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SUBJECT: September 5, 2002 amendment and extension of time limit for food contact
paper and paperboard use in Pulp and Papermill Uses
Bromicide Gel
EPA Registration 5185-487

Dear Mr. Jernigan:

The labeling referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, is acceptable. In summary, you have requested changes in the directions for the 22 ounce and the 5 gallon container uses and the Storage and Disposal section. The changes are acceptable. In addition, the Agency is extending the registration for the food use of this product in the manufacture of food contact paper and paperboard from November 22, 2002 to July 26, 2004. During this time the Agency will continue its efforts to completing its determination under FIFRA section 2(bb)(2) that this use will not result in unreasonable adverse effects.

A stamped accepted copy of your revised label is enclosed. Please submit 2 copies of your revised finished labeling for our files. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Tom Luminello of my staff at (703) 308-8075.

Sincerely yours,

for 
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Antimicrobial Division (7510-C)

Enclosure

{All text in brackets [xxx] is optional and may or may not be included on a final label.}
 {All text in braces {xxx} is administrative and will not appear on a final label.}

BromiCide Gel™

Store Below 100 F (38 C)

{Optional marketing statements}

[For use as a Sanitizer, Bactericide, Fungicide, Algicide, and for Control of Microbial Slimes in Industrial Processes and Water Systems such as: Recirculating Cooling Water Systems, Once-Through Cooling Water Systems, Wastewater Treatment Systems, Brewery Pasteurizers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Evaporative Coolers, Paper and Paperboard Process Water, and Decorative Waters.]

[Sanitizer]

[Bactericide]

[Algicide]

[Fungicide]

[Slimeicide]

[BEFORE APPLICATION: Ensure cap is secured tightly and shake vigorously for a minimum of 5 seconds. Remove cap slowly with the container in an upright position away from face. Apply per use directions to a turbulent area of water in treated system. See label on box for full use directions.]

{This "BEFORE APPLICATION" section will be used when product is sold in small sizes (i.e. 22 ounces) and product is manually added to water, instead of through a feeding system.}

[BEFORE APPLICATION: Ensure cap is secured tightly. Set container on ground, grip handle, and agitate container by rocking back and forth for a minimum of 5 seconds. Remove cap slowly with the container in an upright position away from face. Apply per use directions to a turbulent area of water in treated system.] {This "BEFORE APPLICATION" section will be used when product is sold in sizes of approximately 5 gallons, where the product is manually added to water, instead of through a feeding system.}

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

1-Bromo-3-chloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin 35.0%

OTHER INGREDIENTS: 65.0%

TOTAL: 100.0%

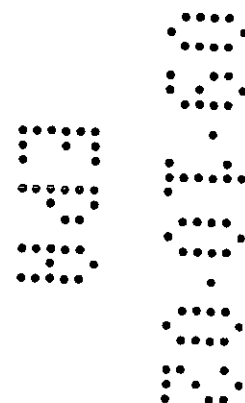
Provides: 23.2% Available Bromine
 10.4% Available Chlorine

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
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• FIRST AID:

IF IN EYES: Hold eye(s) 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 eye. Call poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING: Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice. Discard or decontaminate clothing.

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 by a poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage.

IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY, CALL [1-877-800-5553] [telephone number supplied by supplemental registrant].

See [back] [side] panel for additional precautionary statements.

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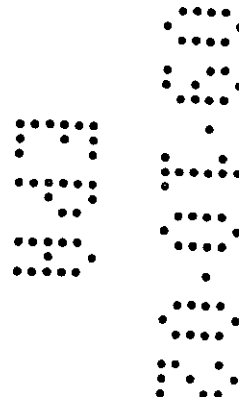
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DIRECTIONS FOR USE: It is a violation of federal law to use this product in any manner inconsistent with its labeling. Read the entire label and use strictly in accordance with precautionary statements and directions.

NOTE: This product degrades with age. Use a chlorine test kit and increase dosage, as necessary, to obtain the required level of bromine. To convert chlorine results to bromine in ppm, multiply by 2.25.

RECIRCULATING COOLING WATER SYSTEMS:

When used as directed, this product effectively controls algal, bacterial, and fungal slimes in commercial and industrial cooling towers; evaporative condensers, influent water systems such as flow-through filters, cooling ponds, canals, and lagoons; heat exchange water systems; industrial water scrubbing systems; brewery pasteurizers; and industrial air washing systems equipped with a mist eliminator.

ONCE-THROUGH COOLING WATER SYSTEMS:

When used as directed, this product effectively controls algal, bacterial, and fungal slimes in once-through fresh or salt water cooling systems; cooling ponds, canals, and lagoons. Treat cooling water with this product at the system intake or other critical areas, where mixing is uniform.

EVAPORATIVE COOLER:

When used as directed, this product effectively controls algal, bacterial, and fungal slimes in evaporative coolers.

PASTEURIZER, CAN WARMER, CANNERY, RETORT WATER SYSTEMS:

When used as directed, this product controls algal, bacterial, and fungal slime in cannery cooling canal water, cannery package warmers, cannery pasteurizer water, and retort water.

DOSAGE RATES.

Initial Dose: When the system is noticeably fouled, add 0.0545 to 0.1634 gallons/1000 gallons of water contained in the system. Repeat initial dosage until 1 to 3 parts per million (milligrams per liter) bromine residual is established for at least 4 hours.

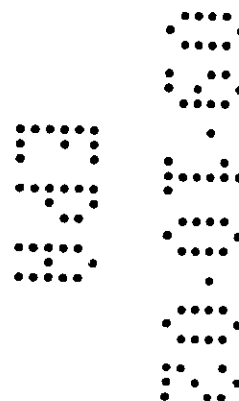
Subsequent Dose: When microbial control is evident, add 0.0272 to 0.0823 gallons/1000 gallons of water contained in the system. Repeat as needed to maintain 1 to 3 parts per million (milligrams per liter) bromine residual for at least 4 hours.

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WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS:

When used as directed, this product effectively controls algal, bacterial, and fungal slimes and offers rapid sanitization of primary, secondary, and tertiary wastewater treatment systems.

DOSAGE RATES:

Add 0.0272 to 0.1634 gallons/1000 gallons of water treated to maintain a 0.5 to 5.0 parts per million (milligrams per liter) bromine residual at the injection point in the contact chamber. Adjust this product's dosage to achieve sanitization and minimize the halogen concentration at the exit of the contact chamber. Do not use treated wastewater to irrigate crops.

PULP AND PAPER MILLS:

When used as directed this product effectively controls algal, bacterial, and fungal slime in pulp and paper mill fresh and sea water influent water systems; cooling water systems, wastewater treatment systems, service water systems, white water systems, and other process water.

This product can be used as a slimicide for the process water used in the manufacture of paper and paperboard products that contact food. Treat water at critical areas in the system process where mixing of the product with influent will be uniform. The frequency and duration of the treatment will depend on the severity of the problem. Badly fouled process systems must be cleaned before initial treatment.

PRODUCT APPLICATION.

TREATMENT BY SYSTEM VOLUME:

When a system is noticeably fouled: add 0.0272 to 0.272 gallons of this product to 1,000 gallons or 32.9 to 329 parts per million (milligrams per liter) of water in the system.

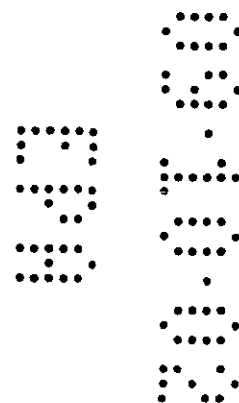
When biological control is evident: add 0.0272 to 0.205 gallons of this product to 1,000 gallons or 32.9 to 247 parts per million (milligrams per liter) of water in the system.

TREATMENT BY RESIDUAL METHOD:

Add sufficient amount of this product to maintain a measured residual up to 5 parts per million (milligrams per liter) as bromine. Once biological control is evident, the use of this product normally can be reduced to something less than 1 part per million as bromine.

When used in the manufacture of food contact paper or paperboard do not exceed 2.86 kilograms (0.624 gallons) of product per 1,000 kilograms of dry weight fiber.

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DECORATIVE WATERS (that do not contain fish):

This product may be used to control microbiological growth in decorative fountains and ponds that do not contain fish.

DOSAGE RATES.

Ensure all equipment is working properly. Backwash the filter system (if present) following manufacturer's directions. Adjust pH to between 7.2-7.6. When using other products as outlined in directions for this product, always follow directions on those products.

A bromine or chlorine residual of 1-2 ppm must first be established in the water. When the bromine residual reaches 1-2 ppm adjust the feed rate accordingly. To maintain bromine residual, adjust the feed rate to assure a constant treatment level of 1-3 ppm. Regular use of a test kit is necessary to maintain a bromine residual in the water.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL:

STORAGE: Keep this product dry in original tightly closed container when not in use. Store in a cool, well ventilated area away from heat or open flame. In case of decomposition, isolate container if possible and flood area with large amounts of water to dissolve all material before discarding this container. Do not contaminate food or feed by storage or disposal.

DISPOSAL: Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility. **DO NOT REUSE EMPTY CONTAINER.** Triple rinse the container (or equivalent), then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or incinerate. Burn only if allowed by state and local authorities. If burned, stay out of smoke.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS:

HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS. DANGER: Corrosive. Causes irreversible eye damage or skin burns. Harmful if swallowed or absorbed through skin. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear chemical goggles, face shield, or safety glasses with side shields. Wear protective clothing and rubber gloves. Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet. Immediately remove contaminated clothing and wash clothing before reuse.

PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL HAZARDS: CONTAINS AN OXIDIZING AGENT: Do not mix with other chemicals. Mix only with water. Use clean dry utensils. Do not add this product to any dispensing device containing remnants of any other product. Such use may cause a violent reaction leading to fire or explosion. Contamination with organic matter or other chemicals will start a chemical reaction and generate heat, hazardous gas, possible fire and explosion. In case of contamination or decomposition, do not reseal container. If possible, isolate container in open air or well ventilated area. Flood area with large volumes of water.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS: This pesticide is toxic to fish and aquatic organisms. Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, ponds, estuaries, oceans or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge

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effluent containing this product to sewer systems without previously notifying the local sewage treatment plant authority. For guidance contact your State Water Board or Regional Office of the EPA.

{Optional text}

[Treatment levels can be measured with test kits for either bromine or chlorine. Tests should be made immediately after drawing water samples from the system. Use test kits according to directions.

1. When a bromine test kit is used, results can be read directly as parts per million (milligrams per liter) bromine.
2. When a chlorine test kit is used, results can be expressed in terms of bromine by multiplying chlorine values by the conversion factor 2.25.]

NOTE: Buyer assumes all responsibility for safety and use not in accordance with directions.

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