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Subject: Registration Review Label Mitigation for Metalaxyl  
Product Name: Custom Blend 00ST  
EPA Registration Number: 42750-301  
Application Dates: 06/25/2018  
Decision Numbers: 556227

Dear Ms. Carolyn Miter:

The Agency, in accordance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, has completed reviewing all the information submitted with your application to support the Registration Review of the above referenced product in connection with the Metalaxyl Interim Decision, and has concluded that your submission is acceptable. The label referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under FIFRA, as amended, is acceptable.

Should you wish to add/retain a reference to the company's website on your label, then please be aware that the website becomes labeling under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and is subject to review by the Agency. If the website is false or misleading, the product would be misbranded and unlawful to sell or distribute under FIFRA section 12(a)(1)(E). 40 CFR 156.10(a)(5) list examples of statements EPA may consider false or misleading. In addition, regardless of whether a website is referenced on your product's label, claims made on the website may not substantially differ from those claims approved through the registration process. Therefore, should the Agency find or if it is brought to our attention that a website contains false or misleading statements or claims substantially differing from the EPA approved registration, the website will be referred to the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance.

A copy of your label stamped "Accepted" is enclosed. Products shipped after 12 months from the date of this amendment must bear the new revised label. Your release for shipment of the product bearing the amended label constitutes acceptance of these conditions. If these conditions are not complied with, the registration will be subject to cancellation in accordance with FIFRA section 6.

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Darius Stanton by phone at 703-347-0433, or via email at [Stanton.darius@epa.gov](mailto:Stanton.darius@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Linda Arrington', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Linda Arrington, Branch Chief  
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Office of Pesticide Programs

Enclosure

METALAXYL	GROUP	4	FUNGICIDE
TEBUCONAZOLE	GROUP	3	FUNGICIDE
THIABENDAZOLE	GROUP	1	FUNGICIDE

**CUSTOM BLEND 00ST**  
SEED PROTECTANT

ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:

**Metalaxyl:** N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-N-(methoxyacetyl)alanine methyl ester . . . . . 6.61%  
**Tebuconazole:**  
Alpha-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl]-alpha-(1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol . . . . . 1.89%  
**Thiabendazole:** 2-(4-thiazolyl)benzimidazole . . . . . 2.26%  
OTHER INGREDIENTS: . . . . . 89.24%  
TOTAL: . . . . . 100.0%

Contains 0.577 pounds metalaxyl per gallon, or 69.14 grams per liter or 2.045 grams per fluid ounce.  
Contains 0.165 pounds tebuconazole per gallon, or 19.76 grams per liter or 0.585 grams per fluid ounce.  
Contains 0.197 pounds thiabendazole per gallon, or 23.64 grams per liter or 0.698 grams per fluid ounce.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

**CAUTION**

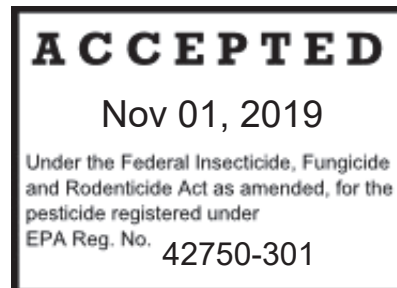
FIRST AID	
IF IN EYES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>• Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
Note to Physician: No specific antidote is available. Treat the patient symptomatically.	
HOT LINE NUMBER: Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES INVOLVING THIS PRODUCT, CALL CHEMTREC® TOLL FREE AT 1-800-424-9300.	

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NET CONTENTS: \_\_\_\_\_ Gals.

Manufactured For:  
ALBAUGH, LLC  
ANKENY, IA 50021



PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS  
HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION

Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

1. Long-sleeved shirt and long pants,
2. Shoes plus socks,
3. Chemical resistant gloves made out of: nitrile rubber >14 mils, butyl rubber >14 mils, neoprene rubber >14 mils, barrier laminate, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) >14 mils or Viton >14 mils
4. Protective eyewear

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions exist for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

When handlers use closed systems in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170-240 (d) (4)], the handler PPE may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Users should

1. Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
2. Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
3. Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change clothing.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This pesticide is toxic to mammals, 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. Cover or incorporate spilled treated seeds. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwater or rinsate or by disposal of wastes.

Groundwater Advisory: Metalaxyl and Tebuconazole are known to leach through soil into groundwater under certain conditions as a result of agricultural use. Use of this chemical in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow, may result in groundwater contamination.

Surface Water Advisory: This product may contaminate water through drift of spray in wind. This product has a high potential for runoff for several months or more after application. Poorly draining soils and soils with shallow water tables are more prone to runoff that contains this product. A level, well maintained vegetative buffer strip between areas to which this product is applied and surface water features such as ponds, streams, and springs will reduce the potential for contamination of water from rainfall-runoff. Runoff of this product will be reduced by avoiding applications when rainfall is forecasted within 48 hours.

Treated seeds exposed on soil surface may be hazardous to wildlife. Cover or collect treated seed spilled during loading and planting. Dispose of all excess treated seed by burying seed away from bodies of

water. Do not contaminate bodies of water when disposing of planting equipment wash water.

For minor spills, leaks, etc., follow all precautions indicated on this label and clean up immediately. Take special care to avoid contamination of equipment and facilities during clean-up procedures and disposal of wastes.

#### PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL HAZARDS

Do not mix or allow coming in contact with oxidizing agent. Hazardous chemical reaction may occur.

#### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Read all label directions carefully before use.

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons. 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.

#### AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40CFR 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.

After seeds have been planted, do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 24 hours.

Exception: Once the seeds are planted in soil, the Worker Protection Standard, under certain circumstances, allows workers to enter the treated area without restriction if there will be no worker contact with treated seed.

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
- Chemical resistant gloves made out of: nitrile rubber >14 mils, butyl rubber >14 mils, neoprene rubber >14 mils, barrier laminate, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) >14 mils or Viton >14 mils
- Shoes plus socks and
- Protective eyewear

NOTE: The purchaser of this product is responsible for ensuring that all seed treated with this product are adequately dyed with a suitable color to prevent its accidental use as food for man or feed for animals.

#### RESTRICTION:

- Do not apply more than the maximum annual rate for metalaxyl of 12.3 lbs a.i./A per acre per year.
- When applying both metalaxyl-containing and mefenoxam-containing products to the same crop within the same season do not apply more than the maximum yearly total application rate for the active ingredient as stated on the label of the product containing the lowest yearly total on that crop.

- All seed must be adequately dyed with a suitable colorant to prevent its accidental use as food for man or feed for animals. Refer to 21CFR, part 2.25. Any colorant added to treated seed must be cleared for use under 40 CFR, part 153.155.

## PRODUCT USE INFORMATION

CUSTOM BLEND 00ST is a systemic and contact broad-spectrum fungicide for seed treatment that protects against a wide variety of diseases. CUSTOM BLEND 00ST is effective against the diseases *Fusarium*, *Cochliobolus sativus*, *Pythium*, smuts, bunt and leaf stripe. It is also effective against seed rot fungi such as *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium*.

Care must be exercised in the handling of treated seed. Augers used for handling treated seed should not be used to move seed for feed, food or oil processing.

Treatment of highly mechanically damaged seed, or seed known to be of low vigor and poor quality, except for the purpose of curative control of existing disease pests, may result in reduced germination and/or reduction of seed and seedling vigor. Treat and conduct germination tests on a small test sample of seed before treating commercial quantities with a selected chemical treatment.

ALWAYS SHAKE OR STIR WELL BEFORE USE

## RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CUSTOM BLEND 00ST contains three active ingredients with three distinct modes of action. Any fungal population may contain individuals naturally resistant to CUSTOM BLEND 00ST, and other Group 1, Group 3 and Group 4 fungicides. A gradual or total loss of pest control may occur over time if these fungicides are used repeatedly in the same fields. Other resistance mechanisms that are not linked to site of action but specific for individual chemicals, such as enhanced metabolism, may also exist.

Appropriate resistance-management strategies should be followed. To delay the development of fungicide resistance:

1. Applications - Adhere to the label use directions regarding the consecutive use of CUSTOM BLEND 00ST fungicide seed treatment or other target site of action Group 1, Group 3 and Group 4 fungicides that have a similar site of action on the same pathogens.
2. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) – Integrate CUSTOM BLEND 00ST into an overall disease and pest management program. Follow cultural practices known to reduce disease development. Consult your local extension specialist, certified crop advisor and/or Albaugh representative for additional IPM strategies established for your area. CUSTOM BLEND 00ST may be used in Agricultural Extension advisory (disease forecasting) programs, which recommend application timing based on environmental factors favorable for disease development.
3. Monitoring - Monitor efficacy of all fungicides used in the disease management program against the targeted pathogen and record other factors that may influence fungicide performance and/or disease development.
4. Reporting - If a Group 1, Group 3, and/or Group 4 target site fungicide, such as CUSTOM BLEND 00ST, appears to be less or no longer effective against a pathogen that it previously controlled or suppressed, contact a Albaugh representative, local extension specialist, or certified crop advisor to assist in determining the cause of reduced performance.

## SEED TREATMENT EQUIPMENT

CUSTOM BLEND 00ST is formulated both for commercial and for on-farm application. It may be applied with mechanical, slurry, or mist-type seed treating equipment, provided that the equipment can be calibrated to accurately and uniformly apply the product to seed. Uniform application to seed is necessary to ensure best disease protection and optimum performance. Seed should be sound and well-cured before treatment.

Refer to label rates below.

In most cases, CUSTOM BLEND 00ST is ready to use and may be applied to seed as is; however, dilution with water may be appropriate for some types of treaters and/or when treating under dry and/or hot conditions, to achieve more uniform product to seed coverage. Mix CUSTOM BLEND 00ST and water thoroughly into a slurry prior to treating seed. Recalibrate treating equipment to compensate for the addition of water. The amount of dilution water that is most suitable depends on the seed, treater type and temperature. Contact your local Albaugh representative or supplier for specific recommendations.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Crop	Rate (fl. oz.) product per 100 lbs. seed	Symptoms Controlled	Symptoms Suppressed
Wheat (Spring and Winter)	1.5	General seed rots (including those caused by <i>Penicillium</i> and <i>Aspergillus</i> )  Seed rot, damping off and seedling blight (seed- and soil-borne <i>Fusarium</i> , <i>Pythium</i> and <i>Cochliobolus sativus</i> )  Loose Smut ( <i>Ustilago tritici</i> )  Common Bunt ( <i>Tilletia cariesj.foetida</i> )  Early Season Root Rot ( <i>Rhizoctonia</i> )	Common root rot ( <i>Cochliobolus sativus</i> )  Crown and Foot Rot ( <i>Fusarium</i> )

**NOTES:**  
When high incidence of seed borne fusarium occurs, an additional volume of .08 fl oz/cwt of Thiabendazole 4.1 may be applied for additional disease control and germination increase.

\*1.5 fluid ounces of CUSTOM BLEND 00ST contains 0.007 lbs of metalaxyl, 0.002 lbs of thiabendazole and 0.002 lbs of tebuconazole active.

#### PRODUCT USE RESTRICTIONS:

- Do not use treated seed for food, feed or oil purposes.
- Do not re-use bags from treated seed to handle food or feed products.
- Do not use CUSTOM BLEND 00ST in combination with other seed treatment products unless compatibility has been verified. Read and follow carefully all label directions of each combination product. When using combinations of products, the most restrictive of label limitations and precautions must be followed.
- Do not graze or feed livestock on treated areas for 31 days after planting.

#### Use Rate Conversions for Wheat Based on a Standard Count of 13,000 Seeds per Pound

Fluid Ounces of Product			Mg A.I. per seed	A.I.
100 lbs Seed	1,000 Seeds	13,000 Seed Count		
1.5	0.0011	0.015	0.0024	metalaxyl
			0.0004	tebuconazole
			0.0008	thiabendazole

## SEED BAG LABEL REQUIREMENTS

The Federal Seed Act requires that bags containing treated seeds shall be labeled with the following statements:

- This seed has been treated with an metalaxyl, tebuconazole, and thiabendazole pesticide.
- Do not use for feed, food or oil purposes.
- User is responsible for ensuring that the seed bag meets all requirements under the Federal Seed Act.

The US EPA requires the following statements on containers containing seeds treated with CUSTOM BLEND 00ST:

- Store treated seed away from food and feedstuffs.
- Do not allow children, pets, or livestock to have access to treated seeds.
- Wear long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and waterproof gloves when handling treated seed.
- Treated seeds exposed on soil surface may be hazardous to wildlife. Cover or collect treated seeds spilled during loading and planting.
- Dispose of all excess treated seed. Leftover treated seed may be double sown around the headland or buried away from water sources in accordance with local requirements.
- Do not contaminate water bodies when disposing of planting equipment wash water.
- Dispose of seed packaging in accordance with local requirements.
- Excess treated seed may be used for ethanol production only if (1) byproducts are not used for livestock feed and (2) no measurable residues of pesticide remain in ethanol by-products that are used for agronomic practice.

User is responsible for ensuring that the seed bag meets all requirements under the Federal Seed Act and EPA regulations.



## STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

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

**PESTICIDE STORAGE:** Do not use or store near oxidizing agents. Store in original container only. After partial use, replace lid and close tightly. Store in a secure place that is temperate, dry and out of direct sunlight. Avoid excess heat. Do not freeze. Store in cool place. Do not store in direct sunlight. Protect from freezing temperatures. **ALWAYS SHAKE OR STIR PRODUCT WELL BEFORE USE.**

**PESTICIDE DISPOSAL:** Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

### CONTAINER HANDLING:

**Non-refillable containers (1, 2.5, 30 & 55 gallon):** Do not reuse or refill this container. Offer for recycling, if available. Triple rinse or pressure rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying.

(non-refillable <5 gallons): Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Fill the container  $\frac{1}{4}$  full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds. Pour rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Repeat this procedure two more times.

(non-refillable >5 gallons): Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container  $\frac{1}{4}$  full with water. Replace and tighten closures. Tip container on its side and roll it back and forth, ensuring at least one complete revolution, for 30 seconds. Stand the container on its end and tip it back and forth several times. Empty the rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Repeat this procedure two more times.

**Pressure rinse as follows (all sizes):** Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and continue to drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Hold container upside down over application equipment or mix tank or collect rinsate for later use for disposal. Insert pressure rinsing nozzle in the side of the container, and rinse at about 40 PSI for at least 30 seconds. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip.

**Refillable container (250 gallon & bulk):** Refill this container with pesticide only. Do not reuse this container for any other purpose. Cleaning the container before final disposal is the responsibility of the person disposing of the container. Cleaning before refilling is the responsibility of the refiller.

To clean the container before final disposal, empty the remaining contents from the container into application equipment or mix tank. Fill the container about 10 percent full with water. Agitate vigorously or recirculate water with the pump for 2 minutes. Pour or pump rinsate into application equipment or rinsate collection system. Repeat this rinsing process two more times.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE -** Seller warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description and is reasonable fit for the purposes stated on the label only when used in accordance with the directions and instructions specified on the label under normal conditions of use, but neither this warranty nor any other warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, expressed or implied, extends to the use of this product, contrary to label instructions, or under conditions not reasonably foreseeable to seller, and, to the extent consistent with applicable law, the buyer assumes the risk of any such use.