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SUBJECT: Aluminum and Magnesium Phosphide Registration Standard  
Your letters of February 23 and March 4, 1987  
EPA Reg. Nos. 2548-59

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Gentlemen:

Your submission has been reviewed and found to be acceptable for the products listed above.

Enclosed for each product is stamped, approved labeling. Incorporate any comments noted on the labeling and submit five copies of finished printed labeling for our records.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kempter  
Product Manager 32  
Registration Division (TS-767C)

Enclosures

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ACCEPTED  
with COMMENTS  
EPA Letter Dated:

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

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DETIA GAS EX-B -- FRONT PANEL

RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE  
DUE TO ACUTE INHALATION TOXICITY OF HIGHLY  
TOXIC HYDROGEN PHOSPHIDE (PHOSPHINE, PH<sub>3</sub>) GAS

For retail sale to and use only by certified applicators for those uses covered by the applicator's certification or persons trained in accordance with the attached product manual working under the direct supervision and in the physical presence of the certified applicator. Physical presence means on site or on the premises. Read and follow the label and the Research Products Company product manual which contains complete instructions for the safe use of this pesticide.

Detia(R) GAS EX-B

A fumigant for the control of most stored product insects and their pre-adult stages.

Active Ingredients: Aluminum Phosphide.....57%  
Inert Ingredient!.....43%  
TOTAL.....100%

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

DANGER/PELIGRO-POISON

PRECAUCION AL USUARIO: Si usted no lee ingles, no use este producto hasta que la etiqueta se le haya sido explicado ampliamente.

STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT

Symptoms of overexposure to hydrogen phosphide are headache, dizziness, nausea, difficult breathing, vomiting and diarrhea. In all cases of overexposure get medical attention immediately. Take victim to the doctor or emergency treatment facility.

IF GAS OR DUST FROM Detia(R) GAS EX-B IS INHALED: Get exposed person to fresh air. Keep warm and make sure person can breathe freely. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration by mouth-to-mouth or other means of resuscitation. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

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 02450 IF THE DUST FROM Detia(R) GAS EX-B IS SWALLOWED: Drink or  
 02500 administer one or two glasses of water and induce vomiting by  
 02550 touching back of throat with finger, or if available, administer  
 02600 syrup of ipecac. Do not give anything by mouth if victim is  
 02650 unconscious or not alert.  
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 02750 IF THE DUST FROM Detia(R) GAS EX-B GETS ON SKIN OR CLOTHING:  
 02800 Brush or shake material off clothes and shoes in well ventilated  
 02850 area. Allow clothes to aerate in a ventilated area prior to  
 02900 laundering. Do not leave contaminated clothing in occupied  
 02950 and/or confined areas such as automobiles, vans, motel rooms,  
 03000 homes, etc. Wash contaminated skin thoroughly with soap and  
 03050 water.  
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 03150 IF DUST FROM Detia(R) GAS EX-B GETS IN EYES: Flush with plenty  
 ( 000 of water. Get medical attention.  
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 03300 See side panels for additional precautionary statements.  
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|                                    | NET WT. EACH | TOTAL NET WT. |
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| 03500 Active Bags(Normal Size).... | grams.....   | grams ( oz.)  |
| 03550 Gas Protectant.....          |              | grams         |

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 03800 F.R. of Germany  
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 03950 Distributed by: Research Products Company  
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 04550 HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS  
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 04800 Aluminum phosphide in Detia(R) GAS EX-B can be fatal if  
 04850 swallowed. Do not get in eyes, in nose, on skin or on clothing.  
 04900 Do not eat, drink or smoke while handling aluminum phosphide  
 04950 fumigants. When the container is opened Detia(R) GAS EX-B will  
 05000 begin to release hydrogen phosphide (phosphine) which is an  
 05050 extremely toxic gas. Contact with water, acids and some other

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05100 liquids will accelerate this reaction. If a garlic odor is  
 05150 detected, refer to section on ~~respiratory protection~~ *Industrial Hygiene Monitoring on page*  
 05200 ~~of the attached product literature~~ for appropriate monitoring  
 05250 procedures. Pure hydrogen phosphide gas is odorless; the odor  
 05300 is due to a contaminant. Since an odor may not be detected  
 05350 under certain circumstances, the absence of a garlic odor does  
 05400 not mean that hydrogen phosphide gas is absent. Observe proper  
 05450 application, aeration, reentry and disposal procedures specified  
 05500 elsewhere in the labeling to prevent overexposure.

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 05600 FREQUENT EXPOSURE TO LOW CONCENTRATIONS ABOVE PERMISSIBLE LEVELS  
 05650 OVER A PERIOD OF DAYS OR WEEKS MAY CAUSE POISONING.

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 05750 NOTE TO PHYSICIAN

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 05850 Aluminum phosphide in Detia(R) GAS EX-B reacts with moisture from  
 ( 200 the air, water, acids, and many other liquids to release  
 05950 hydrogen phosphide (phosphine) gas. Mild exposure by inhalation  
 06000 causes malaise (indefinite feeling of sickness), ringing of  
 06050 ears, fatigue, nausea and pressure in chest which are relieved  
 06100 by removal to fresh air. Moderate poisoning causes weakness,  
 06150 vomiting, epigastric pain (pain just above the stomach), chest  
 06200 pain, diarrhea and dyspnea (difficulty in breathing). Symptoms  
 06250 of severe poisoning may occur within a few hours or up to  
 06300 several days, resulting in pulmonary edema (fluid in lungs) and  
 06350 may lead to dizziness, cyanosis (blue or purple skin color),  
 06400 unconsciousness and death.

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 06500 In sufficient quantity, hydrogen phosphide affects the liver,  
 06550 kidneys, lungs, nervous system and circulatory system.  
 06600 Inhalation can cause lung edema (fluid in lungs) and hyperemia  
 06650 (excess of blood in a body part), small perivascular brain  
 ( 200 hemorrhages and brain edema (fluid in brain). Ingestion can  
 250 cause lung and brain symptoms, but damage to the viscera (body  
 06800 cavity organs) is more common. Hydrogen phosphide poisoning may  
 06850 result in (1) pulmonary edema, (2) liver elevated serum GOT, LDH  
 06900 and alkaline phosphatase, reduced prothrombin, hemorrhage and  
 06950 jaundice (yellow skin color) and (3) kidney hematuria (blood in  
 07000 urine) and anuria (abnormal or lack of urination). Pathology is  
 07050 characteristic of hypoxia (oxygen deficiency in body tissue).  
 07100 Treatment is symptomatic.

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 07300 CLASSIFIED BY UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES, INC. AS TO FIRE HAZARD  
 07350 ONLY WHEN USED SPECIFICALLY AS DIRECTED IN THE SEPARATE  
 07400 INSTRUCTIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE PRODUCT LABELING. DETIA(R)  
 07450 GAS EX-B FUMIGANT POWDER IS NONCOMBUSTIBLE ITSELF BUT EXPOSURE  
 07500 TO MOIST AIR OR WATER RELEASES FLAMMABLE AND TOXIC PHOSPHINE GAS.  
 07550 SPONTANEOUS IGNITION MAY RESULT IF CONTACT BY WATER, ACIDS OR  
 07600 CHEMICALS. 955P

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## RIGHT PANEL

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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

The booklets "Application Procedures for Detia(R) GAS EX-B" and "Instructions for Intransit Fumigation of Ship Holds with Detia(R) GAS EX-B" are a part of labeling. Refer to them for application procedures and other information necessary to properly use Detia(R) GAS EX-B.

THIS PRODUCT IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE LABELING LISTED ABOVE. READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE LABELING. ALL PARTS OF THE LABELING ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THIS PRODUCT. CALL RESEARCH PRODUCTS COMPANY OR EPA IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANY PART OF THIS LABELING.

## STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

## STORAGE

Cans should be stored in a dry, well ventilated area, away from heat and under lock and key. Post as a pesticide storage area. Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storing pesticides in the same areas used to store these commodities.

Do not store in buildings where humans or domestic animals reside. Refer to the "Application Procedures for Detia(R) GAS EX-B" for additional storage instructions.

DISPOSAL OF UNREACTED OR PARTIALLY REACTED Detia(R) GAS EX-B  
(From spills, leaking flasks or other sources)

Unreacted or partially reacted Detia(R) GAS EX-B is acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of this product is a violation of federal law.

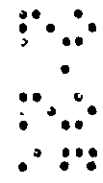
If this product cannot be disposed of by ordinary use or according to labeling instructions, contact your state pesticide or environmental control agency or the hazardous waste representative at the nearest EPA regional office for guidance. Do not contaminate water by disposal.

Reacted Detia(R) GAS EX-B is not hazardous. For complete disposal, spill and leak procedures refer to the booklet "Application Procedures for Detia(R) GAS EX-B".

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10450 DISPOSAL OF EMPTY CANS  
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10550 Dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by other approved state or  
10600 local procedures.  
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10700 DISPOSAL OF BAGS  
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10800 Refer to the booklet entitled "Application Procedures for  
10850 Detia(R) GAS EX-B".  
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10950 GENERAL  
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11050 Consult federal, state and local disposal authorities for  
11100 approved procedures other than those given above. Approved  
11150 procedures vary for different types of generators.  
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11250 \*If in doubt concerning whether the dust is reacted and/or  
11300 concerning proper disposal techniques contact Research Products  
11350 Company.

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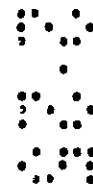
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00030 WHICH INFEST LISTED RAW AGRICULTURAL  
00031 COMMODITIES, ANIMAL FEEDS, PROCESSED FOODS,  
00032 NONFOOD PRODUCTS AND STORED TOBACCO  
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00045 P I. INTRODUCTION

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00047 A. HISTORY

00048 The history of Detia (R) pesticides is long, dating back to  
00049 the mid-1930's. In 1970 Detia(R) Gas EX-B was introduced  
00050 into the United States. Detia(R) Tablets and Detia(R)  
00051 Pellets were introduced in 1977. The manufacturer, Detia  
00052 Freyberg GMBH, West Germany was the early pioneer in the  
00053 development of hydrogen phosphide as a fumigant gas.  
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00055 B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

00056 The Detia(R) Gas EX-B concept is one that permits the  
00057 packaging of 57% aluminum phosphide preparation into paper  
00058 bags which become an integral part of the concept.

00059 Therefore the bags should never be torn open during  
00060 fumigation. Once the bags are removed from the original  
00061 shipping container, a hermetically sealed metal can, they  
( 00062 will begin slowly releasing hydrogen phosphide in the  
00063 following way:  
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00067 Warm, humid air accelerates the reaction while cool, dry air  
00068 has the opposite effect. For example, when relative  
00069 humidity and temperature to which the bags are exposed are  
00070 high, decomposition of Detia(R) may be complete in 3 days.  
00071 However at moderate temperatures and low humidities  
00072 decomposition may require 7 days or more. This reaction  
00073 starts slowly, gradually accelerates and then tapers off  
00074 again as the aluminum phosphide is spent.  
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00076 Spent Detia(R) is a gray-white powder composed almost  
00077 entirely of aluminum hydroxide and other approved inert  
( 00078 ingredients. If properly exposed, the spent Detia(R) will  
00079 normally contain only a small amount of unreacted aluminum  
00080 U phosphide and may be disposed of without hazard. It is not  
00082 considered a hazardous waste. However, the partially spent  
( 00083 residue from incompletely exposed Detia(R) requires special  
00084 care. Precautions and instructions for further deactivation  
00085 and disposal will be given later in this manual.  
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00087 C. PRODUCT PACKAGING

00088 The bag, in combination with the preparation, permits the  
00089 controlled release of hydrogen phosphide. The tough,  
00090 permeable paper used is an integral part of the total  
00091 concept. There are two (2) basic bag shapes. One is  
00092 referred to as "normal" and the other as "long narrow".  
00093 Both contain exactly the same quantity of preparation.  
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00095 34 grams.....57% Aluminum Phosphide  
00096 43% Inert Ingredients  
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00098 Both release 11 grams of hydrogen phosphide when exposed to



00100 moist air.

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00102 Normal bags are packed either 6 or 10 to a can and long  
00103 narrow bags are packed 15 to a can. Detia(R) Gas EX-B is  
00104 also packed as a long fabric strip (bag blanket) which is  
00105 equivalent to 100 bags and as a short belt (bag belt) which  
00106 is equivalent to 4 bags. There are 3 belts per can. The  
00107 variety of package sizes and types provide for convenience  
00108 of application in different sizes and types of storages.  
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00110 The normal bag is especially well suited to fumigation of  
00111 small spaces and small bulk storage such as rail cars. It  
00112 may also be added directly to bulk raw agricultural  
00113 commodities and other indicated commodities as bins are  
00114 filled. In this instance the bags must be removed when the  
00115 commodity is pulled from the bin.  
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( 00117 The long narrow bags may be used as normal bags but are also  
00118 designed to be inserted into bulk commodities by means of an  
00119 eyelet in the bag and a special probe.

( 00120 The "bag belt" (4 bags per belt) is specially designed to be  
00121 probed into approved bulk commodities.  
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00123 The "bag blanket" (100 bags per blanket) is well suited to  
00124 large scale fumigations such as ship holds, large flat  
00125 storage bins, and large space fumigations. The "bag  
00126 blanket" is very quickly applied and retrieved after the  
00127 fumigation.  
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00129 The metal cans are hermetically sealed and are easily opened  
00130 with a common strip key. Each can contains a secured  
00131 gas-absorbing pouch that serves to absorb loose hydrogen  
00132 phosphide liberated inside the can.  
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00134 The shelf life of Detia(R) Gas EX-B is almost unlimited as  
00135 long as the packaging remains sealed and intact.  
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00138 D. WHAT IS HYDROGEN PHOSPHIDE?

00139 Hydrogen phosphide, more commonly referred to as phosphine,  
00140 is a colorless gas which is toxic to insects, humans, and  
00141 other forms of animal life. It is very mobile with a high  
00142 vapor pressure. Thus the penetrating capability of hydrogen  
00143 phosphide is great. The combination of high molecular  
00144 activity, vapor pressure and toxicity to insects at low  
00145 dosages accounts for its wide acceptance as a fumigant.  
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00147 E. SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

- 00148 1. Carefully read the labeling and follow instructions  
00149 explicitly.  
00150 2. Never work alone when applying fumigant from within the  
00151 storage structure.  
00152 3. Never allow uninstructed persons to handle Detia(R).

4. Approved respiratory protection must be available for the fumigation of structures from within.
5. It is often desirable to open fumigant containers in open air or near a fan that exhausts outside immediately. Never open in a flammable atmosphere.
6. Do not allow Detia(R) to contact liquid water or to pile up.
7. Dispose of spent bags in a proper manner consistent with the label instructions.
8. Post "DANGER" signs on fumigated areas.
9. Notify appropriate company employees and provide relevant safety information to local officials annually for use in the event of an emergency.
10. Hydrogen phosphide fumigants are not to be used for vacuum fumigations.
11. Exposure to hydrogen phosphide must not exceed the 8 hour TWA of 0.3 ppm during application or a maximum concentration of 0.3 ppm after application is completed. This includes reentry into a structure.
12. Fumigated finished foods and feeds must be aerated 48 hours prior to offering to the end consumer.
13. Transfer of a treated commodity to another site without complete aeration (down to 0.3 ppm maximum) is permissible provided the new site is placarded.
14. Aerate contaminated clothing in well ventilated area prior to washing.
15. Keep containers sealed and intact until ready to begin applying fumigant.
16. Use all bags from opened cans.
17. OSHA recommends that the exposure screening of employees be conducted to detect impaired pulmonary function. OSHA recommends that any employees developing the above condition be referred for medical attention.

## II. PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

### A. HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Keep Out of Reach of Children  
DANGER--POISON

Aluminum phosphide in Detia(R) Gas EX-B can be fatal if swallowed. Do not get in eyes, in nose, on skin or on clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke while handling aluminum phosphide fumigants. When the container is opened Detia(R) Gas EX-B will begin to release hydrogen phosphide (phosphine) which is an extremely toxic gas. Contact with water, acids and some other liquids will accelerate this reaction. If a garlic odor is detected, refer to section on ~~respiratory protection of applicator/worker exposure for~~ appropriate monitoring procedures. Pure hydrogen phosphide gas is odorless; the odor is due to a contaminant. Since an odor may not be detected under certain circumstances, the absence of a garlic

odor does not mean that hydrogen phosphide gas is absent. Observe proper application, aeration, reentry and disposal procedures specified elsewhere in the labeling to prevent overexposure.

FREQUENT EXPOSURES TO CONCENTRATIONS ABOVE PERMISSIBLE LEVELS OVER A PERIOD OF DAYS OR WEEKS MAY CAUSE POISONING.

#### B. STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT

Symptoms of overexposure to hydrogen phosphide are headache, dizziness, nausea, difficult breathing, vomiting and diarrhea. In all cases of overexposure get medical attention immediately. Take victim to a doctor or emergency treatment facility.

1. If gas or dust from Detia(R) Gas EX-B is inhaled: Get exposed person to fresh air. Keep warm and make sure person can breathe freely. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration by mouth-to-mouth or other means of resuscitation. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
2. If gas or dust from Detia(R) Gas EX-B is swallowed: Drink or administer one or two glasses of water and induce vomiting by touching back of throat with finger, or if available, administer syrup of ipecac. Do not give anything by mouth if victim is unconscious or not alert.
3. If the dust from Detia(R) Gas EX-B gets on skin or clothing: Brush or shake material off clothes and shoes in well ventilated area. Allow clothes to aerate in a ventilated area prior to laundering. Do not leave contaminated clothing in occupied and/or confined area such as automobiles, vans, motel rooms, homes, etc. Wash contaminated skin thoroughly with soap and water.
4. If dust from Detia(R) Gas EX-B gets in eyes: Flush with plenty of water. Get medical attention.

#### C. NOTE TO PHYSICIAN

Aluminum phosphide in Detia(R) Gas EX-B reacts with moisture from the air, water, acids and many other liquids to release hydrogen phosphide (phosphine) gas. Mild exposure by inhalation causes malaise (indefinite feeling of sickness), ringing of ears, fatigue, nausea and pressure in chest which are relieved by removal to fresh air. Moderate poisoning causes weakness, vomiting, epigastric pain (pain just above the stomach), chest pain, diarrhea and dyspnea (difficulty in breathing). Symptoms of severe poisoning may occur within a few hours or up to several days, resulting in pulmonary edema (fluid in lungs) and may lead to dizziness, cyanosis (blue or purple skin color), unconsciousness and death.

In sufficient quantity hydrogen phosphide affects the liver, kidneys, lungs, nervous system, and circulatory system. Inhalation can cause lung edema (fluid in lungs) and hyperemia (excess of blood in a body part), small perivascular brain hemorrhages and brain edema (fluid in brain). Ingestion can cause lung and brain symptoms but damage to the viscera (body cavity organs) is more common. Hydrogen phosphide poisoning may result in (1) pulmonary edema, (2) liver elevated serum GOT, LDH and alkaline phosphatase, reduced prothrombin, hemorrhage and jaundice (yellow skin color) and (3) kidney hematuria (blood in urine) and anuria (abnormal or lack of urination). Pathology is characteristic of hypoxia (oxygen deficiency in body tissue). Frequent exposure over a period of days or weeks may cause poisoning. Treatment is symptomatic.

The following measures are suggested for use by the physician in accordance with his own judgment:

1. In its milder to moderate forms (symptoms of poisoning may take up to 24 hours to make their appearance), the following is suggested:
  - a. Complete rest 1-2 days during which the patient must be kept quiet and warm.
  - b. If the patient suffers from vomiting or increased blood sugar, appropriate solutions should be administered. Treatment with oxygen is recommended as is the administration of cardiac and circulatory stimulants.
2. In cases of severe poisoning (intensive care unit recommended):
  - a. Where pulmonary edema is observed, steroid therapy should be considered and close medical supervision is recommended. Blood transfusions may be necessary.
  - b. In case of manifest pulmonary edema, venesection should be performed under vein pressure control. Heart glycosides (I.V.) can be used in case of hemoconcentration. Venesection may result in shock. In the case of progressive edema of the lungs, immediately intubate and remove edema fluid and administer oxygen over-pressure respiration, as well as any measures required for shock treatment. In case of kidney failure, extracorporeal hemodialysis is necessary. There is no specific antidote known for this poisoning.
  - c. If pellets or tablets are ingested, induce vomiting.

Flush the stomach with a diluted potassium permanganate solution or a solution of magnesium peroxide until flushing liquid ceases to smell of carbide. Thereafter, apply carbomedicinalis.

#### D. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS

Aluminum phosphide in Detia(R) Gas EX-B will release hydrogen phosphide gas if exposed to moisture from the air or if it comes into contact with water, acids or many other liquids. Piling of bags may cause a temperature increase and confine the release of gas so that ignition could occur.

It is often desirable to open cans of Detia(R) Gas EX-B in open air or near a fan which exhausts outside immediately. Never open in a flammable atmosphere because on rare occasions it may flash. When opening, point the container away from the face and body. These precautions will also reduce the applicator's exposure to hydrogen phosphide gas.

Pure hydrogen phosphide gas is practically insoluble in water and oils and is stable at normal fumigation temperatures. However, it may react with certain metals and cause corrosion, especially at higher temperatures and relative humidities. Metals such as copper, brass and other copper alloys, and precious metals such as gold and silver are susceptible to corrosion by hydrogen phosphide. Thus, small electric motors, smoke detectors, brass sprinkler heads, batteries and battery chargers, fork lifts, temperature monitoring systems, switching gears, communication devices, computers, calculators and other electronic or electrical equipment should be protected or removed before fumigation. In most cases all electronic equipment must be removed. Hydrogen phosphide gas will also react with certain metallic salts and therefore, sensitive items such as photographic film, some inorganic pigments, etc., should not be exposed.

### III. DIRECTIONS FOR USE

#### A. GENERAL

1. It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Detia(R) Gas EX-B is a Restricted Use Pesticide due to the acute inhalation toxicity of hydrogen phosphide (phosphine,  $\text{PH}_3$ ) gas. For retail sale to and use only by certified applicators for those uses covered by the applicator's certification or persons trained in accordance with the attached product manual working under the direct supervision and in the physical presence of the certified applicator. Physical presence means on site or on the premises.

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2. Detia(R) is a highly hazardous material and may be used only by individuals trained in its proper use. Before using, read and follow the label precautions and directions on the label and in labeling.

Additional copies of this manual are available from:

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3. At least two trained persons must be present when Detia(R) Gas EX-B is applied from within the space being treated or during reentry into a fumigated or partially aerated site. Only one trained person is required when the fumigant is applied from outside the area to be treated.
4. Prior to applying this product, you must inspect the storage structure to determine if it can be made sufficiently gas tight. Decide how personal exposure monitoring should be conducted. Notify appropriate company employees and provide relevant safety information to local officials annually for use in the event of an emergency. Apply this fumigant in an effective and safe manner including emergency procedures etc.
5. Shipholds, barges, containers on ships, railroad cars and containers shipped piggyback by rail may be fumigated intransit. However, fumigated trucks, vans, trailers and similar transport vehicles cannot be moved over public roads or highways until they are aerated.
6. The powder in Detia(R) Gas EX-B bags must not come into contact with any processed food with the EXCEPTION that it can be added directly to processed brewers rice, malt, and corn grits used in the manufacture of beer.
7. Protect copper, silver, gold and their alloys from corrosive exposure to hydrogen phosphide.
8. Do not fumigate commodities with this product when commodity temperature is below 40 degrees F (5 degrees C).

#### B. EFFICACY

Complete control of listed insect pests is frequently not achieved. Factors contributing to less than 100% control are gas leakage, poor gas distribution, unfavorable exposure conditions, etc. In addition, some insects are less susceptible to hydrogen phosphide than others. To maximize

00433 control, extreme care must be observed in sealing, higher  
 00434 dosages must be used, exposure periods must be lengthened,  
 00435 proper application procedures must be followed, and  
 00436 temperature and humidity must be favorable.  
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00438 C. USE PATTERN

00439 1. INSECT PESTS

00440 Dettia Gas EX-B is registered with the U. S. Environmental  
 00441 Protection Agency as an aid in the control of the  
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| 00443 | almond moth           | khapra beetle            |
| 00444 | angoumois grain moth  | Indian meal moth         |
| 00445 | bean weevil           | lesser grain borer       |
| 00446 | cadelle               | maize weevil             |
| 00447 | cereal leaf beetle    | Mediterranean flour moth |
| 00448 | cigarette beetle      | pink bollworm            |
| 00449 | confused flour beetle | raisin moth              |
| 00450 | dermestid beetles     | red flour beetle         |
| 00451 | dried fruit beetle    | rice weevil              |
| 00452 | dried fruit moth      | rusty grain beetle       |
| 00453 | European grain moth   | saw-toothed grain beetle |
| 00454 | flat grain beetle     | spider beetles           |
| 00455 | fruit fly             | tobacco moth             |
| 00456 | granary weevil        | yellow meal worm         |
| 00457 | greater wax moth      | Africanized bee          |
| 00458 | hairy fungus beetle   | honey bee invested       |
| 00459 | Hessian fly           | with tracheal mite       |
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## 2. COMMODITIES

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Detia(R) Gas EX-B is registered by EPA for the fumigation of the following commodities.

## a. Raw Agricultural Commodities

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| almonds      | pistachio nuts                     |
| barley       | popcorn                            |
| Brazil nuts  | rice                               |
| cashews      | rye                                |
| cocoa beans  | safflower seed                     |
| coffee beans | sesame seed                        |
| corn         | seed & pod vegetables              |
| cottonseed   | sorghum                            |
| dates        | soybeans                           |
| filberts     | sunflower seeds                    |
| flower seed  | triticale                          |
| grass seed   | vegetable seed                     |
| millet       | walnuts                            |
| oats         | wheat                              |
| peanuts      | <del>with rice</del> <i>delist</i> |
| pecans       |                                    |

## b. Processed Foods

The listed processed foods may be fumigated with Detia(R). Under no condition shall any processed food or bagged commodity come in contact with the residual dust from Detia(R) Gas EX-B except that Detia(R) may be added directly to processed brewers rice, malt and corn grits for use in the manufacture of beer.

Processed candy and sugar  
 Cereal flours and bakery mixes  
 Cereal foods (including cookies, crackers, macaroni, noodles, pasta, pretzels, snack foods and spaghetti)  
 Processed cereals <sup>grains</sup> (including milled fractions and packaged cereals)  
 Cheese and cheese by-products  
 Chocolate and chocolate products (assorted chocolate, chocolate liquor, cocoa, cocoa powder, dark chocolate coating and milk chocolate)  
 Processed coffee  
 Corn grits  
 Cured, dried and processed meat products and dried fish  
 Dates  
 Dried eggs and egg yolk solids  
 Dried milk, dried powdered milk, nondairy creamers, and nonfat dried milk  
 Dried or dehydrated fruits (apples, dates, figs,



00519 peaches, pears, prunes, raisins and sultanas)  
 00520 Figs  
 00521 Malt  
 00522 Peanuts  
 00523 Processed herbs, spices, seasonings and condiments  
 00524 Processed nuts (almonds, apricot kernels, Brazil  
 00525 nuts, cashews, filberts, pecans, pistachio nuts and  
 00526 walnuts)  
 00527 Processed oats (including oatmeal)  
 00528 Rice, (brewers rice grits, enriched and polished,  
 00529 wild rice)  
 00530 Soybean flour and milled fractions  
 00531 Processed tea  
 00532 Dried and dehydrated vegetables (beans, carrots,  
 00533 lentils, peas, potato flour, potato products and  
 00534 spinach)  
 00535 Yeast (including primary yeast)  
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 00538 U c. Animal Feed and Feed Ingredients  
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 00540 U d. Nonfood Products  
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 00543 Animal hide  
 00544 Clothing  
 00545 Processed or unprocessed cotton, wool and  
 00546 other natural fibers or cloth  
 00547 Feathers  
 00548 Furs  
 00549 Human hair, rubberized hair, vulcanized hair, mohair  
 00550 Leather products  
 00551 Tobacco  
 00552 Wood, cut trees, wood chips and wood and bamboo  
 00553 products  
 00554 Paper and paper products  
 00555 Dried plants and flowers  
 00556 Seeds (grass seed, ornamental herbaceous plant seed  
 00557 and vegetable seed)  
 00558 Straw or hay  
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#### D. DOSAGE GUIDE

00561 Since hydrogen phosphide is a mobile gas and will penetrate  
 00562 to all parts of the storage structure, dosage must be based  
 00563 upon the total volume of the space being fumigated and not  
 00564 on the amount of bulk commodity it contains. For example,  
 00565 the same amount of Detia(R) is required to treat a 30,000  
 00566 bushel silo whether it is full or not. The following dosage  
 00567 ranges are allowed for bulk and space fumigations.  
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 00571 DOSAGE RANGE: 2 to 13 bags per 1000 cu. ft.  
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00573 NOTE: The maximum dosage allowed for dates, nuts and dried

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These dosages should not be exceeded. It is important to realize that shortened exposure period cannot be compensated for with an increased dosage.

The wide dosage ranges listed above are designed to accommodate the variety of fumigation situations that might occur. The major factor in selecting dosage is the capability of the structure to hold hydrogen phosphide during the exposure period and thus obtain and sustain lethal concentrations throughout. It is more difficult to obtain penetration of gas throughout the structure in bulk stored commodities. An example of this is the treatment of grain stored in flat storage in which fumigant is probed or surface applied.

Although it is permissible to choose from the full range of dosages listed above, the following dosage ranges are recommended for the various types of fumigations.

#### RECOMMENDED DOSAGES FOR SEVERAL TYPES OF FUMIGATIONS

| TYPE OF FUMIGATION                        | DOSAGE RANGE (BAGS/1000 CU. FT.) |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. SPACE (INCLUDING PACKAGED COMMODITIES) |                                  |
| A. MILLS, WAREHOUSES, ETC.                | 2 - 6                            |
| B. BAGGED COMMODITIES                     | 3 - 6                            |
| C. DRIED FRUITS, NUTS AND DATES           | 2 - 4                            |
| D. STORED TOBACCO                         | 2 - 4                            |
| 2. BULK STORED COMMODITIES                |                                  |
| A. VERTICAL STORAGE                       | 3 - 5                            |
| B. TANKS                                  | 4 - 6                            |
| C. FLAT STORAGE (LOOSE CONSTRUCTION)      | 5 - 13                           |
| D. FARM BINS                              | 6 - 13                           |
| E. RAIL CARS                              | 3 - 6                            |
| F. BUNKERS, TARPED GROUND STORAGE         | 3 - 6                            |
| G. BARGES                                 | 3 - 7                            |
| H. SHIPHOLDS                              | 3 - 6                            |

The upper dosages listed are recommended in structures that are

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00630 of loose construction and in bulk stored commodities.

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00633 E. SEALING

00634 There are many factors affecting a fumigation but most are  
 00635 minor compared to sealing. Proper sealing is necessary to  
 00636 insure effective control of insects and to protect man and  
 00637 other forms of life in adjoining enclosed areas from  
 00638 hydrogen phosphide during the fumigation. Proper sealing  
 00639 must include the closure of all openings except tiny holes  
 00640 or narrow cracks that are very difficult to seal. Maximum  
 00641 results however can be achieved if even these are sealed.  
 00642 Polyethylene sheeting and masking or duct tape are adequate  
 00643 sealing materials. Contact Research Products Company for  
 00644 additional information.

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00646 F. EXPOSURE GUIDELINES

00647 The following table may be used as a guide in determining  
 00648 the minimum length of the exposure period at the indicated  
 00649 temperatures.

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00652 TEMPERATURE TO WHICH  
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| Below 40°F  | Do Not Fumigate   |
| 40°F - 49°F | 14 days(336 hrs.) |
| 50°F - 59°F | 9 days(216 hrs.)  |
| 60°F - 77°F | 5 days(120 hrs.)  |
| Above 77°F  | 3 days(72 hrs.)   |

00662 The length of the fumigation must be great enough so as to  
 00663 provide for adequate control of the insect pests which  
 00664 infest the commodity being treated. It is necessary to  
 00665 lengthen the fumigation at lower temperatures since insects  
 00666 are more difficult to kill under these conditions. In this  
 00667 regard, the temperature to which the insects are exposed is  
 00668 the critical factor.

00670 There is little to be gained by extending the exposure  
 00671 period if the structure to be fumigated has not been  
 00672 carefully sealed. Careful sealing is required to ensure  
 00673 that adequate gas levels are retained. Proper application  
 00674 procedures must be followed to provide satisfactory  
 00675 distribution of hydrogen phosphide gas particularly in the  
 00676 fumigation of bulk commodity contained in large storages.

00678 When Betia(R) Gas EX-B is not uniformly added to a bulk  
 00679 commodity mass (i.e. surface application or shallow probing)  
 00680 exposure times must be substantially lengthened to allow  
 00681 penetration of gas throughout the commodity. As a "rule of  
 00682 thumb" a minimum of 1 day should be added to the exposure  
 00683 time listed on page for each 10 feet the gas must

00685 penetrate downward. It is preferable to add 2 days for each  
 00686 10 feet. Some structures can only be treated when  
 00687 completely tarped.  
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00689 In addition the fumigation period should be long enough that  
 00690 the production of hydrogen phosphide has essentially ceased.  
 00691 This will minimize hazards in the disposal of spent aluminum  
 00692 phosphide products remaining. Temperature and humidity to  
 00693 which Detia(R) Gas EX-B is exposed are important to this  
 00694 determination since both lower temperatures and/or dry air  
 00695 retard gas release.  
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00697 Consequently, exposure periods recommended in the table are  
 00698 minimum periods and may not be adequate to control all stored  
 00699 product pests under all conditions. This is particularly  
 00700 true at lower temperatures (below 60 degrees F). Nor will  
 ( 0701 they always provide for the cessation of the production of  
 0702 hydrogen phosphide when pellets or tablets are exposed to  
 00703 inadequate moisture levels.  
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00705 If the temperature to which the insects are exposed is warmer than  
 00706 the temperature to which the bags are exposed (i.e. may occur in a  
 00707 winter space fumigation) it may be possible to obtain an effective  
 00708 insect kill before the bags are totally spent. In this event it is  
 00709 permissible to conclude a space fumigation as soon as an effective  
 00710 kill has been achieved however the bags must be deactivated prior  
 00711 to disposal. See deactivation instructions on page of this  
 00712 manual.  
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00714 Whenever possible, exposure periods should exceed minimum  
 00715 periods listed above. Remember, the key to effective  
 00716 results lies with correct dosage, long exposure periods,  
 00717 proper application procedures and well sealed enclosures.  
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00719 G. APPLICATION PROCEDURES  
 ( 0720 1. GENERAL STATEMENT  
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00722 The following instructions are intended to provide  
 00723 general guidelines for typical fumigations. These  
 00724 instructions are not intended to cover every type of  
 00725 situation nor are they meant to be restrictive. Other  
 00726 procedures may be used if they are safe, effective and  
 00727 consistent with the properties of aluminum phosphide  
 00728 products.  
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00730 2. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR DIRECT ADDITION OF DETIA(R)  
 00731 GAS EX-B BAGS TO BULK COMMODITIES  
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00733 a. Commodities: Listed raw agricultural commodities,  
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 00735 and processed brewers rice, malt and corn grits used  
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- b. Storage Structures: Bins, tanks, silos, granaries, flat storage, bunkers, bulk rail cars, etc.
  - c. Procedures For Vertical Storage: (concrete upright bins and other silo type bins that can be quickly transferred)
    - (1) Bags may be added to the commodity as the bin is filled, but must be removed as the bin is emptied. Detia(R) Pellets and Tablets are most suited to this application since they can be automatically added to the commodity and are not removed after the fumigation.
    - (2) For best results all cracks and openings with the exception of fill openings should be closed or sealed prior to fumigating the bin. To this end vents near the bin top connecting adjacent bins should be sealed prior to the fumigation. If the bin is entered to seal these openings after the fumigant has been added, proper respiratory protection must be worn.
    - (3) Determine minimum exposure time based on commodity temperature and moisture. At commodity moistures of below 11.5%, exposure periods should be extended to obtain complete reaction of the fumigant.
    - (4) Calculate the number of bags needed and the rate at which they must be added based upon the rate at which the bin will be filled.
    - (5) Detia(R) bags are applied by hand on the headhouse/gallery belt or into the fill opening. Add fumigant in as continuous a manner as possible to the commodity stream.
    - (6) Keep an accurate count of bags added since the bags must be removed when the bin is emptied. Bags can be removed by transfer of the commodity through a screen or scalperator.
    - (7) Seal the bin deck openings after the application is complete.
    - (8) Bins requiring more than 24 hours to fill should not be fumigated by direct addition as the bin is filled. These bins must be fumigated by shallow probing or surface application.
    - (9) Post "DANGER" placards on all entrances and on the discharge gate.
    - (10) Bins needn't be aerated until they are transferred. Workers must not be over exposed during this transfer.

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d. Procedures For Flat Storage: (rectangular shaped bins, tanks, farm style bins and other horizontal bins)

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(1) Check the storage for tightness.

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(2) To the extent practical seal any vents, cracks or sources of leaks.

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(3) Determine dosage and exposure time. The dosage will depend in large part on a combination of the tightness of the seal, the application procedure and the grain depth. The poorer the seal and the farther the gas must penetrate to reach throughout the bin the higher the required dosage will be. For good results add the length of time required for the gas to penetrate throughout the bin to the exposure time given on page of this manual. To the extent possible, lengthen the exposure period. As a "rule of thumb" a minimum of 1 day should be added to the exposure time listed on page for each 10 feet the gas must penetrate downward. It is preferable to add 2 days for each 10 feet.

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Exposure periods listed on page of this manual should also be lengthened at commodity moistures below 11.5% to obtain complete reaction of the fumigant.

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(4) Determine application procedure to be used. This can include shallow probing, uniform addition as the bin is filled, or surface application.

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Bins requiring more than 24 hours to fill should not be fumigated by addition as the bin is filled since large quantities of gaseous fumigant may escape before the bin is finally sealed.

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(5) Surface application can be used if the bin can be made sufficiently gas tight to contain the fumigant long enough for it to penetrate throughout. In this instance it is advisable to place 1/4 of the dosage in the floor level aeration ducts. This fumigant must not contact liquid phase water.

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Surface application can be accomplished using individual bags or the 15 feet long "bag blanket" (100 bags per blanket). It is easier to retrieve the individual bags after the

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fumigation if they are placed on a strip of Kraft paper. Better retention in the commodity mass may be attained by placing the bag blankets in a shallow trench and covering them with commodity. Bag blankets are quickly applied and easily retrieved, so they are ideal for large bulk storages. If necessary the bag blanket may be subdivided, but do not save a left over segment for a future fumigation.

- (6) Shallow probing can be accomplished using the long narrow bag or "bag belt" (4 bags per belt). The long narrow bag can be probed in the commodity mass several feet by means of the eyelet in the bag and a special probe. A "locator" cord can be attached to each bag before insertion, leaving the loose end on the commodity surface. This use of the long narrow bag is particularly suited to small bins such as found on farms. When shallow probing is done in larger bins the bag belt is the desired device. A "locator" cord should also be attached to the bag belt for easy identification and removal of each belt. The bags or belts should be spaced as evenly as possible over the entire surface of the commodity.
- (7) Arrange enough applicators and other workers to complete the job quickly enough to avoid exposure to hydrogen phosphide gas. The production of gas during application can be significantly retarded by conducting fumigations when temperatures in the bin are lowest, and other work practices. It is often advisable to wear approved respiratory protection during application of fumigant under hot and humid conditions, particularly when considerable time must be spent inside the structures being treated. Monitoring with a suitable detection device is required to assure that the 0.3 ppm 8 hour TWA is not exceeded. See "Industrial Hygiene Monitoring" section on page            of this manual.
- (8) It is often advisable as an additional sealing measure to cover the commodity with plastic tarps.
- (9) Seal all remaining exits.
- (10) Post "DANGER" placards on and lock all entrances.
- (11) The bin needn't be aerated unless reentry is required. Consult safety procedures listed elsewhere in labeling.
- (12) Remove and dispose of bags prior to emptying bin or during emptying if the bags cannot be retrieved otherwise.

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e. Procedures for Bunkers and Other Outdoor Tarped Commodities:

- (1) See steps "3", "4", "5", and "6" in section "d" above.
- (2) When tarps are being spread over ground storage they should be glued, clamped or otherwise sealed together. Sand or water snakes can be used for a ground seal.
- (3) Surface or shallow probing may be done through slits in the tarp or the tarp can be spread over the commodity after application. Seal slits after application.
- (4) This is an outdoor application so safety monitoring and respiratory equipment are not required.
- (5) Post "DANGER" placards.
- (6) When possible remove bags prior to moving the commodity.

f. Procedures for Farm Storage:

- (1) General  
 Since on farm storage is almost always flat storage, refer to "Procedures for Flat Storage" on page of this manual. The instructions which follow provide additional guidance.
- (2) Sealing  
 Leakage is the single most important cause of failure in the treatment of farm bins. Since these bins are usually small by comparison they have a higher leakage area in proportion to their capacity. Most wooden granaries are so porous that they cannot be successfully fumigated unless they are completely covered with plastic sheeting or similar tarp. Steel bins are also usually of very loose construction and therefore require much attention to sealing. All vents and aeration ducts must be tightly sealed using 4 mil polyethylene sheeting or its equivalent. The plastic must be sealed directly to the metal with tape or other adhesive. It is not sufficient to "cinch up" the plastic as with a belt. The surface of the grain should be covered with plastic sheeting after Detia(R) has been applied. Tarping of the grain surface will greatly reduce leakage. Other sealing techniques are recommended i.e. closure of all



00962 large cracks with caulking, foam insulation or  
 00963 other sealant. Sealing these cracks will  
 00964 greatly reduce the required dosage. Two mil or  
 00965 thicker plastic can be used for tarping the  
 00966 grain surface, however the plastic used on the  
 00967 outside of the bin should be at least 4 mil's.  
 00968 When an entire structure is tarped the plastic  
 00969 must be at least 6 mils thick to prevent  
 00970 excessive tearing during the fumigation.

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00973 Unless all the large cracks are sealed as described  
 00974 above the dosage recommended should be 8-16 bags per  
 00975 1000 bu. (6-13 bags per 1000 cu. ft.) capacity of the  
 00976 space under the plastic tarp.

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 ( 00978 (4) Additional Application Instructions

00979 Probing bag belts or long narrow bags into the  
 00980 grain mass is the recommended method of  
 ( 00981 application. Probe insertions should be  
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 00983 more than 1/4 of the total dose in floor level  
 00984 aeration ducts. Be sure the inside of the  
 00985 aeration duct is dry before adding the bags.  
 00986 Addition of Detia(R) to water in an aeration  
 00987 duct can cause a fire. Seal the aeration fan as  
 00988 described above.

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 00990 (5) Additional Precautions

00991 Do not fumigate bins that will be entered by humans or  
 00992 animals prior to aeration. Do not fumigate areas which  
 00993 house equipment containing copper or other metals which  
 ( 00994 will be corroded by hydrogen phosphide. This includes  
 00995 electrical and electronic equipment.

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 00997 Place "DANGER" placards on entrances to the bin and  
 00998 near the ladder. See section on "PLACARDING OF  
 00999 FUMIGATED AREAS" on page of this manual.

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 01001 If monitoring equipment is not available, an approved  
 01002 canister respirator must be worn for indoor  
 01003 application. If an approved respirator is not  
 01004 available, application must be done from outside of the  
 01005 site to be fumigated. Also refer to all other  
 01006 precautions given in this manual.

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 01008 (6) Post Aeration Treatment

01009 It is good practice to spray the grain surface with an  
 01010 approved insecticide protectant to retard reinfestation  
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 01012 adult flying insects.

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 01014 3. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR SPACE FUMIGATIONS.

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a. Procedures for Mills, Warehouses, Food Processing Plants, Chambers, Trucks, Trailers, Containers and other Static Sealable Enclosures

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- (1) Determine the dosage of bags to be applied based upon the following parameters for space fumigation:

The volume of the structure

The air and/or commodity temperature

The general tightness of the structure to be fumigated.

- (2) Determine exposure period based on the "Exposure Guide" on page of this manual.

- (3) Seal all openings except for the door being used to enter and leave. Pay particular attention to openings to connecting or adjacent structures.

- (4) Place bags on floor in systematic manner. It is not necessary to distribute the bags evenly over the entire floor. Do not toss bags into inaccessible areas. The bag blankets (100 bags per 15 foot long blanket) can be easily rolled out on the floor and retrieved. The bag blanket is well suited to large fumigations. If necessary the bag blanket may be subdivided, but do not save a left over segment for a future fumigation. Check to see that they have not piled up and that they are spread out evenly to minimize contact between the individual bags.

- (5) Detia(R) Gas EX-B bags shall not be placed in or attached to commodity packages containing processed food. If placement of bags on the floor is not convenient they may be attached to a wall or other support. They may also be applied by taping the bags on cardboard with spacing between bags. Tape across the bag ends only. Specially designed discs or boards are available for this purpose from Research Products Company. If the Detia(R) Fumi-Board or Detia(R) Fumi-Disc is used, taping is not necessary.

- (6) When fumigating multiple story buildings, each floor is considered a separate enclosure. Application should begin with the top floor and end with the ground floor.

- (7) Seal all remaining exits.

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- 01073 (8) Flacard and lock all entrances.  
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 01075 (9) Aerate the structure upon completion of the exposure  
 01076 period. Standard aeration time and practices should be  
 01077 developed using a low level detection device.  
 01078 Practices will vary widely at different sites, but will  
 01079 usually include opening windows, doors, and vents and  
 01080 activating any ventilation equipment. Reentry of an  
 01081 unaerated structure must be done in pairs wearing  
 01082 appropriate respiratory equipment.  
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 01084 (10) Dispose of remaining bags. SEE "STORAGE AND DISPOSAL"  
 01085 on page of this manual. Avoid breathing the  
 01086 dust.  
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 01088 U b. Procedures for Space Fumigations Under Tarps:  
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 01092 Follow the pertinent instructions given immediately  
 01093 above in part "a".  
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 01095 Use of plastic sheeting or tarpaulins to provide a  
 01096 fumigation enclosure is one of the easiest and least  
 01097 expensive means for providing relatively gas tight  
 01098 enclosures which are very well suited for fumigation.  
 01099 Plastic tarps are penetrated only very slowly by  
 01100 hydrogen phosphide gas, and tight coverings are readily  
 01101 formed from the sheets. The volume of these enclosures  
 01102 may vary widely.  
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 01104 (2) Sealing  
 01105 An enclosure suitable for fumigation may be formed by  
 01106 covering packaged commodities with plastic sheeting.  
 01107 The sheets may be taped, glued, or clamped together to  
 01108 provide a sufficient width of material to ensure that  
 01109 adequate sealing is obtained. If the flooring upon  
 01110 which the commodity rests is of wood or other porous  
 01111 material, it should be repositioned onto plastic  
 01112 sheeting prior to covering for fumigation. The plastic  
 01113 covering of the pile may be sealed to the floor using  
 01114 tape, glue, sand or water snakes, by shoveling soil or  
 01115 sand onto the ends of the plastic covering or by other  
 01116 suitable procedures. The plastic covering should be  
 01117 reinforced by tape or other means around any sharp  
 01118 corners or edges in the stack so as to reduce the risk  
 01119 of tearing. Thinner sheeting, about 2 mils, is  
 01120 suitable for most indoor tarp fumigations. However, 4  
 01121 mil plastic or thicker is more suitable for outdoor  
 01122 applications where wind or other mechanical stresses  
 01123 are likely to be encountered.  
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 01125 (3) Additional Application Instructions  
 01126 Bags may be applied under the edge of the tarp or

01128 through slits. The bags should be protected from  
01129 condensation or other source of water. The slits in  
01130 the covering should be carefully taped to prevent loss  
01131 of gas once the dose has been applied. Bags should not  
01132 be piled or overlapped. Care should be taken to  
01133 prevent the plastic tarp from covering the bags in such  
01134 a way as to prevent contact with moist air or to  
01135 confine the gas. Refer to other sections for dosage  
01136 and exposure times.  
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01138 (4) Additional Precautions

01139 See appropriate precautions if the fumigation is  
01140 conducted indoors as opposed to outdoors. Indoor  
01141 fumigation precautions are handled as any other  
01142 situation where the application is made from outside  
01143 the area being fumigated. Workers may occupy adjacent  
01144 indoor areas but they must be protected from  
01145 overexposure to hydrogen phosphide by adequate sealing,  
01146 ventilation or as a last resort, respiratory  
01147 equipment.  
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01149 Do not walk on stacks during the fumigation.  
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01151 Place "DANGER" placards at conspicuous points on the  
01152 enclosure.  
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01154 Follow precautions listed elsewhere in labeling.  
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01156 (5) Aeration

01157 Precautions must be taken to assure that exposure  
01158 to hydrogen phosphide in excess of allowed limits  
01159 does not occur both during the fumigation and  
01160 aeration.  
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01162 4. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR RAIL CARS, CONTAINERS, TRUCKS  
01163 AND OTHER SIMILAR VEHICLES  
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01165 U a. General

01167 This section addresses fumigation of transport  
01168 vehicles whether fumigated static or intransit.  
01169 Rail cars and containers shipped piggyback by rail  
01170 may be fumigated intransit, but it is not legal to  
01171 move trucks, trailers, etc., over public roads or  
01172 highways until they are aerated. See section "III.J"  
01173 on page of this manual for recommendations on  
01174 placarding, commodity aeration and training of  
01175 persons authorized to remove placarding.  
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01177 Notify the consignee if the commodity is to be  
01178 shipped under fumigation. If the consignee is  
01179 unfamiliar with proper handling of fumigated  
01180 rail cars, it is recommended that they be provided  
01181 with the necessary information.

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Rail cars, containers, trucks, and other transport vehicles loaded with bulk commodities to which Detia(R) bags may be added are treated in essentially the same way as any other storage facility. Detia(R) may be added as the vehicle is being filled, the dose may be scattered over the surface after loading has been completed or the bags may be probed below the surface. Surface application is not recommended for intransit fumigation. Carefully seal any vents, cracks or other leaks particularly if the fumigation is to be carried out intransit.

Detia(R) Gas EX-R bags shall not be placed in or attached to commodity packages containing processed food. If placement of bags on the floor is not convenient or if the vehicle is being fumigated intransit, they may be attached to a wall or other support. They may also be applied by taping the bags on cardboard with spacing between bags. Tape across the bag ends only. Specially designed discs or boards are available for this purpose from Research Products Company. If the Detia(R) Fumi-Board or Detia(R) Fumi-Disc is used, taping the bags is not necessary.

Instructions that follow suggest specific procedures for treatment of rail cars and containers when direct addition to the commodity is not used.

b. Procedures for Bulk Rail Cars --- Round Hatch

- (1) Close and secure all hatch covers except those being utilized for the fumigation.
- (2) Seal all other openings. Pay particular attention to vents.
- (3) Clean the flange lip of hatch (or hatches) being utilized. If the commodity extends into the throat of the hatch, force it away to the extent possible.
- (4) Open cans and insert bags into the pockets of a Detia(R) Fumi-Disc.
- (5) Place the loaded Fumi-Disc into position, bag side up.
- (6) Secure the Fumi-Disc into place with masking tape.
- (7) Lower the cover into place and secure. Insert a "DANGER" placard into a clear plastic bag and tape it securely to the hatch cover.

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- (8) Insert "DANGER" placards into clear plastic bags and secure with masking tape near the ladder on each side of the car.

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c. Procedures for Bulk Rail Cars --- Slot Hatch

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- (1) Fold the edges of a Fumi-Board to form a tray. The Fumi-Board is designed to "hang" in the hatch opening.

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- (2) Open cans and insert bags into pockets of Detia(R) Fumi-Board.

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- (3) Place the loaded Fumi-Board into position, bag side up.

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- (4) Secure into place with masking tape.
  - (5) Lower the hatch covers and seal the edges with tape.
  - (6) Insert a "DANGER" placard into a clear plastic bag and tape it securely to the hatch cover.
  - (7) Insert "DANGER" placards into clear plastic bags and secure with masking tape near the ladder on each side of the car.

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- (1) Close and secure one of the doors from the inside. Seal all openings and joints. If possible, caulk joints and drape entire doorway with polyethylene film, securing the edges to the inner wall, floor and ceiling with masking tape.
  - (2) Inspect the roof, floor and walls for holes and/or cracks. Seal all openings with either masking tape or caulking compound.
  - (3) If possible, drape remaining doorway with polyethylene film before door is closed. Secure edges to door jams and floor. Close door and secure. If doorway is draped with polyethylene it may not be necessary to seal the door from the outside. If doorway is not draped, seal all cracks, openings and joints with masking tape and/or caulking compound from the outside.
  - (4) Open cans and insert bags into pockets of Deltia(R) Fumi-Disc or Fumi-Board.

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(5) Place the loaded Fumi-Disc or Fumi-Board onto the load, bag side up. Secure it into place with tape:

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(7) Post "DANGER" placards by inserting into clear plastic bags and taping them to each door.

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Procedures for containers are essentially the same as boxcars except their door, tend to be more gas tight and they often have only a real door which must be sealed after application is completed.

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5. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR INTRANSIT FUMIGATION OF SHIP  
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a. General Information:

- (1) Shipboard fumigation is also regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard Regulations 46 CFR 147A.
- (2) This product is toxic to fish. Keep out of lakes, streams and other aquatic environments. Do not contaminate water by cleaning equipment or disposal of wastes.

b. Pre-Voyage Fumigation Procedures and Precautions:

- (1) Refer to and comply with the regulations and procedures found in U.S. Coast Guard Regulation, 46 CFR 147A.
- (2) Prior to fumigating a vessel for intransit cargo fumigation, the master of the vessel or his representative, and the fumigator must determine whether the vessel is suitably designed and configured so as to allow for safe occupancy by the ship's crew throughout the duration of the fumigation/voyage.  
  
If it is determined that the design and configuration of the vessel does not allow for safe occupancy by the ship's crew throughout the duration of the fumigation/voyage, then the vessel will not be fumigated unless all crew members are removed from the vessel. The crew members will not be allowed to re-occupy the vessel until the vessel has been properly aerated and a determination has been made by the master of the vessel and the fumigator that the vessel is safe for occupancy.
- (3) The person responsible for the fumigation must notify the master of the vessel, or his representative of the requirements relating to personal protection equipment\*, low range detection equipment and that a person qualified in the use of this equipment must accompany the vessel with cargo under fumigation. Emergency procedures, cargo ventilation, periodic monitoring and inspections, and first aid measures must be discussed with and understood by the master of the vessel or his representative.
- (4) Seal all openings to the cargo hold or tank using suitable, water proof, gas tight materials. Lock and/or otherwise secure all openings, manways, etc. used to enter the hold. Post appropriate "DANGER" placards on same.

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- (5) On tankers the over-space pressure relief system of each tank must be sealed by (1) the closing of appropriate valves and (2) sealing the openings into the over-space with gas tight materials.
- (6) Contact appropriate authorities.
- (7) If the fumigation is not completed and the vessel aerated before the manned vessel leaves port, the person in charge of the vessel shall insure that at least two units of personal protection equipment and one gas or vapor detection device and a person qualified in their operation be on board the vessel during the voyage.
- (8) During the fumigation or until a manned vessel leaves port or the cargo is aerated, the person in charge of the fumigation shall insure that a qualified person using gas or vapor detection equipment test spaces adjacent to the fumigated cargo area and all regularly occupied spaces for fumigant leakage.  
  
If leakage of the fumigant is detected, the person in charge of the fumigation shall take action to correct the leakage or shall inform the master of the vessel or his representative, of the leakage so that corrective action can be taken.
- (9) Review with the Master, or his representative, the voyage precautions and procedures.  
  
\*Personal protection equipment means a respirator or gas mask fitted with a canister designed for phosphine gas which is approved by NIOSH/MSHA. A gas mask and canister is approved for use up to 15 ppm. Above 15 ppm or at unknown concentrations a SCBA or its equivalent must be used.

c. Procedures for Bulk Dry Cargo Vessels and Tankers:

- (1) Calculate dosage on the basis of cargo hold volume. Dosage is always calculated for total hold volume irrespective of the commodity tonnage in the hold.  
  
Detia(R) Gas EX-B.....2-6 bags per 1000 cubic feet
- (2) Procedure for Detia(R) Gas EX-B (Bag Blanket)
  - (a) After a hold has been filled or completed, dig a shallow trench approximately 15 feet long and 2 feet wide for each blanket being used. Maintain at least a two foot separation between trenches and

stay in from side walls at least 10 feet.

(b) Open bag blanket containers one at a time; remove the blanket, unroll it until fully extended and position into the trench. Cover with the commodity.

(3) Procedure for Detia(R) Gas EX-B (individual bags)  
After a hold has been filled or completed, open containers and distribute bags uniformly onto commodity surface with spacing between each. Do not place bags within 10 feet of side walls. Step on each after placement or probe bags into the commodity to any depth desired.

(4) Procedure for Detia(R) Gas EX-B (Bag Belt)  
After a hold has been filled or completed, open containers and begin inserting (probing) bag belts into the commodity mass with spacing between. Do not probe within 10 feet of sidewalls. Attach a "locator" cord to each belt before insertion, leaving the loose end on the commodity surface.

(5) Observe closing of hatch covers closely. Stop the closing if the cover snags a bag blanket, individual bag, or bag belt. Reposition the blanket, bag or belt and resume closing.

d. Voyage Precautions and Procedures:

(1) At regular intervals monitor spaces adjacent to areas containing fumigated cargo and all regularly occupied areas for fumigant leakage using appropriate gas detection equipment.

Special attention should be given to living quarters, kitchens, storerooms, mess halls, keel ducts, day rooms, the bridge, engine room and any other enclosed spaces occupied or frequented by crew members during a voyage.

(2) If hydrogen phosphide is detected, evacuate the space or area, locate and seal off the source of the leak wearing appropriate respiratory protection equipment. Ventilate the area before allowing occupants to return.

(3) Do not enter fumigated holds or tanks.

(4) Do not open, ventilate or aerate the fumigated holds during the voyage.

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e. Precautions and Procedures During Discharge:

If necessary to enter holds prior to discharge, test spaces directly above cargo surface for fumigant concentration, using appropriate gas detection and personal protection equipment. Do not allow entry to fumigated areas without personal protection equipment, unless fumigant concentrations are at safe levels, as indicated by a suitable detector.

f. Personal Protective Equipment and Monitoring:

(1) Fully loaded holds on dry bulk carriers are considered an outdoor fumigation.

(2) Tanker holds which must be entered to fumigate and partially loaded holds on dry bulk carriers are fumigated from within the area being treated.

(3) See sections "I" and "M" on pages of this manual for requirements.

(4) If hydrogen phosphide is detected a minimum of two qualified persons on ship should wear the gas mask and canister described above while aerating the area and locating and sealing the leak.

## 6. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR INTRANSIT FUMIGATION OF CONTAINERS ON SHIPS

a. When fumigating bulk commodities to which direct addition of this fumigant is not allowed or packaged commodities, refer to section "3.a" on page of this manual.

b. Intransit fumigation of containers on ships is regulated by Coast Guard Regulation 46 CFR 147A and the applicator or shipper must obtain and comply with U.S. Coast Guard Special permit No. 52-75. Contact the Coast Guard or Research Products Company for additional information.

c. Comply with general precautions given in labeling.

## 7. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR FUMIGATION OF BARGES

a. General

Since barge fumigation is a type of flat storage fumigation as well as having similarities in common with a ship, refer to the sections "Procedures for Flat Storage" on page and "APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR INTRANSIT FUMIGATION OF SHIP'S HOLDS" on page .

01625 P Barge fumigation is regulated by the U. S. Coast Guard  
01626 Regulations 46 CFR 147A as modified by U. S. Coast Guard  
01627 Special Permit 2-75. The shipper or fumigator must possess  
01628 this permit prior to fumigating. To obtain this permit  
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01630 U.S. Coast Guard  
01631 Hazardous Materials Branch  
01632 Washington, D.C. 20593-0001  
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b. Sealing

01636 Special care must be taken in determining whether a barge  
01637 is suitable for fumigation. Excessive leakage may occur  
01638 through poorly sealed hold covers.  
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## 01640 G H. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

01642 It is not necessary to wear gloves or other protective  
01643 clothing. However, wear dry gloves of cotton or other  
01644 material if contact with the dust is likely. Wash hands  
01645 after use.

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## 01647 I. RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

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## 1. WHEN RESPIRATORY PROTECTION MUST BE WORN

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01650 NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection must be worn  
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01652 limits or when concentrations are unknown.

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01654 2. PERMISSIBLE GAS CONCENTRATION RANGES FOR RESPIRATORY  
01655 PROTECTION DEVICES  
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( 01657 A NIOSH/MSHA approved, full face gas mask, hydrogen  
01658 phosphide canister combination may be used at levels up  
01659 to 15 ppm or to escape from levels up to 1500 ppm.  
01660 Above this level or in situations where the hydrogen  
01661 phosphide concentration is unknown, a NIOSH/MSHA  
01662 approved, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or  
01663 its equivalent must be used. The NIOSH/OSHA Pocket  
01664 Guide, 9-85, DHEW/NIOSH 78-210, lists these and other  
01665 types of approved respirators and the concentration  
01666 limits of which they may be used.

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## 01668 3. REQUIREMENTS FOR AVAILABILITY OF RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

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01670 Respiratory protection must be available at the site of  
01671 application in case it is needed when applying Detia(R)  
01672 from within the structure being fumigated. An approved  
01673 full face gas mask, phosphine canister combination or  
( 01674 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or its  
01675 equivalent must be available at the site of application.  
01676 If SCBA or its equivalent is not available at the  
01677 application site, it must be available locally, for  
01678 example, at a fire station or rescue squad.

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01681 applications from outside the area to be fumigated such  
01682 as addition of tablets or pellets to automatic  
01683 dispensing devices, etc., if exposures above the  
01684 permitted exposure limit will not be encountered.

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01686 Respiratory protection need not be available for outdoor  
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01690 F If monitoring equipment is not available on a farm and  
 01691 application cannot be done from outside the structure,  
 01692 an approved canister respirator must be worn during  
 01693 application from within the enclosed indoor area.  
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01695 J. PLACARDING OF FUMIGATED AREAS

01696 The applicator must placard or post all entrances to the  
 01697 fumigated area with signs bearing:  
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- 01699 1. The signal word "DANGER/PELIGRO" and the SKULL and  
 01700 CROSSBONES symbol in red.
- 01701 2. The statement, "Area and/or commodity under fumigation,  
 01702 DO NOT ENTER/NO ENTRE".
- 01703 3. The statement "This sign may only be removed after the  
 01704 commodity is completely aerated (contains 0.3 ppm or  
 01705 less phosphine gas). If incompletely aerated commodity  
 01706 is transferred to a new site, the new site must also be  
 01707 placarded and workers must not be exposed to more than  
 01708 0.3 ppm phosphine."
- 01709 4. The date and time fumigation begins and is completed.
- 01710 5. Name of fumigant used.
- 01711 6. Name, address, telephone number of the applicator.

01712 All entrances to a fumigated area must be placarded. Where  
 01713 possible, placards should be placed in advance of the  
 01714 fumigation in order to keep unauthorized persons away. For  
 01715 railroad hopper cars, placarding must be placed securely on  
 01716 both sides of the car near the ladders and next to the top  
 01717 hatch into which the fumigant is introduced.  
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01719 Do not remove a placard until the treated <sup>commodity</sup> ~~area~~ is aerated  
 01720 down to 0.3 ppm or less. To determine whether aeration is  
 01721 complete, each fumigated site or vehicle must be monitored  
 01722 and shown to contain 0.3 ppm or less hydrogen phosphide gas  
 01723 in the air space around and, when feasible, in the mass of  
 01724 the commodity.  
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01726 Transfer of incompletely aerated commodity to a new site is  
 01727 permissible, however the new storage must be placarded if it  
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01730 Workers who handle incompletely aerated commodity must be  
 01731 informed and appropriate measures must be taken (i.e.,  
 01732 ventilation or respiratory protection) to prevent exposures  
 01733 from exceeding the exposure limits for hydrogen phosphide.  
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01735 It is recommended that the person responsible for removing  
 01736 the placards be familiar with the physical, chemical and  
 01737 toxicological properties of hydrogen phosphide. They should  
 01738 also be knowledgeable in how to take gas readings, exposure  
 01739 limits, symptoms and first aid treatment for hydrogen  
 01740 phosphide poisoning.  
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## 01744 K. GAS DETECTION EQUIPMENT

01745 There are several reliable devices marketed. One type  
01746 is the hand pump when used in conjunction with the  
01747 appropriate detector tube. They are portable, simple  
01748 devices and do not require intensive training or elaborate  
01749 supporting equipment to operate. Furthermore, they are  
01750 inexpensively adaptable to remote monitoring procedures and  
01751 will measure concentrations of hydrogen phosphide in air in  
01752 trace amounts on up. Use instructions are enclosed with  
01753 each purchase. Consult your local supplier of such  
01754 equipment or contact Research Products Company for more  
01755 information.  
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## 01757 L. AERATION OF FUMIGATED COMMODITIES

## 01758 1. FOODS AND FEEDS

01759 Tolerances for hydrogen phosphide residues have been  
01760 established at 0.1 ppm for animal feeds and 0.01 ppm for  
01761 finished foods. To guarantee compliance with these  
01762 tolerances, it is necessary to aerate these commodities  
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01764 consumer.  
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## 01766 2. TOBACCO

01767 Tobacco must be aerated for at least three days (72  
01768 hours) when fumigated in hogsheads and for at least two  
01769 days (48 hours) when fumigated in other containers.  
01770 When plastic liners are used, longer aeration periods  
01771 will probably be required to aerate the commodity down  
01772 to 0.3 ppm.  
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01774 3. As an alternative to these aeration periods, each  
01775 container of a treated commodity may be analyzed for  
01776 residues using accepted analytical methods. If residues  
01777 are less than tolerance levels, the commodity may be  
01778 shipped to the consumer regardless of the above holding  
01779 periods.  
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## 01781 M. APPLICATOR AND WORKER EXPOSURE

## 01782 1. HYDROGEN PHOSPHIDE EXPOSURE LIMITS

01783 Exposure to hydrogen phosphide must not exceed the 8  
01784 hour TWA of 0.3 ppm for applicators and workers during  
01785 application. Application is defined as the time period  
01786 covering the opening of the first container, applying  
01787 the appropriate dosage of fumigant and closing up the  
01788 site to be fumigated. All persons in the treated site  
01789 and in adjacent indoor areas are covered by this  
01790 exposure standard.  
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01792 After application is completed worker or applicator  
01793 exposure must not exceed 0.3 ppm maximum concentration.  
01794 Such exposures may occur because of leakage into  
01795 enclosed areas from fumigation sites, during reentry or  
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2. APPLICATION OF FUMIGANT

Depending upon temperature and humidity, Detia(R) Gas EX-B releases hydrogen phosphide gas slowly upon exposure to moisture from the air. This release is often slow enough to permit applicators to deposit fumigant in the desired areas and then vacate the premises without significant exposure to the gas. If the fumigator's exposure exceeds the 8 hour TWA of 0.3 ppm, approved respiratory protection must be worn. Gas concentration measurements for safety purposes must be made using low level detector tubes or other suitable low level detection equipment. See the "Industrial Hygiene Monitoring" section below. Information on hydrogen phosphide (phosphine, PH<sub>3</sub>) detector tubes may be obtained from Research Products Company.

It is often practical to wear approved respiratory protection from start to finish. This is particularly true when performing large space fumigations or when fumigating bulk stored commodities in flat storage buildings.

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3. LEAKAGE FROM FUMIGATED SITES

Hydrogen phosphide is highly mobile and given enough time may penetrate seemingly gas-tight materials such as concrete and cinder block. Therefore, adjacent, enclosed areas likely to be occupied should be examined to ensure that significant leakage has not occurred. Sealing of the fumigated site and/or air flow in the occupied areas should be used to reduce exposure.

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4. AERATION AND REENTRY

If the area is to be entered after fumigation, it must be aerated until the level of hydrogen phosphide gas is 0.3 ppm or below. The area or site must be monitored to ensure that liberation of gas from the treated commodity does not result in the development of unacceptable levels of hydrogen phosphide. Do not allow reentry into treated areas by any person before this time unless protected by an approved respirator.

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5. HANDLING UNAERATED COMMODITIES

Transfer and processing of a treated commodity prior to complete aeration is permissible, however workers must not be exposed to hydrogen phosphide in excess of the permitted exposure limits.

6. INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE MONITORING

It is recommended that hydrogen phosphide exposure be documented in an operation log or manual for each site and operation where exposure may occur. The purpose of this monitoring is to prevent excessive exposure and to

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01851 determine when and where respiratory protection is  
01852 required. This monitoring is mandatory although once  
01853 exposures have been adequately characterized, subsequent  
01854 monitoring is not routinely required. However, spot  
01855 checks should be made occasionally, especially if *or an*  
01856 conditions significantly change. Gas concentration *unexpected*  
01857 measurements should be taken in the worker's breathing *garlic*  
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## 7. ENGINEERING CONTROLS AND WORK PRACTICES

If initial monitoring shows that workers are exposed to concentrations in excess of the permitted exposure limits then engineering controls (such as forced air ventilation) and/or appropriate work practices should be used where possible in an attempt to reduce exposure to below permitted limits.

## N. STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

### 1. STORAGE

Cans should be stored in a dry, well ventilated area, away from heat and under lock and key. Post as a pesticide storage area. Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storing pesticides in the same areas used to store these commodities. Do not store in buildings where humans or domestic animals reside. Keep out of reach of children.

The shelf life of Detia(R) is virtually unlimited if the containers are tightly sealed.

### 2. DISPOSAL OF UNREACTED OR PARTIALLY REACTED DETIA(R) GAS EX-B

(From spills, leaking cans or other sources) Unreacted or partially reacted Detia(R) Gas EX-B is acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of this product is a violation of federal law. If this product cannot be disposed of by ordinary use or according to the instructions that follow, contact your state pesticide or environmental control agency or the hazardous waste representative at the nearest EPA regional office for guidance. Do not contaminate water by disposal.

Some local and state waste disposal regulations may vary from the following recommendations. Disposal procedures should be reviewed with appropriate authorities to ensure compliance with local regulations.

FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS SEE "SPILL AND LEAK PROCEDURES" ON PAGE OF THIS MANUAL.

### 3. DISPOSAL OF DETIA(R) GAS EX-B FOLLOWING A SPACE FUMIGATION

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If properly exposed, the bags remaining after a fumigation will contain a grayish white, spent, nonhazardous waste and will contain only a small amount of unreacted aluminum phosphide. However, residual dust from incompletely exposed bags (See "EXPOSURE GUIDE" on page of this manual.) will require special care. Confinement of partially spent bags, as in a closed container may result in a fire hazard. Small amounts of hydrogen phosphide may be given off from the unreacted aluminum phosphide, and confinement of the gas may result in a flash. Unless it can be determined with certainty that the bags are spent they must be deactivated as described below prior to disposal.

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b. Deactivation of Detia(R) Gas EX-B

(1) General

The methods below may be used for deactivating used or unused Detia(R) Gas EX-B regardless of the extent to which the aluminum phosphide has been consumed in the production of hydrogen phosphide.

(2) Dry Deactivation

Collect bags and place them into a ventilated holding container such as the specially equipped 55 gallon drum illustrated below, wire cage used for other hydrogen phosphide fumigants or other similar device. Store the bags in one of these devices until the bags are spent. Unused or partially spent bags can be spread out on the ground in a secure open area away from occupied buildings to be deactivated by atmospheric moisture. Care should be taken so that they are not carried away by the wind. Dry deactivation is the recommended procedure for unused or partially spent bags. If in doubt concerning whether the bags are spent contact Research Products Company.

Ignition may occur if large numbers of incompletely reacted bags are contacted by liquid water. This can occur in open or perforated storage containers. Therefore, such storage should be out of doors in a relatively isolated area protected from rain.

(3) Wet Deactivation -- Method One

Fill an appropriate sized container with water a few inches from the top. Submerge bags for 36 hours. A metal grid works well to keep bags submerged. Do not cover container. Wear appropriate respiratory protection. This must be

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(4) Wet Deactivation - Method Two

Fill an appropriate sized metal container 2/3  
full with water. For each gallon of water add  
1/4 cup of low sudsing detergent or surfactant.  
Use no less than 1 gallon of water/detergent  
solution for 60 Detia(R) bags. Open each bag and  
dump the contents into the container as the water  
is stirred. Wear appropriate respiratory  
protection. DO NOT COVER THE CONTAINER AT ANY  
TIME. This must be done outdoors or in front of  
an adequate fan that exhausts immediately outside.

c. Disposal Procedures

In open areas, small amounts (up to 7.0 kg.) of the  
spent bags may be disposed of on site by burial of  
the bags or by opening the bags and spreading the  
dust over the land surface away from inhabited  
buildings.

Spent bags may also be collected and disposed of at  
a sanitary landfill, approved pesticide incinerator  
or other approved sites or by other procedures  
approved by federal, state and local authorities.

Do not dispose of dust in a toilet.

Dispose of the water/dust mixture (slurry) (with or  
without preliminary pouring out of excess water) in  
a sanitary landfill or other suitable burial site  
approved by local authorities. Where permissible,  
the slurry may be poured out on the ground. If it  
is held 36 hours it may be poured into a storm  
sewer.

Never confine, partially spent bags or slurry in  
closed containers such as closed drums or plastic  
bags.

4. DISPOSAL DRUM

In lieu of immediate disposal it may be more practical,  
particularly in the case of smaller users, to collect  
reacted or unreacted bags and place them into a  
specially designed 55-gallon drum as illustrated.

Note the cone shaped, vented lid as well as the expanded metal false floor, the 10, 1 inch diameter holes evenly spaced around the bottom, the 5, 1 inch diameter holes in the bottom (not shown) and the locking device. The purpose of the drum is to provide a central, known collection point for bags. When full or at regular intervals the reacted bags can be transported directly to an approved disposal site.

The drum should be located in an open, secured area marked as the collection center for Detia(R) Gas EX-B. We recommend the drum also be marked "DANGER, POISONOUS GAS, KEEP AWAY." If the drum is used only for reacted bags "POISONOUS GAS" can be deleted.

#### 5. DISPOSAL OF CANS

Dispose of cans in a sanitary landfill or by other approved state or local procedures.

#### 0. SPILL AND LEAK PROCEDURES

##### 1. GENERAL

A spill other than incidental to application or normal handling or punctured containers, can produce high levels of gas and, therefore attending personnel must wear a SCBA or its equivalent when the concentrations of hydrogen phosphide gas is unknown. If the concentration is known, other NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection can be worn. Wear dry gloves of cotton or other material when contact with the powdered formulation is likely.

##### 2. DAMAGE TO FIBERBOARD CASE

Check cans. If they are damaged handle as described below. If they are undamaged return them to cardboard

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cartons or other suitable packaging which complies with DOT regulations.

### 3. LEAKING FLASK PROCEDURES

If cans have been punctured or damaged causing a leak, the product may be immediately used, the container may be temporarily repaired with aluminum tape, the Detia(R) may be transferred from the damaged can to a sound metal container which should be sealed and properly labeled as aluminum phosphide, or it may be deactivated and disposed. See page of this manual for deactivation and disposal procedures. Transport the damaged containers to an area suitable for pesticide storage for inspection. Further instructions and recommendations may be obtained, if required, from Research Products Company.

Handle empty damaged containers as described under "DISPOSAL OF EMPTY CANS" above.

### 4. SPILL PROCEDURES

Since the formulation is placed in small, tough paper bags, a spill will be either bags or a small quantity of powder spilled from a punctured bag. Consequently, spills are not likely to constitute a frequent problem.

Do not flush spillage down drain with water. DO NOT use water at anytime to clean up a spill. Water in contact with unreacted Detia(R) will rapidly accelerate the production of hydrogen phosphide gas and could cause spontaneous ignition of the gas. If bags have just been spilled and have not been contaminated by other materials, collect the bags and use them or place them into a sound metal container and seal it or deactivate and dispose of them. If possible use immediately. CAUTION: AN IGNITION MAY OCCUR WHEN THESE CONTAINERS ARE OPENED.

If the spill is more than a few minutes old or has been contaminated with water, gather it up and place it into an open top can and deactivate it immediately.

If on-site deactivation is not feasible, these open containers should be transported in open vehicles to a suitable area away from occupied buildings. Wet or dry deactivation may then be carried out. See deactivation instructions on page of this manual.

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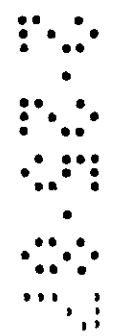
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Under the Federal Insecticide,  
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RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE  
DUE TO ACUTE INHALATION TOXICITY OF HIGHLY  
TOXIC HYDROGEN PHOSPHIDE (PHOSPHINE, PH<sub>3</sub>) GAS

For retail sale to and use only by certified applicators for  
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trained in accordance with the attached product manual working  
under the direct supervision and in the physical presence of the  
certified applicator. Physical presence means on site or on the  
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Detia(R) Gas EX-B is a fumigant preparation containing 57% aluminum phosphide (by weight) which when removed from its original container will liberate hydrogen phosphide (phosphine). The reaction between atmospheric moisture and aluminum phosphide which produces hydrogen phosphide will continue for several days depending on temperature and humidity to which the preparation is exposed. To be effective the cargo holds or tanks should remain sealed for the duration of the voyage.

(1) Shipboard fumigation is also regulated by the U. S. Coast Guard regulations 46 CFR 147A.

(2) Detia(R) Gas EX-B (EPA Reg. No. 2548-59) is classified by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency as a RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE, DUE TO ACUTE INHALATION TOXICITY OF HIGHLY TOXIC HYDROGEN PHOSPHIDE (PHOSPHINE, PH<sub>3</sub>) GAS. For retail sale to and use only by certified applicators for those uses covered by the applicator's certification or persons trained in accordance with the attached product manual working under the direct supervision and in the physical presence of the certified applicator. Physical presence means on site or on the premises. Read and follow the label and the Research Products Company product manual which contains complete instructions for the safe use of this pesticide.

(3) This product is toxic to fish. Keep out of lakes, streams and other aquatic environments. Do not contaminate water by cleaning equipment or disposal of wastes.

(4) For additional information refer to product label and the booklet entitled "APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR DETIA(R) GAS EX-B."

(1) Refer to and comply with the regulations and procedures found in U. S. Coast Guard regulation, 46 CFR 147A.

(2) Prior to fumigating a vessel for intransit cargo fumigation, the master of the vessel or his representative, and the fumigator must determine whether the vessel is suitably designed and configured so as to allow for safe occupancy by the ship's crew throughout the duration of the fumigation/voyage.



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If it is determined that the design and configuration of the vessel does not allow for safe occupancy by the ship's crew throughout the duration of the fumigation/voyage, then the vessel will not be fumigated unless all crew members are removed from the vessel. The crew members will not be allowed to re-occupy the vessel until the vessel has been properly aerated and a determination has been made by the master of the vessel and the fumigator that the vessel is safe for occupancy.

- (3) The person responsible for the fumigation must notify the master of the vessel, or his representative, of the requirements relating to personal protection equipment\*, low range detection equipment and that a person qualified in the use of this equipment must accompany the vessel with cargo under fumigation. Emergency procedures, cargo ventilation, periodic monitoring and inspections, and first aid measures must be discussed with and understood by the master of the vessel or his representative.
- (4) Seal all openings to the cargo hold or tank using suitable, water proof, gas tight materials. Lock and/or otherwise secure all openings, manways, etc. used to enter the hold. Post appropriate "DANGER" placards on same.
- (5) On tankers the over-space pressure relief system of each tank must be sealed by (1) the closing of appropriate valves and (2) sealing the openings into the over-space with gas tight materials.
- (6) Contact appropriate authorities.
- (7) If the fumigation is not completed and the vessel aerated before the manned vessel leaves port, the person in charge of the vessel shall insure that at least two units of personal protection equipment and one gas or vapor detection device and a person qualified in their operation be on board the vessel during the voyage.
- (8) During the fumigation or until a manned vessel leaves port or the cargo is aerated, the person in charge of the fumigation shall insure that a qualified person using gas or vapor detection equipment test spaces adjacent to the fumigated cargo area and regularly occupied spaces for fumigant leakage.

If leakage of the fumigant is detected, the person in charge of the fumigation shall take action to correct the leakage or shall inform the master of the vessel or his representative, of the leakage so that corrective

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- (9) Review with the master, or his representative, the voyage precautions and procedures.

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\*Personal protection equipment means a respirator or gas mask fitted with a canister designed for phosphine gas which is approved by NIOSH/MSHA. A gas mask and canister is approved for use up to 15 ppm. Above 15 ppm or at unknown concentrations a SCBA or its equivalent must be used.

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07850 U d. Procedures for Bulk Dry Cargo Vessels and Tankers:

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- (1) Calculate dosage on the basis of cargo hold volume. Dosage is always calculated for total hold volume irrespective of the commodity tonnage in the hold.

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- (2) Procedure for Detia(F) Gas EX-B (Bag Blanket)

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(a) After a hold has been filled or completed, dig a shallow trench approximately 15 feet long and 2 feet wide for each blanket being used. Maintain at least a two foot separation between trenches and stay in from side walls at least 10 feet.

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(b) Open bag blanket containers one at a time; remove the blanket; unroll it until fully extended and position into the trench. Cover with the commodity.

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- (3) Procedure for Detia(R) Gas EX-B (individual bags)

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After a hold has been filled or completed, open containers and distribute bags uniformly onto commodity surface with spacing between each. Do not place bags within 10 feet of side walls. Step on each after placement or probe bags into the commodity to any depth desired.

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- (4) Procedure for Detia(R) Gas EX-B (Bag Belt)

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After a hold has been filled or completed, open containers and begin inserting (probing) bag belts into the commodity mass with spacing between. Do not probe within 10 feet of sidewalls. Attach a "locator" cord to each belt before inserting, leaving the loose end on the commodity surface.

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- (5) Observe closing of hatch covers closely. Stop the closing if the cover snags a bag blanket, individual bag, or bag belt. Reposition the blanket, bag or belt and resume closing.

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10100 (1) At regular intervals monitor spaces adjacent to areas  
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10350 Special attention should be given to living quarters,  
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10550 occupied or frequented by crew members during a voyage.  
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10650 (2) If hydrogen phosphide is detected, evacuate the space or  
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10900 (3) Do not enter fumigated holds or tanks.  
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11000 (4) Do not open, ventilate or aerate the fumigated holds during  
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11200 U f. Precautions and Procedures During Discharge:

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11300 If necessary to enter holds prior to discharge, test spaces  
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11450 equipment. Do not allow entry into fumigated areas without  
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11850 (1) Fully loaded holds on dry bulk carriers are considered  
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12000 (2) Tanker holds which must be entered to fumigate and  
12050 partially loaded holds on dry bulk carriers are  
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12200 (3) See sections "I" and "M" on pages of the manual  
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12400 (4) If hydrogen phosphide is detected a minimum of two  
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