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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Office of Pesticide Programs
Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W)
401 "M" St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

NOTICE OF PESTICIDE:

___ Registration
X Reregistration
(under FIFRA, as amended)

EPA Reg.

Number:

5042-32

Date of Issuance:

MAY 5 2003

Term of Issuance:

Reregistration

Name of Pesticide Product:

RCO ΩMEGA GOPHER
GRAIN BAIT

Name and Address of Registrant (include ZIP Code):

CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. Irene Boone, CHMM
Agent for RCO, Inc.
Regulatory Services, Inc.
17220 Westview Road
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

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 reregistered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

Registration and reregistration are 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.

Based on your response to the Reregistration Eligibility Document, EPA has reregistered the product listed above. This action is taken under the authority of section 4(g)(2)(C) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended. Reregistration under this section does not eliminate the need for continual reassessment of pesticides. EPA may require submission of data at any time to maintain the registration of your product.

Reregistration is subject to the terms and conditions indicated in this letter.

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Signature of Approving Official:

Date:

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Our specific comments on your submission of August 6, 2002, are listed below.

1. The Confidential Statement of Formula (CSF) dated "7-26-02" is acceptable and describes the only formulation that may be used for this product.
2. In the second paragraph of the "**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**" section, delete "loading more than 3 lbs (1.4 kg) of bait into mechanical application equipment and when". This change must be made because it is illegal to apply this bait using burrow builders and because the label provides no directions for mechanical hand-probe equipment. The latter equipment tends to have bait reservoirs with capacities of under 3 lbs. As amended, the sentence will begin "When disposing of non-rigid containers (e.g., bags), handlers must wear".

For the 6-oz container, use the PPE text shown below.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- long-sleeved shirt and long pants,
- cotton gloves, and
- shoes plus socks.

Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

As waterproof gloves are not required (except when disposing of bags) when the product comes in larger containers, it does not seem to us that they should be required for the 6-oz container. Please let us know if there is an overriding issue with the 6-oz container that would make wearing waterproof gloves necessary.

3. In the second paragraph of the "**USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**" section for containers other than 6-oz size, insert "waterproof" between "outside of" and "gloves". We do not want to tell people to wash the outsides of cotton gloves while they still are wearing them.

For the 6-oz container, delete the second sentence of the second paragraph. For the 6-oz size (only), the "**USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**" section will read as shown below.

USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Users should remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then, wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.

Users should remove PPE immediately after handling this product. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

4. In the "**STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**" section, move the sentence "Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal" so that it appears directly

FRONT PANEL-Proposed label

RCO OMEGA GOPHER GRAIN BAIT

GRAIN BAIT FOR POCKET GOPHERS

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Strychnine Alkaloid.....0.50%

INERT INGREDIENTS:......99.50%

TOTAL 100.00%

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

DANGER

POISON (Red skull and crossbones)

FIRST AID

IF SWALLOWED: CALL A PHYSICIAN OR POISON CONTROL CENTER IMMEDIATELY. If less than ten (10) minutes have passed since the poison was taken, give 1 or 2 glasses of water and induce vomiting by touching the back of the throat with finger. Repeat until vomit fluid is clear. Have patient lie down in a quiet, darkened room and keep him warm and quiet. If person is unconscious, do not give anything by mouth and do not induce vomiting.

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.

IF IN EYES: Hold eyelids open and flush with steady, gently stream of water for 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN

Administer 100% OXYGEN by positive pressure to provide as much pulmonary gas exchange as possible, despite seizures. Administer ANTICONVULSANT DRUGS intravenously to control convulsions. NOTICE: It may be difficult or impossible to stop the seizure activity without stopping respiration. Be prepared to maintain pulmonary ventilation mechanically. Tracheotomy may be necessary if seizures are prolonged.

SEE OTHER SIDE PANEL FOR ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS.

Manufactured by: Rodent Control Outfitters, Inc.
PO Box 191, Harrisburg, OR 97446

EPA Reg. No. 5042-32
EPA Est. No. 67442-OR-2

NET CONTENTS: 6 oz., 24 oz., 15 lb., 50 lb.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is toxic to fish, birds, and other wildlife. Do not allow bait to be exposed on soil surface. Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water by the cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes. Do not apply directly to food or feed crops.

ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSIDERATIONS

NOTICE: The killing of a member of an endangered species during strychnine baiting operations may result in a fine under the Endangered Species Act. Before baiting, the user is advised to contact the Regional U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Endangered Species Specialist) or the local Fish and Game Office for specific information on endangered species. Strychnine baits should not be used in the geographic ranges of the following species except under programs and procedures approved by the USEPA: California condor, San Joaquin kit fox, Morrow Bay kangaroo rat, gray wolf and grizzly bear.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

PESTICIDE STORAGE: Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal. Store excess materials in original labeled container in a cool, dry area. Do not stack containers more than three high. Rotate containers end to end at least once a month. Keep containers away from children, pets and domestic animals. Avoid contamination of other pesticides, fertilizers, food and feed.

(For the 6 oz. size only: Store only in original container, in a dry place inaccessible to children, pets and domestic animals).

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL: Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste Representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

(For 6 oz. size only: Recover any spilled product. Securely wrap it in several layers of newspaper, and discard in trash).

CONTAINER DISPOSAL: Completely empty bag by shaking and tapping sides and bottom to loosen clinging particles. Empty residue into application equipment. Then dispose of bags in a sanitary landfill or by incineration if allowed by State and local authorities. If burned, stay out of smoke.

(For 6 oz. size only: Securely wrap original container in several layers of newspaper and discard in trash).

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

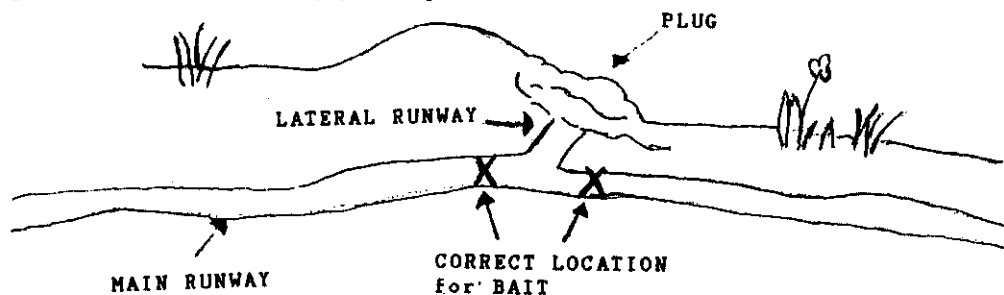
It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

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USE RESTRICTIONS: This product may be used only in manual, subterranean applications in terrestrial food crops, and terrestrial nonfood and forestry areas to control the following species of pocket gophers: Northern (*Thomomys talpoides*), Southern (*Thomomys umbrinus*), Camas (*Thomomys bulbivorus*), Valley (*Thomomys bottae*), Mazama (*Thomomys mazama*), Plains (*Geomys bursarius*), Mountain (*Thomomys monticola*), and Townsend's pocket gophers (*Thomomys townsendii*).

Bait must be deposited in pocket gophers' underground runways. Do not apply bait above ground. Do not apply this product by mean of a burrow-builder machine. Do not apply this product over food or feed crops. Do not expose baits in a manner which presents a hazard to humans, pets, poultry, or livestock. Keep pets, domestic animals, and people not involved with the application out of the treatment area while product is being applied.

Baiting: Burrowing pocket gophers throw out low, fan-shaped dirt mounds on either side of their underground runways. Short lateral tunnels connect the mounds to the main runway. Except when a pocket gopher is throwing out dirt, its lateral tunnels are plugged with soil at the mound, often creating a horseshoe-shaped depression. Pocket gophers may be controlled by placing bait in the main runway, after gaining access by removing plugs in lateral tunnels or by probing soil to locate the main runway.



Lateral Tunnels: With a long-handled spoon or other suitable tool, carefully remove dirt plug. Insert a teaspoonful of bait at the junction of the lateral tunnel and the main runway. Re-close hole, taking care to exclude light and not to allow soil to cover bait. Pick up and properly dispose of any spilled bait.

Probing: With a metal rod or other suitable implement, probe soil 6 to 8 inches around mound, starting from plug side, to locate main runway. When runway is entered, resistance on probe will decrease abruptly. Remove probe and insert a teaspoonful of bait through probe hole (enlarged if necessary). Cover opening with a rock, a clump of soil, or other object that will exclude light. Take care not to permit dirt to cover bait. Pick up and properly dispose of any spilled bait.

Application Rate: Make two to five sets per burrow system, depending upon its apparent size. Depending upon pocket gopher density, one pound of bait will treat one to eight acres.

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