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Ms. Eileen Valenta
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Dear Ms. Valenta:

Subject: Conversion to Nominal Concentration and Labeling Amendments
Zoecon RF-349
EPA Registration No. 2724-430
Your Submission Dated February 5, 1998

The revised Confidential Statement of Formula (CSF) and labeling amendments referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, as amended, are acceptable. In reviewing the CSF, however, I noticed that the CAS number for the third ingredient is incorrect (it corresponds to the fourth ingredient listed). I have corrected this error and placed a copy of the corrected CSF in your file for the subject product.

Also, please change the "Products" to "Producers" on the front panel.

Please submit two copies of your final printed labeling before you release the product for shipment. A stamped copy of the labeling is enclosed for your records.

Sincerely,

George T. LaRocca
Product Manager 13
Insecticide Branch
Registration Division (7505C)

Enclosure

| CONCURRENCES | | | | | | | |
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Label Review Sheet

FILENAME: L:\LABELS\CAHSPEC\ 02724430\P349apsa.97A COVERSHEET October 1997
 UPDATE:
 PRODUCT: ZOECON RF-349 EPA REG. NO.: 2724-430
 APISTAN® STRIP
 APPROVED SUPERSEDES: 1/3/95

OVERVIEW: Label submitted for name/address change, PRN 97-4/97-6/97-5 (notification)

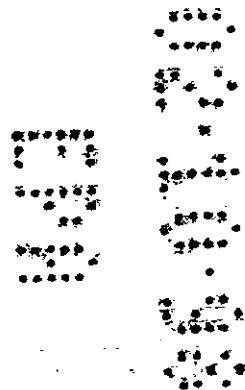
| Page # | Description of Major Changes |
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| 1 | Trademark added to name "Zoecon" "NEW" deleted - (time limitation was expired). Ingredient Statement - Tau-fluvalinate chemical name removed, added CAS # PRN 97-5 "Inert" replaced by "Other" PRN 97-6 Contents statement revised to reflect packaging |
| 2 | FIRST AID section added (moved sentence from precautionary paragraph) ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS added - text per EPA study (honey bee acute/foliar residue) review 4/26/96 Warranty added Information telephone number added PRN 97-4 Registered trademark statement revised to reflect Sandoz to Wellmark |
| 3 | Address/ownership changed Sandoz to Wellmark |
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ACCEPTED
 with COMMENTS
 in EPA Letter Dated

JUN 18 1996

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

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ZOECON® RF-349 APISTAN® STRIP

For Use By Commercial Package Bee Products Producers

NEW

EFFECTIVE

() indicates optional statements

An Effective Way to Control Varroa Mites in Commercial Package Bees

Protects Against Varroa Mite Infestation

Kills (Controls) Varroa Mite, Not the Honeybee

Prevents (Stops) the Spread of Varroa Mite Infestation

Easy to Use

No Mess Application

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Tau-fluvalinate ~~{(RS)-α-cyano-3-phenoxybenzyl~~

~~N-(2-chloro-α,α,α-trifluoro-p-tolyl)-D-valinate}~~ (CAS #102851-06-9) 2.5%

~~OTHER INERT INGREDIENTS:~~ 97.5%

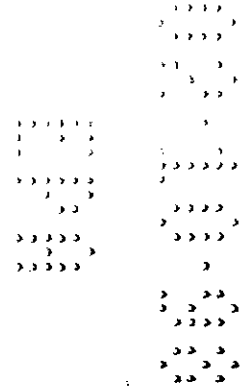
Total 100.0%

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

CAUTION

See back panel for additional precautions/directions

Net Contents Weight:
Contains XXX strips



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PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS - CAUTION: Do not get in mouth. Harmful if swallowed. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before and after handling strip. ~~If swallowed, contact your physician.~~ After treatment, do not use beeswax for human consumption.

FIRST AID: If swallowed, contact your physician.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is toxic to honey bees if bees are exposed to direct application. However, dried residues of this product are non-toxic to honey bees. Treat during non-foraging periods to minimize adverse effects.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE: It is a violation of Federal Law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

Wear gloves (e.g., latex) when handling the strips.

Attach the Zoecon® RF-349 APISTAN® Strip to the top of the bee package in a central position so that it hangs freely. Do not obstruct screen side of the queen cage. An acceptable method of attachment is to staple the strip to the back of the queen cage. Do not use this strip directly in the queen cage or as a treatment in hives. Use the Zoecon RF-348 APISTAN® Queen Tab for queen cages and Zoecon RF-318 APISTAN® Strip for hives.

Bees must be exposed to the APISTAN Strip for 5 days. Bees may be certified apparently free of Varroa mite as long as they are not subjected to reinfestation. Queens shipped with package bees should be treated with the Zoecon RF-348 APISTAN Queen Tab according to label directions.

Monitor the bees' food source and replenish as necessary.

STORAGE and DISPOSAL: Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal.

Storage: Keep strips in original unopened package until ready to use. Do not store in direct sunlight. Do not store unused strips in anything but original package. Do not store unused strips near pesticides or other chemical substances that could contaminate the strips and result in bee toxicity. **Disposal:** Do not reuse strips. Wastes resulting from use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

Seller makes no warranty, express or implied, concerning the use of this product other than indicated on the label. Buyer shall assume risk of use and handling of this material when such use and handling are contrary to label instructions.

For information or in case of emergency, call [phone number].

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