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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Richard M. Gorrell
Bayer Environmental Science
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Research Triangle Park, NC

Dear Mr. Gorrell:

Subject: Chipco Choice Insecticide
EPA Reg. No. 432-896
Submission dated 10-25-05

The labeling referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, is acceptable subject to the comments listed below. One copy of the finished labeling must be submitted prior to releasing the product for shipment.

On page 4, under the heading "Broadcast Treatment," Puerto Rico may be listed as a commonwealth in which this product may be used to control fire ants.

On page 5, verify the reference to Aventis Environmental Science and correct if necessary.

On page 2, under the heading "Personal Protective Equipment," you may delete repetitive text about cleaning PPE.

The child resistant packaging (crp) certification referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, is acceptable. A copy has been placed in the file jacket for this registration.

If you have questions, please call Ann Sibold at 703 305-6502.

Sincerely,

for Ann Sibold
Richard Gebken
Product Manager 10
Insecticide Branch
Registration Division (7505C)

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INSECTICIDE

FOR PEST CONTROL OPERATORS AND COMMERCIAL USE ONLY

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Fipronil: 5-amino-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-((1R,S)-(trifluoromethyl)sulfinyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonitrile 0.1%

INERT INGREDIENTS: 99.9%

Total: 100.0%

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

CAUTION PRECAUCION

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).

ACCEPTED
with COMMENTS
In EPA Letter Dated:
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Under the Federal Insecticide,
Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act,
as amended, this pesticide
registered under EPA Reg. No.
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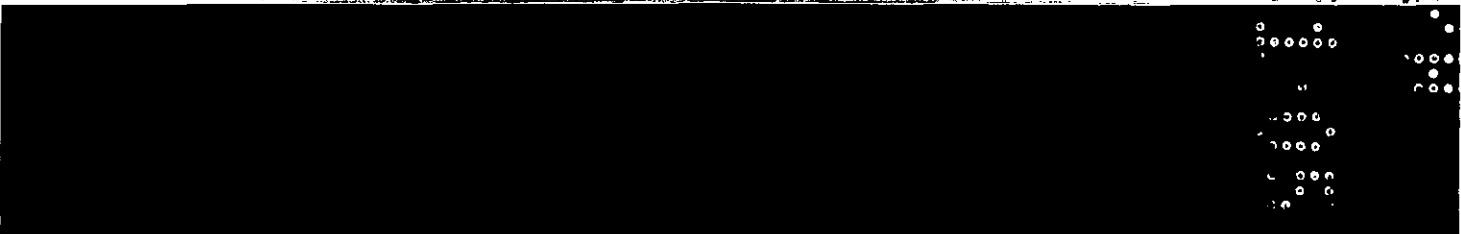
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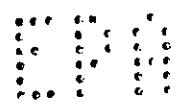
IN CASE OF MEDICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, OR
TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCIES OR INJURIES,
CALL 1-800-334-7577 (24 HOURS/DAY).

For Product Information, Call Toll-Free: 1-800-331-2867

NET CONTENTS: 12.5 lbs.

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FIRST AID	
IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take off contaminated clothing. • Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. • Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
IF SWALLOWED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have a person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
IF IN EYES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.	
NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: There is no specific antidote. All treatment should be based on observed signs and symptoms of distress in the patient.	

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

HAZARD TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION

Harmful if absorbed through the skin. Causes eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling.

SYMPTOMS OF POISONING: In severe cases of overexposure by oral ingestion, lethargy, muscle tremors, and , in extreme cases, possibly convulsions, may occur.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Applicators, mixers, loaders and persons cleaning application equipment must wear long sleeved shirt and long pants, waterproof gloves, and shoes plus socks.

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

When handlers use closed systems or enclosed cabs, in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) or agricultural practices (40 CFR 170.240 (d) (4-6), the handler PPE requirement may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS. Important: When reduced PPE is worn because a closed system is being used, handlers must be provided all PPE specified above for applicators and other handlers, and have such PPE immediately available for use in an emergency, such as a spill or equipment breakdown. Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no 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.

Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash body thoroughly and put on clean clothing.

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

This pesticide is toxic to birds, fish, and aquatic and estuarine (tidewater dwelling) invertebrates. Do not apply directly to water or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Runoff from treated areas may be hazardous to aquatic organisms in neighboring areas. Cover, incorporate or clean up granules that are spilled. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwater or rinsate.

FOR BROADCAST APPLICATIONS:

Do not apply within 15 feet of bodies of fresh water: lakes, reservoirs, rivers, permanent streams, marshes, natural ponds, and commercial fishponds. A 15 feet buffer of uniform groundcover must exist between application zone and bodies of freshwater (uniform ground cover is defined as land which supports vegetation of greater than 2 inches throughout).

Do not apply within 60 feet of estuarine bodies of water. Estuarine water bodies are brackish, tidal water such as bays, mouths of rivers, salt marshes, and lagoons.

In order to reduce risk to birds, ensure that the application is spread evenly over the treatment area. In Florida, do not use this product within 500 feet of areas occupied by the threatened Florida scrub jay, blue-tail mole skink, or sand skink. In addition, for the protection of the threatened blue-tail mole skink and sand skink, apply only to turf grass and allow at least a 30-foot untreated buffer or turf grass when adjacent to scrub habitat (i.e., xeric upland) in the following counties: Highlands, Lake Marion, Orange, Osceola, Polk, and Putnam. For guidance consult the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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.

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 in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR 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), notifications to workers and restricted-entry intervals. The requirements in this box only apply to sodfarm 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 24 hours.

PPE required for 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
- ◆ waterproof gloves
- ◆ shoes plus socks

NON AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements in this box apply to uses of this product that are not within the scope of the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides (40CFR Part 170). The WPS applies when this product is used to produce agricultural plants on farms, forests, nurseries or greenhouses.

Always wear protective clothing and use appropriate equipment during application and handling. Avoid contact with granules. Avoid breathing dust.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

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

STORAGE: Do not store in or around the home. Store unused product in original container only, out of reach of children and animals. NEVER TRANSFER THIS PRODUCT TO ANOTHER CONTAINER FOR STORAGE.

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL: Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide is a violation of Federal law.

Contamination with this product will render water, food or feed unfit for human or animal consumption. Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

IN CASE OF SPILL: Sweep up spilled granules, transfer to a marked container, and dispose of wastes on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

CONTAINER DISPOSAL: NEVER REUSE EMPTY CONTAINERS. Completely empty container into application equipment. Then dispose of empty container in a sanitary landfill or by incineration, or if allowed by State and local authorities, by open burning. If container is burned, stay out of smoke.

FOR USE ON FOR USE ON TURFGRASS AND LANDSCAPE BEDS

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

- Always wear protective clothing and use appropriate equipment during application and handling. Avoid contact with granules. Avoid breathing dust.
- Apply this pesticide when the potential for drift to nearby bodies of water is minimal (wind speed is 10 mph or less and the wind is blowing away from the body of water).
- Do not apply to pastures or grazing lands.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Apply using slit-placement equipment or broadcast application equipment.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Slit application of CHIPCO CHOICE Insecticide is intended for long-term control of mole crickets. Broadcast application of CHIPCO CHOICE Insecticide is intended for long-term control of imported fire ants. In addition, mole crickets, fleas, ticks, and nuisance ants are controlled for a limited time by the broadcast fire ant treatment.

Do not apply in combination with other materials i.e. pesticides, fertilizers, or other biologically active materials without first evaluating compatibility or consulting with the manufacturer.

No phytotoxic response on any turfgrass species has been observed to date.

SPECIFIC USE DIRECTIONS

Use the slit application for long term mole cricket control and the broadcast application for long term fire ant control. Carefully calibrate and adjust equipment prior to application in order to ensure that the proper rate is applied and that product is accurately placed.

California: This product can only be used in the Coachella Valley. Applications can be made from April through September.

SLIT-PLACEMENT TREATMENT

For mole cricket control only, do not apply more than 25 pounds of product per acre (0.025 lb. a.i./A) per application. Do not exceed 50 pounds of product per acre (0.05 lbs. a.i./A) per year.

SITES	PESTS CONTROLLED	APPLICATION RATE OF CHIPCO CHOICE Insecticide		APPLICATION DIRECTIONS
		Pounds Product Per Acre	Ounces Product Per 1000 Sq. Ft.	
Turfgrass: Golf turf Sports fields Commercial lawns Cemeteries Parks Campsites Recreational areas Home Lawns School grounds Sodfarms Landscape beds	Mole Cricket <i>(Scapteriscus spp.)</i>	12.5 to 25.0	4.6 to 9.4	Apply using slit-placement application equipment. Depth of the slit should be targeted at the thatch/soil interface. Make applications to control overwintering adult mole crickets, newly hatched nymphs, or when mole cricket populations cause unacceptable damage to turfgrass. Use higher rate against heavy insect infestations or older insect life stages. Repeat application should be directed at heavy mole cricket infestations causing unacceptable turfgrass damage.

BROADCAST TREATMENT

For fire ant control, this product may be used only in the following states:

Alabama	Louisiana	South Carolina
Arkansas	Mississippi	Tennessee
California (Cochella Valley Only)*	New Mexico	Texas
Florida	North Carolina	
Georgia	Oklahoma	

Make application with broadcast equipment that is capable of applying 12.5 pounds of product per acre.

Do not apply more than 1 application per year of 12.5 pounds of product per acre. Two applications (12.5 lbs./acre per application) may only be used on sodfarms within the USDA APHIS Quarantine areas.

Calibrate and adjust equipment prior to application to ensure that the proper rate of product will be applied.

*California: This product can only be used in the Cochella Valley. Applications can only be made from April through September.

The primary purpose of the broadcast application treatment is for fire ant control.

			APPLICATION RATE OF CHIPCO CHOICE		
SITES	PESTS CONTROLLED OF CONTROL	APPROXIMATE LENGTH Per Acre	Pounds Product 1000 Sq. Ft.	Ounces Product Per	APPLICATION DIRECTIONS
Turfgrass: Golf turf Sports fields Commercial lawns Cemeteries Parks Campsites Recreational areas Home Lawns School grounds Sodfarms Landscape beds	Imported Fire Ants [<i>Solenopsis spp.</i>]	1 year	12.5	4.6	Imported Fire Ants: Make applications to control existing imported fire ant populations and/or to exclude imported fire ant populations. For best results, treated turf should be watered or irrigated after application. In areas within the prescribed buffer zone for estuarine or fresh bodies of water as stated in the Environmental Hazards section of this label, applicators may use Chipco Firestar™ fire ant bait (EPA Reg. No. 432-1219). Refer to the Chipco Firestar label for application information.

At the application rate to control fire ants, the following pests will be controlled for a limited time as follows:

		APPLICATION RATE OF CHIPCO CHOICE	
PESTS CONTROLLED	APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF CONTROL	POUNDS PRODUCT PER ACRE	POUNDS PRODUCT PER 1000 SQUARE FEET
Mole crickets [<i>Scapteriscus spp.</i>]	4 months	12.5	4.6
Nuisance ants [<i>Lasius neoniger</i>]	3 months		
Fleas [<i>Ctenocephalides spp.</i>]	1 month		
Ticks [<i>Dermacentor spp.</i> , <i>Rhipicephalus sp.</i> , <i>Ixodes spp.</i>]	1 month		

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IMPORTANT: READ BEFORE USE

By using this product, user or buyer accepts the following conditions, warranty, disclaimer of warranties and limitations of liability.

CONDITIONS: The directions for use of this product are believed to be adequate and should be followed carefully. However, because of the manner of use and other factors beyond Bayer Environmental Science's control, it is impossible for Bayer Environmental Science to eliminate all risks associated with the use of this product. All such risks shall be assumed by the user or buyer.

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