

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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AUG 28 1997

Dear Ms. Neslund:

SUBJECT: Label Amendment  
Safer Sharpshooter Weed and Grass Concentrate  
EPA Registration No. 42697-35  
Your Application dated 8, 1997

The labeling referred to above, submitted in accordance with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended is acceptable with the following provisions:

1. The Agency has determined that the signal word for the above named product should be "WARNING" rather than "DANGER", and is classified in Category II for eye irritation. This decision was based on the overall assessment of the Acute Toxicology Data either submitted by you or by another party and referenced by you.
2. The "Precautionary Statements" must be revised to read as follows:

"WARNING. Harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes substantial but temporary eye injury. Do not get in eyes, skin or clothing. Wear safety glasses. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash clothing before reuse."

3. Revise the following "First Aid" statements to read as follows:

"If in eyes: Hold eyelids open and flush with a steady, gentle stream of water for 15 minutes. Get medical attention."

"If on skin: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention."

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4. Under the "Storage and Disposal" statement of the labeling, in the section under "Disposal" remove the last sentence which reads, "(Rinse thoroughly before discarding in trash).", and relocate it to the position as the second sentence in the statement.

A stamped copy is enclosed for your records. Please submit one (1) final printed copy for the above mentioned label before releasing the product for shipment.

Sincerely yours,

Joanne I. Miller  
Product Manager (23)  
Herbicide Branch  
Registration Division (7505C)

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ACCEPTED  
with COMMENTS  
in EPA Letter Dated

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( ) = optional wording

Under the Federal Insecticide,  
Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
as amended, for the pesticide  
registered under EPA Reg. No.  
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**Safer® Sharpshooter® Weed and Grass Killer  
Concentrate**

Kills some weeds and grasses quickly (within hours) in and around  
walks, fences, patios, driveways, flowerbeds, vegetable gardens,  
trees and shrubs.

ACTIVE INGREDIENTS	BY WT.
Potassium Salts of Fatty Acids.....	19.56%
INERT INGREDIENTS.....	80.44%
TOTAL.....	100.00%

Keep out of reach of Children

**CAUTION**

(See back panel for additional precautionary statements.)  
Net Contents: 32 fl. oz.

**Front Label:**

[Optional Marketing phrases:

Kills some weeds in a day ■ Make it a Safer® Brand world  
24 hour kill for some weeds ■ Some weeds dead in a day ■ Proven  
effective through University testing  
Kills some weeds within (in) hours ■ University tested  
(Safer®) your first line of defense  
Water-based products since 1976 ■ Kills some weeds within (in) 24  
hours ■ See results within (in) hours  
Brand you can trust since 1976  
Use with Confidence ■ Effects (results ) can be seen in less than  
eight (8) hours  
Provides top kill in less than 8 hours.  
Why wait weeks - kills some weeds within hours!  
Kills some weeds and (&) grasses quickly (within hours)  
No residual effects ■ Patented formula  
Effective ■ Non-selective ■ Quick top kill  
No residual effects in the soil  
Made with soaps derived from natural fats and plant oils  
Satisfaction guaranteed. See back panel  
Si no usted 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.)  
This container is made from xx% recycled materials.  
(Visible) results (effects) within five (5) minutes for some weeds  
(plants).  
Effects (visible) within (as little as) five (5) minutes for some  
weeds (plants).  
(Visible) results (effects) within seconds (minutes, hours); for  
some weeds (plants).  
Effects (visible) within (as little as) seconds (minutes, hours)  
for some weeds (plants).  
Safer®'s scientists have developed a unique and effective weed  
killer which is formulated from fatty acids derived from plant and  
animal fats. Safer®, Inc. provides products that you can use with

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confidence to control insects, plant diseases, and weeds around your home.]

Back Label:

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE:**

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

Read the entire label before using this product. **IMPORTANT:** Safer® Sharpshooter® Weed and Grass Killer is a general contact herbicide and will damage or destroy all vegetation which it contacts. Avoid overspray or spray drift onto desirable lawn grass, flowers, vegetables, garden plants, shrubs, or trees. If desired vegetation is contacted, wash immediately with water. Keep people and pets off treated areas until dry to avoid product transfer to desirable vegetation.

Shake well. Dilute 32 ounces (4 cups) Sharpshooter Concentrate with 1.25 (one and one-quarter) gallons of water to prepare a working solution of 1.5 (one and one-half) gallons.

Use for spot treatment of weeds. Ensure uniform and complete coverage of all types of unwanted vegetation. (Ensure thorough wetting (avoid runoff) and complete coverage of all unwanted vegetation.) **VISIBLE EFFECTS USUALLY OCCUR WITHIN FOUR HOURS.** Do not apply during windy conditions that will carry spray onto desired vegetation.

(Note: only those plants or plant parts directly contacted by the herbicide spray will be damaged. **WEEDS:** Sharpshooter® will control most young, succulent, and actively growing weeds (less than 5" high). Several treatments may be necessary to control grasses and established weeds. Maturing (flowering), or woody weeds are less susceptible and may not be killed. Sharpshooter® will not kill all perennial weeds but will result in top kill and suppression. Weeds and grasses emerging after application, and regrowth from perennial weeds after top kill will not be controlled without reapplication. Sharpshooter® is non-selective and non-residual. Shield lawn grass and desired plants carefully (during use) to avoid damage (to the plants). (The herbicidal effect of Sharpshooter® does not remain in the soil.) Sharpshooter® will not move through soil (translocate) to injure nearby plants. Treated areas can be (seeded) sown two days after application.)

Sharpshooter® is a contact herbicide. Shield grass and desired plants carefully during use to avoid damage to these plants. The herbicidal effect of Sharpshooter® does not remain in the soil of treated area and treated areas can be seeded in (sown) two days after treatment.

For best results, apply to weeds during early period (stages) of

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growth (and during warm dry weather). (Herbicidal action is rapid with effects visible within hours.) The speed at which Sharpshooter® works is affected by climatic conditions. For most rapid kill, apply in warm, dry weather. Weeds may show signs of regrowth within one to two weeks. Re-treat when weed growth becomes evident.

Sharpshooter® may cause a white residue on some types of brickwork or concrete. This residue will wear off after a few weeks.

**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**  
**Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals.**

**CAUTION:** Harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling.

**First Aid (Statement of Practical Treatment):**

**If in eyes:** Flush eyes with plenty of water. Call a physician if irritation persists.

**If on skin:** Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

**If swallowed:** Call a physician or Poison Control Center. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water and induce vomiting by touching back of throat with finger. If person is unconscious, do not give anything by mouth and do not induce vomiting.

**In Case of Emergency, call 1-800-228-5635, ext. 170.**

**Environmental Hazards:** This product may be hazardous to aquatic invertebrates. For terrestrial uses, 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 cleaning of equipment or disposal of water.

**STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

**Storage:** Store at room temperature or colder. Store in original container, only. (Do not store in any container other than original container.)

**Disposal:** Do not reuse empty container. (To dispose, securely) Wrap (original) empty container securely in several layers of newspaper and discard in trash. (Rinse thoroughly before discarding in trash.)

Ringer Corp. and Safer®, Inc. will not accept liability for damage or injury resulting from misuse.

Made in U.S.A.

If you are not completely satisfied with this product, or, for consumer information, call 1-612-703-3300 weekdays 9-5 Central time

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to arrange for a refund of the purchase price or replacement of the product. Proof of purchase is required.

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