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Form Approved. OMB No. 2070-0060. Approval expires 2-28-95

	United States Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20460	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	OPP Identifier Number
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Application for Pesticide - Section I

1. Company/Product Number 432-1328	2. EPA Product Manager Dan Kenny	3. Proposed Classification <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
4. Company/Product (Name) Merit 0.5 G Insecticide	PM# Team 4A	
5. Name and Address of Applicant (Include ZIP Code) Bayer Environmental Science 95 Chestnut Ridge Road Montvale, NJ 07645 <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this is a new address	6. Expedited Review. In accordance with FIFRA Section 3(c)(3) (b)(i), my product is similar or identical in composition and labeling to: EPA Reg. No. _____ Product Name _____	

Section II

<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment - Explain Below <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission in response to Agency Letter dated _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notification - Explain below.	<input type="checkbox"/> Final printed labels in response to Agency Letter dated _____ <input type="checkbox"/> "Me Too" Application. <input type="checkbox"/> Other - explain below.
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NOTIFICATION
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Explanation: Use additional page(s) if necessary. (For section I and Section II.)

his notification is consistent with the provisions of PR Notice 98-10 and EPA regulations at 40 CFR 152.46, and no other changes have been made to the labeling or the confidential statement of formula of this product. I understand that it is a violation of 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 to willfully make any false statement to EPA. I further understand that if this notification is not consistent with the terms of PR Notice 98-10 and 40 CFR 152.46, this product may be in violation of FIFRA and I may be subject to enforcement action and penalties under sections 12 and 14 of FIFRA. Addition of European Crane Fly on Turferass per PR Notice 98-10

Section III

1. Material This Product Will Be Packaged In:				2. Type of Container	
Child-Resistant Packaging <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No	Unit Packaging <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Water Soluble Packaging <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Metal <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic <input type="checkbox"/> Glass <input type="checkbox"/> Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
* Certification must be submitted.		If "yes," Unit Package wgt.	No. per container	If "Yes," Package wgt.	No. per container
3. Location of Net Contents Information <input type="checkbox"/> Label <input type="checkbox"/> Container			4. Size(s) of Retail Container		5. Location of Label Directions <input type="checkbox"/> On Label <input type="checkbox"/> On Labeling accompanying product
6. Manner in Which Label is Affixed to Product <input type="checkbox"/> Lithograph <input type="checkbox"/> Paper glued <input type="checkbox"/> Stenciled			<input type="checkbox"/> Other (_____)		

Section IV

1. Contact Point (Complete items directly below for identification of individual to be contacted, if necessary, to process this application.)		
Name Liane Stocky	Title Registration Specialist	Telephone No. (Include Area Code) 201-307-3445
I certify that the statements I have made on this form and all attachments thereto are true, accurate and complete. I acknowledge that any knowingly false or misleading statement may be punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under applicable law.		6. Date Application Received (Stamped)
2. Signature 	3. Title Registration Specialist	
4. Typed Name Liane Stocky	5. Date August 19, 2003	



Bayer Environmental Science

Merit[®] 0.5 G

Insecticide

For systemic insect control in turfgrass and landscape ornamentals.

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Imidacloprid, 1-[(6-Chloro-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-N-nitro-2-imidazolidinimine 0.5%

OTHER INGREDIENTS: 99.5%

100.0%

EPA Reg. No. 432-1328

EPA Est. No. ____

**STOP - Read the label before use.
Keep out of reach of children.**

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CAUTION

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PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

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

FIRST AID

If swallowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 do so by a poison control center or doctor. • Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
If on skin or clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take off contaminated clothing. • Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 to 20 minutes. • Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
If in eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 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.

In case of emergency call toll free the Bayer Environmental Science Emergency Response Telephone No. 1-800-334-7577. Have a product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment.

Note To Physician: No specific antidote is available. Treat the patient symptomatically.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is highly toxic to aquatic 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. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters.

This chemical demonstrates the properties and characteristics associated with chemicals detected in groundwater. The use of this chemical in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow, may result in groundwater contamination.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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

Do not formulate this product into other end-use products.

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICATION TO TURFGRASS

MERIT 0.5 G Insecticide can be used for the control of soil inhabiting pests of turfgrass, such as Northern & Southern masked chafers, *Cyclocephala borealis*, *C. immaculata*, and/or *C. lurida*; Asiatic garden beetle, *Maladera castanea*; European chafer, *Rhizotrogus*

majalis; Green June beetle, *Cotinis nitida*; May or June beetles, *Phyllophaga* spp.; Japanese beetle, *Popillia japonica*; Oriental beetle, *Anomala orientalis*; Billbugs, *Spherophorus* spp.; Annual bluegrass weevil, *Hyperodes* spp.; Black turfgrass ataenius, *Ataenius spretulus*; Aphodius spp; **European Crane Fly *Tipula paludosa***; and Mole crickets, *Scapteriscus* spp. MERIT 0.5 G Insecticide can also be used for the suppression of cutworms and chinchbugs in turfgrass areas. MERIT 0.5 G Insecticide can be used as directed on turfgrass in sites such as home lawns, business and office complexes, shopping complexes, multi-family residential complexes, golf courses, airports, cemeteries, parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields. MERIT Insecticide cannot be used on commercial sod farms.

The active ingredient in MERIT 0.5 G Insecticide has sufficient residual activity so that applications can be made preceding the egg laying activity of the target pests. High levels of control can be achieved when applications are made preceding or during the egg laying period. The need for an application can be based on historical monitoring of the site, previous records or experiences, current season adult trapping or other methods. Optimum control will be achieved when applications are made prior to egg hatch of the target pest, followed by sufficient irrigation or rainfall to move the active ingredient through the thatch. Applications should not be made when turfgrass areas are waterlogged or the soil is saturated with water. Adequate distribution of the active ingredient cannot be achieved when these conditions exist. The treated turf must be in such a condition that the rainfall or irrigation will penetrate vertically in the soil profile. Applications cannot exceed a total of 80 lb (0.4 lb of active ingredient) per acre per year.

APPLICATION TO ORNAMENTALS

MERIT 0.5 G Insecticide can be used as a broadcast application on ornamentals in commercial and residential landscapes. MERIT 0.5 G is a systemic product and will be translocated upward within the plant system. Optimum control will be achieved when applications are followed by sufficient mechanical incorporation, irrigation or rainfall to move the active ingredient into the soil. Applications should be made prior to anticipated pest infestation to achieve optimum levels of control.

Applications of MERIT 0.5 G Insecticide cannot exceed a total of 80 lb (0.4 lb of active ingredient) per acre per year.

NOTE: Not for use in commercial greenhouses, nurseries, on sod farms or on grass grown for seed. For use on plants intended for aesthetic purposes or climatic modification and being grown in interior plantscapes, ornamental gardens or parks, or on golf courses or lawns and grounds.

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT

Apply MERIT 0.5 G Insecticide uniformly over the area being treated with normally used granular application equipment. Both drop-type and rotary-type spreaders may be used to apply MERIT 0.5 G Insecticide. Avoid the use of spreaders which would apply the material in narrow, concentrated bands. Calibrate application equipment prior to use according to the manufacturer's directions. Check frequently to be sure equipment is working properly and distributing granules uniformly and accurately.

RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS		
CROP	PEST	DOSAGE MERIT 0.5 G
Turfgrasses	Larvae of:	European Crane Fly
	Annual bluegrass weevil	Green June beetle
	Asiatic garden beetle	Japanese beetle
	Billbugs	Northern masked chafer
	Black turfgrass ataenius	Oriental beetle
	Cutworms (suppression)	<i>Phyllophaga</i> spp.
	European chafer	Southern masked chafer
For optimum control of grubs, billbugs, European crane fly and annual bluegrass weevil, make application prior to egg hatch of the target pest. Be sure to read "APPLICATION EQUIPMENT" Section of this label.		
	Chinch bug (suppression)	Mole crickets
		80 lb per acre or 1.8 lb per 1000 sq ft
For suppression of chinchbugs, make application prior to the hatching of the first instar nymphs. For control of mole crickets make application prior to or during the peak egg hatch period. When adults or large nymphs are present and actively tunneling, MERIT application should be accompanied by a curative insecticide.		
Consult your local State Agricultural Experiment Station, or State Extension Turf Specialists for more specific information regarding timing of application.		
NOTE: For optimum control, irrigation or rainfall should occur within 24 hours after application to move the active ingredient through the thatch. On golf courses, irrigate treated areas following application. Do not apply more than 80 lb (0.4 lb of active ingredient) per acre per year. Avoid mowing turf or lawn area until after irrigation or rainfall has occurred so that uniformity of application will not be affected.		

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RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR USE ON ORNAMENTALS

For use only in and around industrial and commercial buildings and residential areas.

CROP	PEST	DOSAGE MERIT 0.5 G
Landscape Plantings (including trees, shrubs, evergreens, flowers, foliage plants, and ground covers)	White grub larvae (such as Japanese beetle larvae, Chafer, <i>Phyllophaga</i> spp. Asiatic garden beetle, Oriental beetle)	1.4 to 1.8 lb per 1000 sq ft
<p>Apply as a broadcast treatment. Prior to application, remove black plastic or other weed barrier material that will not permit water permeability.</p> <p>NOTE: For optimum control mechanical incorporation, irrigation or rainfall should occur within 24 hours after application to move the active ingredient into soil.</p> <p>Refer to label sections on application equipment and spreader settings.</p>		

Spreader settings for MERIT 0.5 G Insecticide

The following chart can be used as a guide in establishing an accurate rate of MERIT 0.5 G Insecticide. Application rates will vary depending upon speed, equipment wear and condition of spreader. Carefully calibrate application equipment prior to commercial use of this product.

SPREADER	SPEED (mph)	SETTINGS	
		60 lb/A	80 lb/A
Cyclone Model CB4000	3	3-1/4	3-1/2
Earthway Drop	3	9	10
Earthway 10' Rotary	3	11	12
Gandy Turf Tender 24"	3	16	19
Gandy Turf Tender 42"	3	21	23
Lely	4.5	3.5	-
Lesco Model 6000	3	B 1/2	C
PSB Prizelawn CBR-II	3	3-1/4	3-1/2
Scott's Proturf R-8A	3	H	I
Scott's Proturf SR-1	3	H	I
Scott's PF-1, PF-2, PF-3, PF-4 Drop	3	4	4-1/2
Scott's SS-1 Drop	3	4	4-1/2
Spyker Model 34	3	3.1	3.2
Vicon Model PS-203	4.5	13	16

RESTRICTIONS

Avoid runoff or puddling of irrigation water following application. Avoid application of MERIT 0.5 G Insecticide to areas which are waterlogged or saturated, which will not allow penetration into the root zone of the plant. Do not apply more than 80 lb (0.4 lb of active ingredient) per acre per year.

Treated areas may be replanted with any crop specified on an imidacloprid label, or with any crop for which a tolerance exists for the active ingredient.

For crops not listed on an imidacloprid label, or for crops for which no tolerances for the active ingredient have been established, a 12-month plant-back interval should be observed.

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August 19, 2003

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Re: Merit 2F, 75 WP, 75WSP and 0.5G Labels

Dear Ms. Hobgood:

Bayer Environmental Science (BES) is adding European Crane Fly on Turfgrass to the following labels:

Merit 2F Insecticide (432-1312)
Merit 75 WP Insecticide (432-1314)
Merit 75 WSP Insecticide (432-1318)
Merit 0.5 G Insecticide (432-1328)

This pest has already been added and approved on Merit 0.2 Granular Insecticide (3125-508) and Merit Concentrate Insecticide II (3125-528).

For each product the following documents are included:

- Completed 8570-1 application form
- 3 copies of revised labels with the changes highlighted

If you have any questions, you can contact me at (201) 307-3445 or email me at liane.stocky@bayercropscience.com.

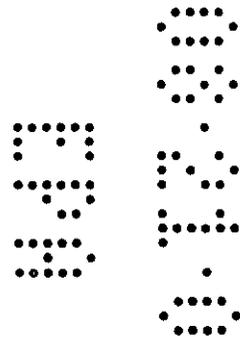
Sincerely,

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