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Subject:

Merit + Tempo Ready-To-Use Insecticide

EPA Reg. No. 3125-504

Application for amended registration, dated October 22, 1999 - Label revision

and alternate brand name.

Dear Mr. Thornton,

Your proposed revised label for EPA Reg. No. 3125-504, which was submitted in finished format on October 22, 1999, has been reviewed. The label is acceptable at this time provided you make the changes indicated below at the next printing of your label.

- 1. The alternate brand name, Bayer ADVANCED GARDEN Rose & Flower Insect Killer Ready-To-Use, must be modified by deleting the phrase "ADVANCED GARDEN" from the product name. Since there has been no change in the product's basic formulation since the initial registration the phrase "ADVANCED GARDEN" is considered false and misleading and, as such is not considered acceptable either as part of the product name or as a separate marketing claim. We note that our May 19, 1999 letter regarding revised CLI (Consumer Labeling Initiative) labeling for this product required that the phrase "ADVANCED PROTECTION FORMULA" be deleted from the front panel of the proposed label. This statement is a comparative advertising claim relative to effectiveness and may be false or misleading in comparison with other products that don't include such a statement on their labels. According to 40 CFR 156.10(a)(5), no advertising claims may be false or misleading in any way. In addition, claims that are exaggerated or unsubstantiated can not be made on the label.
- 2. The statement "FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY" was included on the front panel of the last stamped accepted label (May 19, 1999) and must be added to the front panel of the revised label.

3. The following statement was included on the front panel of the last stamped accepted label and must be added to the front panel as one of the bullet points under the product name:

"» For Use on Flowers, Roses, Shrubs."

In addition, you may add "house plants and ground covers" to the above statement since these use sites were also listed on the last stamped accepted label.

- 4. Under "DIRECTIONS FOR USE," at top of the "HOW TO USE" section, change the first word"Spray" to "Shake."
- 5. As you know, EPA will soon be issuing a PR Notice concerning improvements to the format and content of "First Aid" statements (formerly "Statement of Practical Treatment") on all pesticide product labels. The "First Aid" statements in the upcoming PR Notice will supersede the statements that are listed in the December 1996 Label Review Manual. In addition, EPA is currently is revising the Label Review Manual; the revised manual will incorporate the updated "First Aid" statements from the PR Notice. At this time, we recommend that you incorporate the updated "First Aid" statements on your new product label by revising the instructions under "FIRST AID" to read as indicated below:

"IF SWALLOWED: Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor.

"IF IN EYES: Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing the eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice."

IF INHALED: Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible."

You may continue to use the same format for the First Aid section that is used on your label submitted October 22, 1999 (i.e. the box format with the headings "IN CASE OF ACCIDENTAL.....SWALLOWING, CONTACT WITH EYES, INHALATION" - followed by the above text in bullet format).

Since the label submitted on October 22, 1999 is in finished format and is substantially similar to the last accepted label (stamped May 19, 1999), and since the revisions requested above do not raise risk concerns associated with the use of this product, we will allow you to use this labeling for a period not to exceed January 31, 2000. Products released for shipment after January 31, 2000 must bear labeling revised in accordance with this letter.

Please submit one copy of your revised final printed labeling before you release the product for shipment. If the above specified conditions are not complied with, the

registration will be subject to cancellation in accordance with FIFRA section 6(e). Your release for shipment of the product bearing the amended labeling constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

A stamped copy of the label is enclosed for your records. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me by phone at (703) 305-5417 or via E-mail at Perreault.peg@epamail.epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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Chemical Manager, Team 4 Insecticide-Rodenticide Branch Registration Division (7505C)

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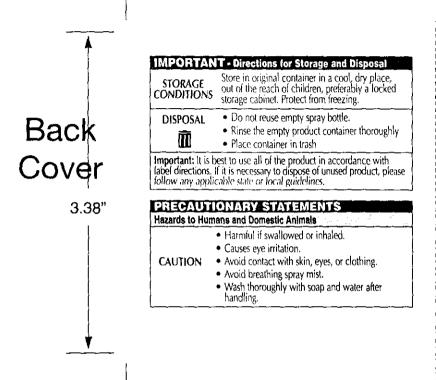
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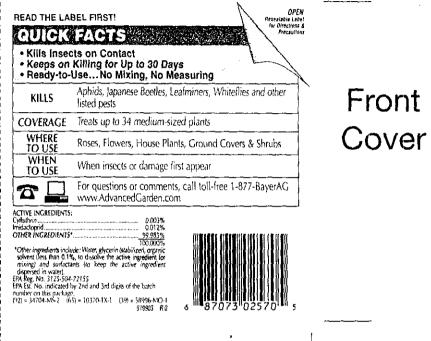
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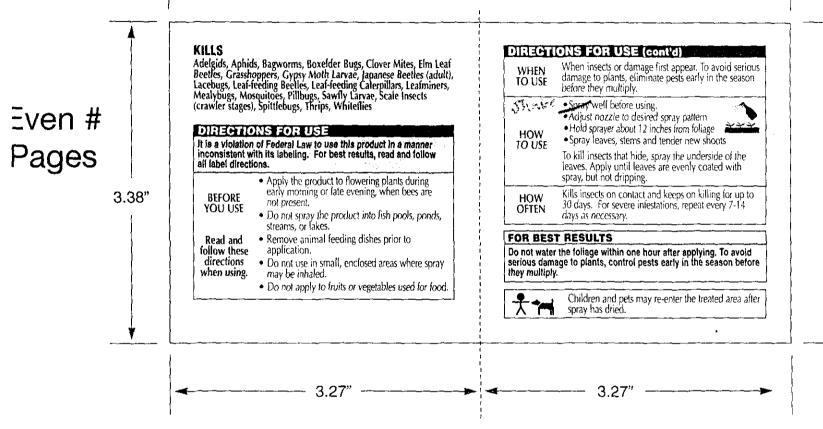




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