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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Office of Pesticide Programs  
Registration Division (7505C)  
401 "M" St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

EPA Reg. Number:

618-109

Date of Issuance:

OCT 30 1998

Term of Issuance:

Conditional

Name of Pesticide Product:

Mertect Fungicide

NOTICE OF PESTICIDE:

XX Registration  
\_\_\_\_ Reregistration

(under FIFRA, as amended)

Name and Address of Registrant (include ZIP Code):

Merck & Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2000, Location RY80A-TRL  
Rahway, NJ 07065-0900

Send Correspondence to:

Mr. Ed Gray  
Jellineck, Schwartz, & Connolly, Inc.  
1525 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22209

Note: Changes in labeling differing in substance from that accepted in connection with this registration must be submitted to and accepted by the Registration Division prior to use of the label in commerce. In any correspondence on this product always refer to the above EPA registration number.

On the basis of information furnished by the registrant, the above named pesticide is hereby registered/re-registered under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

Registration is in no way to be construed as an endorsement or recommendation of this product by the Agency. In order to protect health and the environment, the Administrator, on his motion, may at any time suspend or cancel the registration of a pesticide in accordance with the Act. The acceptance of any name in connection with the registration of a product under this Act is not to be construed as giving the registrant a right to exclusive use of the name or to its use if it has been covered by others.

This product is conditionally registered in accordance with FIFRA section 3(c)(7)(A) provided that you:

1. Submit and/or cite all data required for registration of your product under FIFRA section 3(c)(5) when the Agency requires all registrants of similar products to submit such data; and submit acceptable responses required for reregistration of your product under FIFRA section 4.
2. Modify the labeling as follows:
  - a. Revise the EPA Registration Number to read, "EPA Reg No 618-109".

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Signature of Approving Official:

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Cynthia Giles-Parker  
Product Manager (22)  
Fungicide Branch  
Registration Division (7505C)

Date:

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- b. Under the "Statement of Practical Treatment" section, under "If on skin," the statement "Get medical attention if irritation persists." must be added.
- c. Under the "Statement of Practical Treatment" section, under "If inhaled," the statement "Get medical attention" must be added.
- d. In the "Storage and Disposal" section, under "Container Disposal," the word "linen" must be replaced with "liner."
- e. A "Warranty" disclaimer statement must be added to the label.

Currently registered uses are not being supported by the basic manufacturer in/on potatoes (pre-harvest), sweet potatoes (pre-harvest), and wheat (pre-harvest foliar) and will be canceled at the registrant's (Novartis) request. Therefore, you should either commit to support these uses through the re-registration process or they must be deleted from the Mertect Fungicide (618-109) label.

Submit one copy of the revised final printed label for the record.

If these conditions are not complied with, the registration will be subject to cancellation in accordance with FIFRA section 6(e). Your release for shipment of the product constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

1. A stamped copy of the label is enclosed for your records. If you have any questions, then please contact María I. Rodríguez of my staff at 703-305-6710 or me at 703-305-7740.

Enclosure

# MERTECT®

## Fungicide

For use only in the manufacture of EPA Registered Fungicidal Formulations

Active Ingredient: 2-(4-Thiazolyl) benzimidazole .....	98.5%
Inert Ingredients .....	1.5%
Total .....	100.0%

### CAUTION

#### STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT

If swallowed: Call a physician or Poison Control Center. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water and induce vomiting by touching back of throat with finger. Do not induce vomiting or give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If on skin: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration, preferably mouth to mouth. If in eyes: Flush with plenty of water. Get medical attention if irritation persists. For 24 hour emergency information call the Merck National Service Center at 1-800-672-6372.

#### Precautionary Statements

##### Hazard to Humans

CAUTION Harmful if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Avoid breathing dust. Wear rubber gloves and protective clothing when handling. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

##### Environmental Hazards

Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, ponds, estuaries, oceans or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product to sewer systems without previously notifying the local sewage treatment plant authority. For guidance, contact your State Water Board of Regional Office of the EPA.

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MERTECT is a registered trademark.

#### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

IT IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW (USA) TO USE THIS PRODUCT IN A MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH ITS LABELING. THIS PRODUCT IS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF EPA REGISTERED FUNGICIDAL FORMULATIONS ONLY AND IS NOT FOR RESALE UNDER THIS LABEL.

**Instructions for Formulators:** This technical product may be used only for the manufacture of EPA Registered Fungicidal Formulations for use on the following: apples, bananas, carrots, citrus fruits, Hubbard squash, mushrooms, papaya, pears, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tobacco, wheat and elm and sycamore tree injection. This product may be used to formulate products for specific use(s) not listed on the MP label if the formulator, user group, or grower has complied with U.S. EPA data submission requirements regarding the support of such use(s). Formulators using this product are responsible for obtaining EPA registration for their formulated products.

#### Storage and Disposal

Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage and disposal. STORAGE: Store in a cool, 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: Completely empty liner by shaking and tapping sides and bottoms to loosen clinging particles. Empty residue into application equipment. Then dispose of liner and fiber drum in a sanitary landfill or by incineration if allowed by State and local authorities.

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Merck & Co., Inc.  
Rahway, NJ 07065-0900, USA

**ACCEPTED**  
**with COMMENTS**  
**In EPA Letter Dated:**

*OCT 30 1998*

**Under the Federal Insecticide,  
Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act,  
as amended, for the pesticide  
registered under EPA Reg. No.**

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