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Prachi Pandya Regulatory Manager Nufarm Americas Inc. 4020 Aerial Center Parkway Morrisville, NC 27560

Subject: Label Amendment - Registration Review Mitigation for Metalaxyl and

Myclobutanil

Product Name: Spera Coat Seed Treatment

EPA Registration Number: 55146-114 Decision Number: 471925 and 677040

Application Date: May 15, 2023

#### Dear Prachi Pandya:

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 and Myclobutanil 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 Assurance.

A stamped copy of your labeling is enclosed for your records. This labeling supersedes all previously accepted labeling and must be used at your next label printing. You must

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submit one copy of the final printed labeling before you release the product for shipment with the new labeling. In accordance with 40 CFR 152.130(c), you may distribute or sell this product under the previously approved labeling for 12 months from the date of this letter. After 12 months, you may only distribute or sell this product if it bears this new revised labeling or subsequently approved labeling. "To distribute or sell" is defined under FIFRA section 2(gg) and its implementing regulation at 40 CFR 152.3.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Concepción Rodríguez by phone at 202-566-0820, or via email at <a href="mailto:rodriguez.concepcion@epa.gov">rodriguez.concepcion@epa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Maryam K. Muhammad-Perch, Team Lead Risk Management and Implementation Branch 4 Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division Office of Pesticide Programs

**ENCLOSURE: Stamped label** 

### ACCEPTED

12/03/2025

Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act as amended, for the pesticide registered under EPA Reg. No. 55146-114

METALAXYL	GROUP	4	FUNGICIDE
MYLCLOBUTANIL	GROUP	3	FUNGICIDE

# SPERA™ COAT

### SEED TREATMENT

#### SEED TREATMENT FUNGICIDE FOR USE IN TREATING COTTON SEED

#### **ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:**

OTHER INGREDIENTS ......82.47% TOTAL ...... 100.00%

Contains 1.18 pounds of myclobutanil per gallon (142 grams per liter). Contains 0.35 pounds of metalaxyl per gallon (42 grams per liter).

## KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION / PRECAUCION

Si usted no etiende 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.)

SEE INSIDE BOOKLET FOR FIRST AID AND ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

For Chemical Spill, Leak, Fire, or Exposure, Call CHEMTREC (800) 424-9300 For Medical Emergencies Only, Call (877) 325-1840

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Manufactured for NUFARM AMERICAS INC. AGT Division 150 Harvester Drive Burr Ridge, IL 60527



Net Contents: Gal. (L)

	FIRST AID
IF SWALLOWED	<ul> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice.</li> <li>Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow.</li> <li>Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor.</li> <li>Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.</li> </ul>
IF IN EVES	<ul> <li>Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes.</li> <li>Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING	<ul> <li>Take off contaminated clothing.</li> <li>Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 to 20 minutes.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
IF INHALED	<ul> <li>Move person to fresh air.</li> <li>If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.</li> </ul>
HOT LINE NUMBER  Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment.	

You may also contact 1-877-325-1840 for emergency medical treatment information.

### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS **CAUTION / PRECAUCION**

Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE):

All mixers, loaders, applicators, flaggers, and other handlers must wear:

- Long -sleeved shirt and long pants,
- Shoes and socks,
- Chemical resistant gloves made of: barrier laminate or nitrile rubber ≥ 14 mils or neoprene rubber ≥ 14 mils or Viton ≥ 14 mils.

#### **USER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If not such instructions for washables exist, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

#### **USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Users Should:**

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

#### **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 when disposing of equipment washwaters or rinsate. Do not apply when weather conditions favor drift or runoff from areas treated.

#### **Groundwater Advisory:**

Myclobutanil is known to leach through soil into groundwater under certain conditions as a result of label use. This chemical may leach into groundwater if used in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow.

#### **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 requirement specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

The maximum annual application rate for mefenoxam- and metalaxyl-containing products is 12.3 lb per acre per calendar year. DO NOT apply more than 12.3 lb of active ingredients, mefenoxam and metalaxyl, per acre per calendar year.

Maximum usage when applying both metalaxyl- 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.

#### 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 intervals. 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 48 hours.

Exception: If the seed is treated with the product and the treated seed is soil-injected or soil-incorporated, the Worker Protection Standard, under certain circumstances, allows workers to enter the treated area if there will be on contact with anything that has been treated.

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 of any waterproof material, and shoes plus socks.

#### **RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT**

This product contains myclobutanil Group 3 and tebuconazole Group 4 fungicide.

Fungal populations may contain individuals naturally resistant to Group 3, Group 4 fungicides and if used repeatedly in the same fields, then resistant members may eventually dominate the population. Because resistance development cannot be predicted, the use of this product should conform to sound resistance management strategies.

The following steps may delay the development of fungicide resistance:

- Rotate the use of this product or other Group 3, Group 4 fungicides within a growing season sequence with different groups that control the same pathogens.
- Use tank mixtures with fungicides from a different group that are effective on the target pest when such use is permitted. Use at least the minimum application rate as labeled by the manufacturer.
- Adopt an integrated disease management program for fungicide use that includes scouting, uses historical information related to pesticide use, and crop rotation, and which considers host plant

resistance, impact of environmental conditions on disease development, disease thresholds, as well as cultural, biological and other chemical control practices.

- Where possible, make use of predictive disease models to effectively time fungicide applications. Note that using predictive models alone is not sufficient to manage resistance.
- Monitor treated fungal populations for resistance development.

For additional information on Fungicide Resistance Management:

- Contact Nufarm Americas Inc representatives at 1-800-345-3330
- Contact your local extension specialist or certified crop advisor.
- Visit the Fungicide Resistance Action Committee (FRAC) at http://www.frac.info

#### COMMERCIAL COTTON SEED TREATMENT

This product is recommended for use at time of planting as a seed treatment to protect against sore shin (*Rhizoctonia so/am*) and black root rot (*Thielaviopsis basicola*) which impairs good cotton seed germination and seedling development. This product can be tank-mixed with other properly labeled cottonseed protectants for Pythium control. This product is a liquid formulation that can be pumped or poured directly into the cotton seed treater or diluted with water, provided the recommended amount of product is applied.

Use 6.0 fluid ounces of this product per 100 pounds cottonseed to reduce seedling damage caused by sore shin (*Rhizoctonia so/am*) and black root rot (*Thielaviopsis basicola*).

#### **SEED LABELING**

Federal law requires that bags containing treated seed shall be labeled with the following information:

"This seed is treated with Spera" Coat Seed Treatment, which contains the active ingredients myclobutanil and metalaxyl. Do not use for food, feed, oil production or any other purpose except planting. Do not graze cotton plants grown from treated seed. Store away from feed and foodstuffs;'

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires the following statements on containers containing treated seed:

- "Do not allow children, pets or livestock to have access to treated seeds."
- "Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt and protective 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 by burying seed away from bodies of water."
- "Do not contaminate bodies of water when disposing of planting equipment wash water."
- "Dispose of seed packaging or containers in accordance with local requirements."

Always use this product with an EPA approved dye or colorant that imparts an unnatural color to the seed.

#### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

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

**PESTICIDE STORAGE:** Store in a cool, dry secure area at temperatures above freezing and in such a manner as to prevent cross contamination with other pesticides, fertilizers, food and feed. Store in original container and out the reach of children.

**PESTICIDE DISPOSAL:** Pesticide wastes are toxic. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture or rinsate is 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.

#### **CONTAINER DISPOSAL:**

**Nonrefillable Containers 5 Gallons or Less:** Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Triple rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. **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 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. Then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by other procedures approved by State and local authorities. Plastic containers are also disposable by incineration, or, if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

Nonrefillable Containers Larger than 5 Gallons: Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Offer for recycling if available. Triple rinse or pressure rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container 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. Turn the container over onto its other 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: 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 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 or 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 containers larger than 5 gallons:] Refillable container. 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 this container into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container about 10% full with water and, if possible, spray all sides while adding water. Agitate vigorously or recirculate water with the pump for two minutes. Pour or pump rinsate into application equipment or rinsate collection system. Repeat this rinsing procedure two more times.

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