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Subject: Labeling Amendments  
Granular Weed Control  
EPA Reg. No. 10088-76  
Brom 7.5% Herbicide Concentrate  
EPA Reg. No. 10088-82  
Prometon 12.5% Herbicide Concentrate  
EPA Reg. No. 10088-83 ✓  
Your Letters Dated January 10, 1997

Dear Mr. Rego:

The labeling referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, is acceptable subject to the comments listed below. Stamped copies are enclosed for your records. Please submit one copy of your final printed labeling prior to releasing the product for shipment.

1. Granular Weed Control (EPA Reg. No. 10088-76)
  - a. Under DIRECTIONS FOR USE, delete "GENERAL CLASSIFICATION".
  - b. In the ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS section, add the statement "Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters."
  - c. Under the STORAGE AND DISPOSAL/CONTAINER DISPOSAL section, modify the last statement as follows "Then dispose of liner and drum in a sanitary landfill or by incineration or, if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke."

- 2. Brom 7.5% Herbicide Concentrate (EPA Reg. No. 10088-82)
  - a. In the ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS section, add the statement "Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters."
  - b. In the STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT/IF ON SKIN section, add the statement "Get medical attention if irritation persists."
  
- 3. Prometon 12.5% Herbicide Concentrate (EPA Reg. No. 10088-83)
  - a. In the ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS section, add the statement "Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters."
  - b. Under the STORAGE AND DISPOSAL heading, place statements before CONTAINER DISPOSAL: under the heading "STORAGE:" and change "per" to "proper" in the last sentence of this section.

If you have any questions, then please contact Terri Stowe of my staff at (703) 305-6117.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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

**DANGER: CORROSIVE** - causes eye damage. Wear goggles or face shield and rubber gloves when handling. Causes skin irritation. Harmful if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through skin. Avoid breathing spray mists. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating and smoking. Avoid contamination of food.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS**

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 used for irrigation or domestic purposes. Do not contaminate water by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes.

**PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS**

Do not use, pour, spill or store near heat or open flame. Store at temperatures above 32°F.

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

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

This non-selective herbicide is designed for use around buildings, storage areas, industrial sites, fences, drainage ditch banks, recreational areas, roadways, rights-of-way, railroads, machinery, pipelines, lumberyards, fuel tanks or similar areas. Use only in areas where complete control of all vegetation is desired.

This product can be applied mixed with water or oil, before or after plant growth begins. Although it has considerable activity through foliar contact, much of its activity is through the roots; therefore, its effectiveness is dependent on rainfall to move it into the root zone. Very dry soil conditions and lack of sufficient rainfall may result in poor weed control. When applied to the soil, this product usually inhibits plant growth for a year or more. It should not be used on land to be cropped, or near adjacent desirable trees, shrubs or plants, an injury may occur. Do not use for weed control in greenhouses. This product is generally non-corrosive to application equipment, but may cause swelling or more rapid deterioration of hoses and fittings containing natural rubber.

Following many years of continuous use of this product and chemically related products, biotypes of some of the weeds listed on this label have been reported which cannot be controlled by this and related herbicides. Where this is known or suspected, we recommend the use of this product in combination with other registered herbicides which are not triazines. Consult your State Agricultural Extension Service for specific recommendations.

# PROMETON

## 12.5%

### HERBICIDE CONCENTRATE

**NON-SELECTIVE HERBICIDE FOR BARE GROUND WEED CONTROL ON INDUSTRIAL SITES AND NON-CROP AREAS**

**ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:**

Prometon: 2,4-bis(isopropylamino)-6-methoxy-s-triazine.....12.50%  
**INERT INGREDIENTS** .....87.50%  
**TOTAL** .....100.00%

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### KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN DANGER

**STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT**

**IF SWALLOWED:** Call a physician or a poison control center immediately. Promptly drink a large quantity of milk, egg whites or gelatin solution; or if these are not available, drink large quantities of water. Avoid alcohol. **Note to physician:** Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage. Treat for circulatory shock, respiratory depression and convulsions if needed.  
**IF ON SKIN:** Remove contaminated clothing and laundry before re-use. Wash skin immediately with plenty of soap and water.  
**IF IN EYES:** Immediately flush eyes and under eyelids with water for at least 15 minutes, and get medical attention.  
**INHALATION:** Remove person from contaminated areas.  
See side panel for additional precautionary statements.

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**INDUSTRIAL SITES AND NON-CROP AREAS:** Application may be made prior to, or up to 3 months after weed emergence. Application rates vary from 10 to 60 gallons of concentrate per acre, depending on climactic conditions, soil type, weeds present and the stage of growth of the weeds. Use the higher rates on heavier soils where weed growth is heavy and where rainfall is expected to be high. Higher rates should also be used where longer residual control is desired in regions with a long growing season. For best results, apply prior to weed emergence or when weeds are young and actively growing.

**FOR CONTROL OF ANNUAL AND SUSCEPTIBLE PERENNIAL WEEDS** such as downy brome grass, oatgrass, goosegrass, quackgrass, puncturevine, goldenrod and plantain, apply 10 to 15 gallons diluted with 50 to 100 gallons of water per acre. For small areas, apply 2 to 3 pints per 1000 square feet in sufficient water to give thorough and uniform coverage.

**FOR HARD-TO-KILL PERENNIAL WEEDS AND GRASSES** such as johnsongrass, bindweed and wild carrot, apply 40 to 60 gallons to 50 to 100 gallons of water per acre. For small areas, apply 8 to 11 pints per 1000 square feet in sufficient water to give thorough and uniform coverage.

**FOR FASTER TOP KILL** of existing vegetation, apply product diluted with diesel oil, fuel oil or weed oil. Use oils at rates of 100 to 200 gallons per acre. Tall, dense vegetation may require 150 gallons or more per acre for thorough coverage.

### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal. Keep container tightly closed when not in use. If container is damaged or leaking, contain spill. Soak up spilled material with sand or other inert absorbent, and place in a closed, labeled container for per disposal.  
**CONTAINER DISPOSAL:** Triple rinse empty container (or equivalent). Then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or, if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.  
**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.

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**NET CONTENTS: ACCEPTED  
with COMMENTS  
In EPA Letter Dated  
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**Under the Federal Insecticide,  
Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
as amended, for the pesticide  
registered under EPA Reg. No.  
10088-83**