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Subject: Label Amendment to Update First Aid Statements (PR Notice 2001-1)


EPA Reg. No. 34147-12
DECIS 1.5EC Insecticide
Your Submission Dated October 1, 2003

Dear Dr. Huang:

The labeling referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, is acceptable subject to the comments listed below. Two (2) copies of the finished labeling must be submitted prior to releasing the product for shipment. A stamped copy of the label is enclosed for your records.

1. Add the following statements to the Environmental Control Statements ***"IMPORTANT: When reduced PPE is worn because a closed system is being used, handlers must be provided all PPE specified above for "applicators and other handlers" and have such PPE immediately available for use in an emergency, such as a spill or equipment breakdown"***.
2. Under Disclaimer of Warranties revise the statement beginning with: ***"Bayer CropScience disclaims any liability whatsoever..."*** to read: ***"To the extent permitted by law Bayer CropScience disclaims any liability whatsoever..."***.
3. Reverse the order of the 4th and 5th statements under Precautionary Statements.
4. Revise the 3rd bullet of the "If Swallowed" First Aid statement to read: ***"Do not give any liquid to the person"***.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact Olga Odiott of my team at (703) 308-9369.

Sincerely,

George T. LaRocca
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Insecticide Branch
Registration Division (7505C)

Enclosure

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RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE

DUE TO ACUTE TOXICITY AND TOXICITY TO FISH AND AQUATIC ORGANISMS

For retail sale to and use only by certified applicators or persons under their supervision and only for those uses covered by the certified applicator's certification.

Decis® 1.5EC INSECTICIDE

For Insect Control on Cotton

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:	Percent by Weight
(1R,3R)-3(2,2-dibromovinyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropanecarboxylic acid (S)- alpha-cyano-3-phenoxy-benzyl ester.....	16.6%*
INERT INGREDIENTS**	83.4%
*Equivalent to 1.5 lb. active ingredient per U.S. gallon.	TOTAL 100.0%
**Contains petroleum distillates	

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EPA Est. No. 432-TX-1



**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
DANGER POISON
PELIGRO - VENENO**



Si usted no entiende la etiqueta, busque a alguien para que se la explique a usted en detalle. (If you do not understand the label, find someone to explain it to you in detail.)

For **MEDICAL** And **TRANSPORTATION** Emergencies **ONLY** Call 24 Hours A Day 1-800-334-7577

For **PRODUCT USE** Information Call 1-866-99BAYER (1-866-992-2937)

FIRST AID

IF SWALLOWED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediately call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice. • Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor. • Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. • Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
IF IN EYES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
IF INHALED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

For **MEDICAL** Emergencies Call 24 Hours A Day 1-800-334-7577.

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.

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

ACCEPTED
with COMMENTS
In EPA Letter Dated
DEC 10 2003
Under the Federal Insecticide,
Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act,
as amended, for the pesticide
registered under EPA Reg. No.
34147-12

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

HAZARDS TO HUMANS (AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS)

DANGER - POISON

Fatal if swallowed. Corrosive. Causes irreversible eye damage and skin burns. Prolonged or frequently repeated skin contact may cause allergic reactions in some individuals. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear face shield or goggles. Wear protective clothing and chemical resistant gloves. Harmful if absorbed through the skin or inhaled. Avoid breathing spray mist. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, or using tobacco. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

Skin exposure may result in a sensation described as a tingling, itching, burning, or prickly feeling. Onset may occur immediately to 4 hours after exposure and may last 2 to 30 hours, without damage. Wash exposed areas once with soap and water. Relief from the skin sensation may be obtained by applying an oil-based cream.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Some materials that are chemical-resistant to this product are listed below. If you want more options, follow the instructions for category G on an EPA chemical resistance category selection chart.

Handlers who may be exposed to the dilute through application or other tasks must wear:

- Coveralls over short-sleeved shirt and short pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves such as barrier laminate or Viton®
- Chemical-resistant footwear plus socks
- Protective eyewear
- Chemical-resistant headgear for overhead exposure
- Chemical-resistant apron when mixing or loading, or cleaning equipment

Handlers who may be exposed to the concentrate through mixing, loading, application, or other tasks must wear:

- Coveralls over long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves such as barrier laminate or Viton
- Chemical-resistant footwear plus socks
- Protective eyewear
- Chemical-resistant headgear for overhead exposure
- Chemical-resistant apron when mixing or loading, or cleaning equipment

ENGINEERING CONTROLS STATEMENT

When handlers use closed systems, enclosed cabs, or aircraft in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170.240 (d) (4-6)], the handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Users should: Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet.

Discard clothing and other absorbent materials that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with this product's concentrate. Do not reuse them. Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/ maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This pesticide is extremely toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates. Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Drift and runoff may be hazardous to aquatic organisms in areas near the application site. Do not contaminate water by cleaning of equipment or disposal of equipment washwaters.

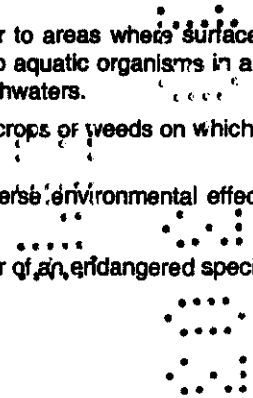
This pesticide is highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment. Do not apply it or allow it to drift to crops or weeds on which bees are actively foraging.

Notify State and/or Federal authorities and Bayer CropScience immediately if you observe any adverse environmental effects due to the use of DECIS® Insecticide.

NOTICE: It is a Federal offense to use any pesticide in a manner that results in the death of a member of an endangered species.

PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS

Do not use or store near heat or open flame.



STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal.

Pesticide Storage: Do not store over 100°F or below 50°F.

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.

WHEN PACKAGED IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS:

Container Disposal: Empty containers should be triple rinsed into the spray tank during the spray operation. Then offer for recycling or reconditioning; or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by incineration; or, if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

WHEN PACKAGED IN SVR CONTAINERS:

Returnable Container Return Procedure: Return the container clean (outside only) to the place of business from which the DECIS® Insecticide was purchased.

This returnable container is the sole property of Bayer CropScience and must not be opened or discarded.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

Shake well before using.

AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR Part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment (PPE) and restricted-entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 12 hours.

PPE required for early entry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil, or water, is:

- Coveralls over short-sleeved shirt and short pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves such as barrier laminate or Viton
- Chemical-resistant footwear plus socks
- Protective eyewear
- Chemical-resistant headgear for overhead exposure

APPLICATION

Dilute DECIS® 1.5EC Insecticide in water according to the directions shown below and use as a foliar spray on cotton at the rates listed. Uniform coverage is essential. Begin applications when economic infestations occur, based on local information, and repeat as needed (observe the restriction in Note 2 below).

Insect*	Pounds A/A	Fl oz./A	Dilution Requirements
Lygus bug	0.013	1.11	<p>Minimum Gallonage Requirements: For aerial applications, use a minimum of two (2) gallons of water per acre (3 gallons in Arizona). For ground applications, use a minimum of 4 gallons of water per acre for thorough coverage of the foliage.</p> <p>Optimum Gallonage Requirements: For aerial applications under hot, dry environmental conditions or when the crop canopy is dense, gallonage requirements may need to be increased to 3 to 5 gallons of water plus crop oil concentrate at 1 pint to 1 quart per acre. For ground applications, use a minimum of four (4) gallons of water per acre for thorough coverage of the foliage.</p>
Cotton leaf perforator	to	to	
Cutworm	0.019	1.62	
Leafhoppers			
Cotton fleahoppers			
Plant bugs			
Thrips			
Cotton leafworm			
Cotton bollworm	0.019	1.62	
Tobacco budworm	to	to	
Pink bollworm	0.03	2.56	
Boll weevil			
Cabbage looper			
Soybean looper**			
Fall armyworm**			
Beet armyworm**			
European corn borer			
Stink bugs			
Mites**			
Aphids**			
Whitefly**			
Saltmarsh caterpillar			

*Make the first application as required before insect populations increase to economic significance. Additional applications may be made if insect populations rebuild.

**Suppression only

NOTES:

1. DO NOT make more than ten (10) applications of DECIS® 1.5EC (for a total of no more than 0.3 pound of active ingredient per acre or 25.6 fluid ounces per acre) per growing season.
2. Allow at least 5 days between successive applications of DECIS® 1.5EC.
3. DO NOT apply DECIS® 1.5EC through any type of irrigation system.
4. DO NOT apply DECIS® 1.5EC within 21 days of harvest.
5. Do not apply this product as a ULV application. Dilute the desired amount of DECIS® 1.5EC so that at least 2 gallons of spray solution per acre is applied.

RESISTANCE

Some insects are known to develop resistance to products used repeatedly for control. Because the development of resistance cannot be predicted, the use of this product should conform to resistance management strategies established for the use area. Consult your local or state agricultural authorities for details.

If resistance to this product develops in your area, this product, or other products with a similar mode of action, may not provide adequate control. If poor performance cannot be attributed to improper application or extreme weather conditions, a resistant strain of insect may be present. If you experience difficulty with control and resistance is a reasonable cause, immediately consult your local company representative or agricultural advisor for the best alternative method of control for your area.

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IMPORTANT: READ BEFORE USE

Read the entire Directions for Use, Conditions, Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitations of Liability before using this product. If terms are not acceptable, return the unopened product container at once.

By using this product, user or buyer accepts the following Conditions, Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitations of Liability.

CONDITIONS: The directions for use of this product are believed to be adequate and should be followed carefully. However, it is impossible to eliminate all risks associated with the use of this product. Crop injury, ineffectiveness or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as weather conditions, presence of other materials, or the manner of use or application, all of which are beyond the control of Bayer CropScience. All such risks shall be assumed by the user or buyer.

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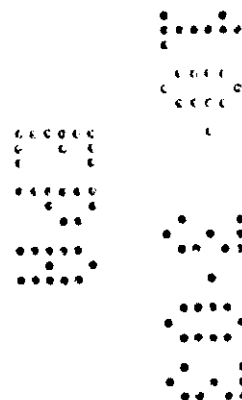
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