	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Office of Pesticide Programs Registration Division (7505C) 401 "M" St., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460	EPA Reg. Number: 3125-532	Date of Issuance: MAR 14 2000
		Term of Issuance: Unconditional	
		Name of Pesticide Product: Merit PM Plus Fertilizer	

NOTICE OF PESTICIDE:
☒ Registration
☐ Reregistration
(under FIFRA, as amended)

Name and Address of Registrant (include ZIP Code):
**Bayer Corporation
Agriculture Division
8400 Hawthorne Rd.
P.O. Box 4913
Kansas City, MO 64120-0013
Attn: Scott Kohne**

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

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


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

This product is conditionally registered in accordance with FIFRA sec. 3(c)(5). Once a pesticide is registered, however, it is not regarded as permanently acceptable. Registration does not eliminate the need for continual reassessment of pesticides. If the Agency determines that, at any time, additional data are required to maintain in effect an existing registration, the Agency will require submission of such data under FIFRA section (3)(c)(2)(b).

1. Modify your proposed label submitted January 4, 2000 as indicated below before you release the product for shipment.

Revise the EPA Registration Number to read, "EPA Reg. No. 3125-532."

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Signature of Approving Official: 	Date: MAR 14 2000
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2. Please submit one copy of your final printed label 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.

The revised CSF, dated December 22, 1999, and the additional product chemistry data you submitted in response to our letter of December 7, 1999 have been reviewed and are considered acceptable; a copy of the product chemistry review is enclosed for your records. A stamped copy of the label is also enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact me at (703) 305-5417 or via e-mail at Perreault.Peg@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,



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

Enclosures (2)

ACCEPTED
with COMMENTS
In EPA Letter Dated:

March 14, 2000

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

3125-532

[Front Panel]

Merit® PM Plus Fertilizer

- Ready to Use
- Insect control kills plant damaging insects (for up to 4 months)
- (Potting mix with) Long-lasting (4 month) insect protection
- (Long lasting) premium fertilizer
 - Starts feeding instantly
 - Lasts for months
- Water (moisture) control (formula)
 - Helps plants get the right amount of water
 - Absorbs excess water
 - Aids in proper drainage

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For Use On:

- Indoor & Outdoor Container Plants

ACTIVE INGREDIENT (by weight):

Imidacloprid 0.015%
OTHER INGREDIENTS 99.985%

Net Contents: 4 Dry Qts. (4.4 L), 8 Dry Qts. (8.8 L),
10 Dry Qts. (11.0 L), 12 Dry Qts. (13.2 L),
16 Dry Qts. (17.6 L), 32 Dry Qts. (35.2 L)

STOP - Read This Entire Label Before Use
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

CAUTION

See Back Panel for Additional Ingredients and
Precautionary Statements

FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY

[BACK PANEL]

READ THE LABEL FIRST!

QUICK FACTS

- 3 Unique Benefits:
 - Timed release fertilizer that lasts up to 9 months
 - Unique insecticide that protects plants from damaging insects for up to 4 months
 - Moisture release feature that helps plants get the right amount of water
- Ready-to-Use ... No mixing, no measuring

KILLS	Adelgids, Aphids, Japanese Beetles, Lacebugs, Leafminers, Mealybugs, Root Weevil Complex (such as Blackvine Weevil, Apopka Weevil), Scale Insects, Thrips (suppression), Whiteflies, and White Grubs.
FEEDS	X-X-X Two-way fertilizer for initial and extended feeding for up to 9 months
WHERE TO USE	For use with indoor or outdoor container plants
WHEN TO USE	For potting, transplanting or seed starting anytime of the year.
HOW TO USE	Use as ordinary potting soil right out of the bag
(Art: Graphic of Phone)	For questions or comments, call toll-free 1-877-BayerAG, or visit our website at www.AdvancedGarden.com

Potting Mix contains 0.2 oz. of 1% Imidacloprid granules per dry quart.

ACTIVE INGREDIENT (by weight):

Imidacloprid* 0.015%
OTHER INGREDIENTS** 99.985%
100.000%

* Imidacloprid is the chemical name for Merit® Insecticide.

** Information on other ingredients is provided in the
Directions For Use.

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EPA Est. No. xxx

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS X-X-X

Total Nitrogen (N)* X %

X % Ammoniacal Nitrogen
X % Nitrate Nitrogen

Available Phosphate (P₂O₅)* X %
Soluble Potash (K₂O)* X %

Derived from homogeneous polymer-coated: Ammonium Nitrate, Ammonium Phosphate, and Potassium Sulfate; and Ammonium Phosphate and Potassium Sulfate.

* Part of the nutrients have been polymer-coated to provide slow-release nutrients as X % Nitrogen (N), X % Available Phosphate (P₂O₅) and X % Soluble Potash (K₂O)

Information regarding the contents and levels of metals in this product is available on the internet at
<http://www.regulatory-info-states.com>.

Net Wt: 2 lbs 6 oz (1.1 kg), 4 lbs 13 oz (2.2 kg),
6 lbs (2.7 kg), 7 lbs 3 oz (3.2 kg),
9 lbs 10 oz (4.3 kg), 19 lbs 3 oz (8.6 kg)

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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

For best results, be sure to read and follow all label directions.

Before You Use Read and follow these directions when using:

- Do not apply near fish pools, ponds, streams, or lakes.
- Do not use this mix for potting edible food plants, fruits, vegetables, or herbs.
- Use clean containers and tools when planting or transplanting. Rinse containers and tools thoroughly.
- Food utensils such as teaspoons or measuring cups should not be used for food purposes after use with insecticides.
- Wear rubber gloves when handling.

HOW TO USE

When to Use:

For potting, transplanting, or seed starting anytime of the year.

How Much to Use:

See instructions for specific applications

Transplanting:

Step 1: Select a New Container: Choose a container that is at least two sizes larger than the old one and has drainage holes.

Step 2: Remove Plant from Current Container: Tap the container on its side 2-3 times to loosen the plant. Turn container upside down in your hand (or on its side if the container is large). Gently slide the plant out.

If the root ball is tightly wound, slice it in 2-3 places. This will allow the roots to grow out into the new potting mix.

Step 3: Place Plant in New Container: Add a layer of potting mix to the bottom of the container. (No gravel or chips are needed on the bottom.) Put the plant in the container. Fill the rest of the container with potting mix. Press the soil down slightly. Make sure the base of the plant stem remains at its original soil level; do not place the plant deeper in the mix than it originally was. Leave 1/2 - 3/4 " of space between the top of the potting mix and the lip of the container.

Step 4: Water the Plant: Water the potting mix thoroughly. Assure that the container drains well. Keep the mix moist, but not wet. To help assure that the roots can absorb the insecticide, do not water too heavily for the first 10 days.

Container Gardening:

Use containers that have drainage holes. Add enough potting mix to the container so that the base of the plant stem remains at its original soil level; do not place the plant deeper in the mix than it originally was. Water thoroughly and make sure the container is draining well.

Seed Starting:

Fill container with potting mix. Plant seeds according to package instructions. Water thoroughly. For best results, keep the seeds in a moist environment at temperatures of 70-80°F. Keep potting mix moist to the touch. A plastic bag or cover may be placed over the container to preserve moisture. Once new seedlings have developed two sets of leaves, they may be transplanted into larger containers or outdoors.

For Best Results: For the first 10 days after planting, avoid overwatering (water flows from the drain holes) since this will wash the insecticide from the soil. After a few days, the insecticide will bind to the soil where it can be taken up by the roots.

Keep container plants away from drafty areas and out of direct sunlight. Check your specific plant's needs for light, water, and spacing.

How it Works: (ART)

The plant will absorb the moisture, nutrients and insect protection up through the roots. Allow several days for the benefits to take full effect. Even new growth is fed and protected against insects for up to 4 months. Rain or watering cannot wash off this internal protection.

This mixture is a combination of ingredients preferred by professionals. These ingredients are scientifically blended together to provide an advanced growing medium available for your plants - Guaranteed! Here's what is in this special mix:

Ingredients	Benefit for the Plant
Sphagnum Peat Moss	For aeration, high water retention and root anchorage. Helps hold moisture at root level.
Composted Forest Products	For aeration, water retention and root anchorage.
Perlite	Increases air pockets in the mix to help roots "breathe" and work more efficiently.
Vermiculite	
Merit® Insect Control	Protects plants for up to 4 months from many common pests such as Aphids, Thrips and Whiteflies.
Two-Way Fertilizer Blend	Quick release nutrients give plants initial boost to promote early growth and timed-release nutrients continue feeding for up to 9 months.
Dolomitic Limestone	For proper pH balance.
Wetting Agent	Helps distribute water evenly to the roots.
Water Holding Polymer (Copolymer of Polyacrylamide)	Allows the potting mix to soak up water then release it to the plant as the mix dries.

In Georgia, this product contains: 35-45% sphagnum peat moss, composted pine bark, perlite, vermiculite, Merit® insect control, fertilizer, ground dolomitic limestone (for proper pH balance), wetting agent, and water holding polymer.

IMPORTANT: Directions for Storage and Disposal

Storage Conditions: Store in original container in a cool, dry place, out of the reach of children, preferably a locked storage cabinet.

- Disposal:**
- Do not reuse empty bag.
 - Completely empty bag.
 - Place bag in trash.

Important: It is best to use all of the product in accordance with label directions. If it is necessary to dispose of unused product, please follow any applicable state or local guidelines.

NOTICE: Research and testing has determined that the "Directions for Use" are appropriate for the proper use of Merit® PM Plus Fertilizer under expected conditions. The Buyer assumes responsibility for lack of performance or safety if the product is not used according to the directions on this label.

Money Back Guarantee: If you are not satisfied with this product, we will gladly refund your original purchase price.

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**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS
HAZARDS TO HUMANS
AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

CAUTION

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

FIRST AID	
IN THE CASE OF ACCIDENTAL ...	IMMEDIATELY ...
Swallowing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call a doctor or poison control center for treatment advice.
Contact with skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wash thoroughly with soap and water.• Get medical attention if irritation occurs.
Contact with eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold eye open and rinse eye slowly and gently with water.• Continue to rinse eye for 10 to 15 minutes.• Call a doctor if irritation persists.
NOTE: When calling poison control center, have this product label accessible. If seeking treatment at an emergency room or doctor's office, bring this product label to show medical personnel. For medical emergency information, you may call toll-free 1-877-229-3763. Active ingredient: Imidacloprid [CAS # 138261-41-3].	

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

- This product is highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates.
- Do not dispose of potting mix in lakes, streams, or storm sewers.

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