurate and uniform coverage.

Maintain adequate agitation at all times including momentary stops

# RESTRICTIONS

Do not apply to field corn grown for seed to popcorn or to sweet corn

Do not apply more than 4 0 oz of DuPont™ REALM® Q per acre per growing season unless instructed to do so by DuPont Technical Bulletins or Supplemental Labeling

Do not apply more than 1 0 oz active ingredient rimsulfuron per acre per growing season. This includes posternergence applications of REALM® Q as well as rimsulfuron from applications of products such as DuPont BASIS® DuPont PREQUEL® DuPont RESOLVE® Q RESOLVE® SG and DuPont STEADFAST® Q

Do not apply more than 3.85 ounces active ingredient of mesotrione in a growing season. This includes posterife gence applications of REALM® Q as well as mesotrione from application(s) of products such as DuPont MINSTIGATE.

Do not tank mix REALM® Q with Basagran or severe crop injury may occur

Do not tank mix REALM® Q with foliar application of avoid crop injury or antagonism apply these products at least seven days before or 3 days after the application of REALM® Q

Do not apply REALM® Q within 45 days of crop emergence where the organophosphate insecticide Counter was applied as a treatment since crop injury may occur

Injury or loss of desirable trees or vegetation may result from failure to observe the following

Do not apply REALM® Q or drain or flush application equipment on or near desirable trees or other plants for one areas where their roots may extend or in locations where the chemical may be washed or moved into contract with their roots

Do not use on lawns walks driveways tennis courts or similar areas

Do not contaminate any body of water

Do not graze feed forage grain or fodder (stover) from treated areas to livestock within 45 days of REALM® Q application

Do not harvest grain within 70 days or harvest forage or stover within 45 days of REALM® Q application

Do not use aerial application to apply REALM® Q

Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system

This product contains 0.0375 pound of the safener isoxaditen ethyl per pound of product Applying the maximum application rate of REALM® Q at 4 ounces per acre will deliver 0.01 pound of isoxadifen ethyl per acre. When tank mixing for applications to field corn do not apply more than a total of 0.17 pound of isoxadifen ethyl per acre per crop season?

Applications with wind speeds greater than 10 mph are prohibited ?Applications into temperature inversions are prohibited

# **PRECAUTIONS**

REALM® Q may interact with certain insecticides previously applied to the crop 

Crop response varies with field corn type insecticide used insecticide application methods and soil type

REALM® Q may be applied to corn previously treated with Fortress SmartChoice Aztec or Force insecticides or other non organophosphate soil insecticides regardless of soil type

Severe corn injury may occur if REALM® Q is applied postemergence to corn crops that were treated with Counter or Lorsban which may result in yield loss

Crop injury may occur following an application of REALM® Q if there is a prolonged period of cold weather and/or in conjunction with wet soils

Prevent drift or spray onto desirable plants

Thoroughly clean application equipment immediately after use (See Sprayer Cleanup section of this label)

# ROTATIONAL CROP GUIDELINES

Rotational crops vary in their crop response to low concentrations of REALM® Q remaining in the soil. The amount of REALM® Q that may be present in the soil depends on soil moisture, soil temperature, application rate, elapsed time since application and other environmental factors. When REALM® Q is used in combination with other products, always follow the most restrictive rotational crop requirements.

The following rotational intervals must be observed when using REALM® O

#### 4 0 OZ USE RATE PER ACRE PER SEASON

Rotational Crop	Interval (months)	
Corn Field	Anytime	
Cereals Winter (wheat)	4	
Cereals Spring (wheat oats barley)	9	
Alfalfa*†	10	
Cotton†	10	
Canola†	10	
Potatoes	10	
Flax	10	
Sorghum†	10	
Corn pop seed or sweet	10	
Soybeans	10	
Sunflower	10	
Crops not listed	18	

<sup>\*</sup>On sprinkler irrigated fields in Idaho Utah and Northern Nevada it is best to use deep fall tillage such as plowing prior to planting alfalfa Product degradation may be less on furrow irrigated soils and may result in some crop injury

If DuPont<sup>TM</sup> REALM® Q is applied postemergence following a mesotrione containing preemergence herbicide only corn (all types) or grain sorghum may be replanted the year following application or severe crop injury my occur

Planting unspecified rotational crops or those rotational crops that are specified at shorter than listed intervals may result in injury to the rotational crop

# SPRAYER PREPARATION/CLEANUP

It is important that spray equipment is clean and free of previous pesticide deposits before using REALM® Q and then properly cleaned out following application. Clean all application equipment before applying REALM® Q. Follow the cleanup procedures specified on the label of the product previously sprayed. If no cleanup procedure is provided use the procedure that follows. Immediately following applications of REALM® Q. thoroughly clean all mix and spray equipment to avoid subsequent crop injury.

#### Note

When cleaning spray equipment before applying REALM® Q read and follow label directions for proper rinsate disposal of the product previously sprayed

When spraying or mixing equipment will be used over an extended period to apply multiple loads of REALM® Q partially fill the tank with fresh water at the end of each day of spraying flush the boom and hoses and allow to sit overnight

#### Cleanup Procedure

- 1 Drain the tank and hose down the interior surfaces with clean water
- 2 Partially fill the tank with clean water and add one gallon of household ammonia\* (containing 3% active) for every 100 gallons of water. Finish filling tank with water then flush the cleaning solution through the hoses boom and nozzles. Add more water to completely fill the tank and allow agitating / re circulating for at least 15 minutes. Again flush the hoses boom and nozzles with the cleaning solution, then drain the tank.
- 3 Repeat Step 2
- 4 Remove the nozzles screens and the end caps of sprayer booms and clean separately in a bucket containing the cleaning agent and water
- 5 Thoroughly rinse the tank with clean water for a minimum of 5 minutes flushing the water through the hoses and boom
- \*Equivalent amount of an alternate strength ammonia solution or a tank cleaner recommended in the DuPont bulletin Sulfonylurea Herbicides A Guide to Equipment Cleanout may be used

# SPRAY DRIFT MANAGEMENT

The interaction of many equipment and weather related factors determines the potential for spray drift. The applicator is responsible for considering all these factors when making application decisions

Avoiding spray drift is the responsibility of the applicator

#### IMPORTANCE OF DROPLET SIZE

The most effective way to reduce drift potential is to apply the largest droplets which are consistent with pest control objectives. The presence of sensitive species nearby the environmental conditions and pest pressure may affect how an applicator balances drift control and coverage.

Applying larger droplets reduces drift potential but will not prevent drift if applications are made improperly or under unfavorable environmental conditions

<sup>†18</sup> months in the Red River Valley region of ND and MN. In all other areas, the rotation intervals should be extended to 18 months if drought conditions prevail after application and before the rotational crop is planted, unless sprinkler irrigation has been applied and totals greater than 15 during the growing season.

A droplet size classification system describes the range of droplet sizes produced by spray nozzles. The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) provide a Standard that describes droplet size spectrum categories defined by a number of reference nozzles (fine coarse etc.) Droplet spectra resulting from the use of a specific nozzle may also be described in terms of volume mean diameter (VMD). Coarser droplet size spectra have larger VMD s and lower drift potential.

# CONTROLLING DROPLET SIZE - GROUND APPLICATION

Nozzle Type Select a nozzle type that is designed for the intended application. With most nozzle types narrower spray angles produce larger droplets. The use of low drift nozzles will reduce drift potential

Pressure The lowest spray pressures recommended for the nozzle produce the largest droplets. Higher pressure reduces droplet size and does not improve canopy penetration. When higher flow rates are needed using a higher capacity nozzle instead of increasing pressure results in the coarsest droplet spectrum.

Flow Rate/Orifice Size Using the highest flow rate nozzles (largest orifice) that are consistent with pest control objectives reduces the potential for spray drift. Nozzles with higher rated flows produce coarser droplet spectra

Boom Application Height Applications made at the lowest boom height consistent with pest control objectives and that allow the applicator to keep the boom level with the application site and minimize bounce will reduce the exposure of spray droplets to evaporation and wind and reduce spray drift potential

#### WIND

Drift potential is lowest when applications are made in light to gentle sustained winds (2 10 mph) which are blowing in a constant direction. Many factors including droplet size and equipment type also determine drift potential at any given wind speed. AVOID APPLICATION DURING GUSTY OR WINDLESS CONDITIONS

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

#### TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY

Setting up equipment to produce larger droplets to compensate for droplet evaporation can reduce spray drift potential Droplet evaporation is most severe when conditions are both hot and dry

#### SURFACE TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS

Drift potential is high during a surface temperature inversion. Surface inversions restrict vertical air mixing, which may cause small suspended droplets to remain close to the ground and move laterally in a concentrated cloud. Surface inversions are characterized by increasing temperature with altitude and are common on nights with limited cold cover and light to no wind. They begin to form as the sun sets and often continue into the morning. Mist or fog may indicate the presence of an inversion. If neither is 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 indicated good vertical air mixing.

# SHIELDED SPRAYERS

Shielding the boom or individual nozzles can reduce the effects of wind. However, it is the responsibility of the applicator to verify that the shields are minimizing drift potential and not interfering with uniform deposition of the product

#### AIR ASSISTED (AIR BLAST) FIELD CROP SPRAYERS

Air assisted field crop sprayers carry droplets to the target via a downward directed airstream. Some may reduce the potential for drift but if a sprayer is unsuitable for the application and/or set up improperly, high drift potential can result. It is the responsibility of the applicator to determine that a sprayer is suitable for the intended application, that it is configured properly, and that drift potential has been minimized.

Note Air assisted field sprayers can affect product performance by affecting spray coverage and canopy penetration Read the specific crop use and application equipment instructions to determine if an air assisted field crop sprayer can be used

#### SENSITIVE AREAS

Making applications when there is a sustained wind moving away from adjacent sensitive areas (e.g. residential areas bodies of water known habitat for threatened or endangered species non target crops) is an effective way to minimize the effect of spray drift

# DRIFT CONTROL ADDITIVES

Using product compatible drift control additives can reduce drift potential. When a drift control additive is used read and carefully observe cautionary statements and all other information on the additive is label. If using an additive that increases viscosity ensure that the nozzles and other application equipment will function properly with a viscous spray solution

Preferred drift control additives have been certified by the Chemical Producers and Distributors Association (CPDA)

# INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

DuPont<sup>TM</sup> REALM® Q should be integrated into an overall weed and pest management strategy whenever the use of a herbicide is required. Practices known to reduce weed development (tillage crop competition) and herbicide use (weed scouting proper application timing banding) should be followed wherever possible. Consult local agricultural and weed authorities for additional IPM strategies established for your area.

This product may be used as part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program that can include biological cultural and genetic practices aimed at preventing economic pest damage. IPM principles and practices include field scouting or other detection methods correct target pest identification population monitoring and treating when target pest populations reach locally determined action thresholds. Consult your state cooperative extension service professional consultant or other qualified authorities to determine appropriate action treatment threshold levels for treating specific pest / crop systems in your area.

# **RESISTANCE**

REALM® Q which contains the active ingredients rimsulfuron and mesotrione is both a Group 2 and a Group 27 herbicide based on the mode of action classification system of the Weed Science Society of America

When herbicides with mode of action classifications that affect the same biological site of action are used repeatedly over several years to control the same weed species in the same field naturally occurring resistant biotypes may survive a correctly applied herbicide treatment propagate and become dominant in that field. Adequate control of these resistant weed biotypes cannot be expected. If weed control is unsatisfactory, it may be necessary to retreat the problem area using a product affecting a different site of action.

To better manage herbicide resistance through delaying the proliferation and possible dominance of herbicide resistant weed biotypes it may be necessary to change cultural practices within and between crop seasons such as using a combination of tillage retreatment tank mix partners and/or sequential herbicide applications that have a different site of action. Weed escapes that are allowed to go to seed and movement of plant material between treatment areas on equipment will promote the spread of resistant biotypes.

It is advisable to keep accurate records of pesticides applied to individual fields to help obtain information on the spread and dispersal of resistant biotypes. Consult your agricultural dealer consultant applicator and/or appropriate state agricultural extension service representative for specific alternative cultural practices or herbicide recommendation available in your area.

#### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water food or feed by storage and disposal

PESTICIDE STORAGE Store product in original container only Store in a cool dry place

**PESTICIDE DISPOSAL** Waste resulting from the use of this product must be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility

CONTAINER HANDLING Refer to the Net Contents section of this product s labeling for the applicable Nonrefillable Container 'or Refillable Container designation

Nonrefillable Plastic and Metal Containers (Capacity Equal to or Less Than 50 Pounds) Nonrefillable container Do not reuse or refill this container. Triple rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. Triple rinse as tollows. Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank. 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. Then, for Plastic Containers offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by incineration. Do not burn unless allowed by state and local ordinances. For Metal Containers offer for recycling if available or reconditioning if appropriate or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by other procedures approved by state and local authorities.

Nonrefillable Plastic and Metal Containers (Capacity Greater Than 50 Pounds) Nonrefillable 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. 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. Turn the container over onto its other 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. Then, for Plastic Containers offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by incineration. Do not burn unless allowed by state and local ordinances. For Metal Containers offer for recycling if available or reconditioning it appropriate or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by other procedures approved by state and local authorities.

Nonrefillable Plastic and Metal Containers e.g. Intermediate Bulk Containers [IBC] (Size or Shape Too Large to be Tipped Rolled or Turned Upside Down) Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Clean container promptly after emptying the contents from this container into application equipment or mix tank and before final disposal using the following pressure rinsing procedure. Insert a lance fitted with a suitable tank cleaning nozzle into the container and ensure that the water spray thoroughly covers the top-bottom and all sides inside the container. The nozzle manufacturer generally provides instructions for the appropriate spray pressure spray duration and/or spray volume. If the manufacturer is instructions are not available pressure rinse the container for at least 60 seconds using a minimum pressure of 30 PSI with a minimum rinse volume of 10% of the container volume. Drain pour or pump rinsate into application equipment or rinsate collection system. Repeat this pressure rinsing procedure two more times. Then for Plastic Containers offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by incineration. For Metal Containers offer for recycling if available or reconditioning if appropriate or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by other procedures approved by state and local authorities.

Nonrefillable Paper or Plastic Bags Fiber Sacks including Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers (FIBC) or Fiber Drums With Liners Nonrefillable container Do not reuse or refill this container Completely empty paper or plastic bag fiber sack or drum liner by shaking and tapping sides and bottom to loosen clinging particles Empty residue into application or manufacturing equipment. Then offer for recycling if available or dispose of empty paper or plastic bag fiber sack or fiber drum and liner in a sanitary landfill or by incineration. Do not burn unless allowed by state and local ordinances

Refillable Fiber Drums With Liners Refillable container (fiber drum only) Refilling Fiber Drum Refill this fiber drum with DuPont<sup>TM</sup> REALM® Q herbicide containing rimsulfuron and mesotrione only. Do not reuse this fiber drum for any other purpose. Cleaning before refilling is the responsibility of the refiller. Completely empty liner by shaking and tapping sides and bottom to loosen clinging particles. Empty residue into application or manufacturing equipment. Disposing of Fiber Drum and/or Liner. Do not reuse this fiber drum for any other purpose other than refilling (see preceding). Cleaning the container (liner and/or fiber drum) before final disposal is the responsibility of the person disposing of the container. Offer the liner for recycling if available or dispose of liner in a sanitary landfill or by incineration. Do not burn unless allowed by state and local ordinances. If drum is contaminated and cannot be reused dispose of it in the manner required for its liner. To clean the fiber drum before final disposal completely empty the fiber drum by shaking and tapping sides and bottom to loosen clinging particles. Empty residue into application or manufacturing equipment. Then offer the fiber drum for recycling if available or dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by incineration. Do not burn unless allowed by state and local ordinances.

All Other Refillable Containers Refillable container Refilling Container Refill this container with DuPont<sup>TM</sup> REALM® O containing rimsulfuron and mesotrione only. Do not reuse this container for any other purpose. Cleaning before refilling is the responsibility of the refiller Prior to refilling inspect carefully for damage such as cracks punctures abrasions worn out threads and closure devices If damage is found do not use the container contact DuPont at the number below for instructions Check for leaks after refilling and before transporting If leaks are found do not reuse or transport container contact DuPont at the number below for instructions Disposing of Container Do not reuse this container for any other purpose other than refilling (see preceding) Cleaning the container before final disposal is the responsibility of the person disposing of the container. To clean the container before final disposal use the following pressure rinsing procedure. Insert a lance fitted with a suitable tank cleaning nozzle into the container and ensure that the water spray thoroughly covers the top bottom and all sides inside the container The nozzle manufacturer generally provides instructions for the appropriate spray pressure spray duration and/or spray volume If the manufacturer's instructions are not available pressure rinse the container for at least 60 seconds using a minimum pressure of 30 PSI with a minimum rinse volume of 10% of the container volume. Drain pour or pump rinsate into application equipment or rinsate collection system Repeat this pressure rinsing procedure two more times. Then for Plastic Containers offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by incineration Do not burn unless allowed by state and local ordinances For Metal Containers offer for recycling if available or reconditioning if appropriate or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by other procedures approved by state and local authorities

Outer Foil Pouches of Water Soluble Packets (WSP) Nonrefillable container Do not reuse or refill this container Offer for recycling if available or dispose of the empty outer foil pouch in the trash as long as WSP is unbroken If the outer pouch contacts the formulated product in any way the pouch must be triple rinsed with clean water Add the rinsate to the spray tank and dispose of the outer pouch as described previously

Do not transport if this container is damaged or leaking. If the container is damaged leaking or obsolete or in the event of a major spill fire or other emergency contact DuPont at 1 800 441 3637 day or night

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