

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, DC 20460

OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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Nathan Ehresman Senior Regulatory Scientist Nufarm Americas Inc. 4020 Aerial Center Parkway Morrisville, NC 27560

Subject: Notification per PRN 98-10 – Addition of optional fertilizer statement and Nufarm branding statement Product Name: EQUI-TM 1.5 EPA Registration Number: 55146-154 Application Date: 03/08/2016 Decision Number: 515229

Dear Mr. Ehresman:

The Agency is in receipt of your Application for Pesticide Notification under Pesticide Registration Notice (PRN) 98-10 for the above referenced product. The Registration Division (RD) has conducted a review of this request for its applicability under PRN 98-10 and finds that the action requested falls within the scope of PRN 98-10. The label submitted with the application has been stamped "Notification" and will be placed in our records.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Maryam K. Muhammad by phone at 703-347-0301, or via email at <u>Muhammad.maryam@epa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Hope Johnson, Product Manager 21 Fungicide Branch Registration Division (7505P) Office of Pesticide Programs

EQUI-TTM 1.5

[ALTERNATE BRAND NAMES: SPIRATO MTM 285 FS]

For use as a seed treatment for protection of seed and seedlings against listed diseases on soybeans, dry beans, and snap beans

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:		
Metalaxyl		
Thiophanate -methyl		
Fludioxonil		
OTHER INGREDIENTS:		
	TOTAL:	

Contains 1.31 lbs metalaxyl, 0.86 lbs thiophanate-methyl, and 0.21 lbs fludioxonil per gallon.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

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

EPA REG. NO. 55146-154 EPA EST. NO. _____ MANUFACTURED FOR NUFARM AMERICAS INC. AGT DIVISION 11901 S. Austin Avenue Alsip, IL 60803



NET CONTENTS _____ GAL. (____Liters) [Designation as "NONREFILLABLE" or "REFILLABLE" for containers > 5 GAL]

[Grow a better tomorrow.]

NOTIFICATION

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The applicant has certified that no changes, other than those reported to the Agency have been made to the labeling. The Agency acknowledges this notification by letter dated:

03/29/2016

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION

Harmful if swallowed. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Some materials that are chemical-resistant to this product are listed below.

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants,
- Shoes plus socks,
- Chemical-resistant gloves for all mixers and loaders and for applicators using hand held equipment, and
- Chemical-resistant apron for mixers, loaders and other handlers exposed to the concentrate.

Note: Persons involved in bagging treated seed, sewing or moving bags of treated seed, or cleaning up bagging areas or seed treatment equipment are pesticide handlers and must wear the PPE required on this label for pesticide handlers.

USER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no 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 clothing.
- Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change clothing.

FIRST AID		
IF SWALLOWED	 Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to by a poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything to an unconscious person. 	
IF INHALED	 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. 	
IF IN EYES	 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	 Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call poison control center or doctor for treatment advice. 	
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.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates. For terrestrial use, **DO NOT** apply directly to water, 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 wash water or rinsate. Cover or incorporate spilled treated seeds.

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

PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS

DO NOT mix or allow coming in contact with oxidizing agents. 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.

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.

EQUI-TM 1.5 is formulated for on-farm or commercial seed treatment using standard slurry or mist-type seed treatment equipment.

Mix thoroughly before use or use entire container at one time. All tank mixes should be pre-tested to determine physical compatibility between formulations. Observe the most restrictive use precautions and limitations on labeling of the products used in mixtures.

EQUI-TM 1.5 contains an EPA approved dye/colorant that imparts an unnatural color to the seed.

Treated seed must not be used for or mixed with food or animal feed or processed for oil. Seed commercially treated with this product must be labeled in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Federal Seed Act.

[OPTIONAL STATEMENT: The EQUI-TM 1.5 in this container must be used in the use season immediately following purchase from Nufarm.]

PRODUCT INFORMATION

EQUI-TM 1.5 is a seed treatment fungicide for use against damping-off, seed, and seedling rots due to *Pythium*, *Fusarium*, *Rhizoctonia* spp. In soybeans, dry beans, and snap beans. EQUI-TM 1.5 also suppresses seed-borne *Sclerotinia and Phomopsis* spp. particularly in soybeans.

Apply as a seed treatment using standard slurry or mist-type seed treatment equipment. Uniform application to seed is necessary to ensure seed safety and best disease protection. Seed must be sound and well cured prior to treatment. Product must be diluted with sufficient water to ensure complete seed coverage. Consult a seed treatment specialist regarding slurry rates for the crop to be treated with this product.

Tank Mixing: All tank mixes should be pre-tested to determine physical compatibility between formulations. When tank mixing, follow the most restrictive label instructions for any tank mix partner. DO NOT tank mix with any product that bears a label prohibition against tank mixing.

MIXING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOYBEANS

EQUI-TM 1.5 is formulated for on-farm or commercial treatment to be used with liquid rhizobia products, using standard mechanical slurry or mist-type seed treatment equipment which accurately measures and mixes a flowable seed treatment. The equipment must provide uniform coverage of EQUI-TM 1.5 on the seed. Uneven seed coverage may not give the desired level of disease control. EQUI-TM 1.5 must be diluted with either water or liquid inoculants prior to application to soybeans. Consult the manufacturer of the application equipment you plan to use for suitability for this application and for instructions on operation and calibration of the equipment. Do not mix EQUI-TM 1.5 fungicide with other pesticides unless sufficient compatibility, loading rates, and seed and crop safety factors are determined. Do not mix with any product that contains a prohibition on mixing. Follow the more restrictive labeling of any tank-mix partner.

In a clean container large enough to contain the entire mixture add the specified amount of EQUI-TM 1.5. Add half of the required water or liquid inoculant and mix thoroughly. Add the remaining amount of water or liquid inoculant and mix again. The slurry is ready for application to the soybeans. Mix as needed and do not store diluted mixture.

Additional or continuous agitation or mixing of the slurry mixture may be necessary to prevent the EQUI-TM 1.5 from settling out of solution when using water or liquid inoculants. EQUI-TM 1.5 has been found to be compatible with some liquid inoculant products. EQUI-TM 1.5 may be mixed or applied sequentially with approved liquid inoculants. Consult the maker of the liquid inoculants and a Nufarm Americas representative for directions before applying EQUI-TM 1.5 with liquid inoculants.

Note: EQUI-TM 1.5 is specially formulated to be compatible with some liquid inoculants. If water

is usNoted to further dilute EQUI-TM 1.5 when rhizobia are present, use only nonchlorinated water. Chlorinated water will kill the live rhizobia contained in the inoculant.

MIXING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OTHER BEANS (DRY and SUCCULENT)

Apply EQUI-TM 1.5 as a water based slurry utilizing standard slurry seed treatment equipment which provides uniform seed coverage. Uneven or incomplete seed coverage may not give the desired level of disease protection. Thoroughly mix the labeled amount of EQUI-TM 1.5 into the required amount of water for the slurry treater and dilution rate to be used.

Follow the manufacturer application instructions for the seed treatment equipment being used. Maintain constant agitation of the slurry during the treatment. Allow seed to dry before bagging.

USE RESTRICTIONS

DO NOT use treated seed for feed, food, or oil.

DO NOT use for hopper box or planter box seed treatments.

SEED BAG LABELING REQUIREMENTS

Seed commercially treated with this product must be labeled in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Federal Seed Act. The user of this product is responsible for ensuring that the seed bag meets all requirements under the Federal Seed Act.

THE FEDERAL SEED ACT REQUIRES THAT BAGS CONTAINING TREATED SEED BE LABELED WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- This seed has been treated with EQUI-TM 1.5 (metalaxyl, thiophanate-methyl, fludioxonil) seed treatment.
- **DO NOT** use for food, feed, or oil purposes. Store away from feeds and other foodstuffs.

THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ON CONTAINERS CONTAINING TREATED SEED:

- **Groundwater Advisory:** Metalaxyl is known to leach through soil into groundwater under certain conditions as a result of agricultural use. Use of this chemical where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow, may result in groundwater contamination.
- Store treated seed away from feeds and foodstuffs.
- Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, shoes, socks, and chemical-resistant gloves when handling treated seed.
- Treated seed exposed on soil surface may be hazardous to birds and wildlife.
- Dispose of all excess treated seed by burying seed away from bodies of water. Cover or collect treated seeds spilled during loading and planting.
- **DO NOT** contaminate bodies of water when disposing of planting equipment wash water.
- Dispose of seed packaging in accordance with local requirements.
- **DO NOT** contaminate water bodies when disposing of planting equipment wash water.
- **DO NOT** allow children, pets, or livestock to have access to treated seed.
- DO NOT graze or feed livestock on treated areas for 30 days after planting.
- After the seeds have been planted, do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the **restricted-entry interval** (REI) of **12 hours**. Exception: If 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 no 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 chemical-resistant footwear.
- Excess treated seed may be used for ethanol production only if (1) by-products are not used for livestock feed and (2) no measurable residues of pesticides remain in the ethanol by-products that are used in agronomic practice.

CROP SPECIFIC USE DIRECTIONS

SOYBEANS					
DISEASE	USE RATE (based on 3,000 seeds / lb)				
Protection against damping-off and seed and seedling rots caused by <i>Pythium</i> ,	fl.oz. / cwt. seed*	fl.oz / 1,000 seed	fl.oz / 140,000 seed	mg AI / seed	
<i>Fusarium, and Rhizoctonia</i> spp., and others Protection against <i>Phytophthora</i> (see	1.5	0.005	0.7	0.0232 metalaxyl 0.0152 thiophanate-methyl 0.0037 fludioxonil	
remarks below)	*Contains 4.642 g of metalaxyl, 3.048 g of thiophanate-methyl,			ophanate-methyl, and 0.744 g	
Suppresses seed-borne <i>Sclerotinia</i> and <i>Phomopsis</i> spp.	of fludioxonil per fl.oz (100 kg seed contains 15.35 grams metalaxyl, 10.08 grams thiophanate-methyl, and 2.28 grams fludioxonil)				
REMARKS					

Apply EQUI-TM 1.5 at the rate specified in the rate table, plus water to prepare a slurry of sufficient volume and viscosity to adequately cover the seed. As an alternative to water, you may use approved liquid *rhizobia* inoculants at rates specified by the manufacturer and may add the inoculants to the slurry to achieve sufficient total slurry volume and viscosity to adequately cover the seed.

An additional 0.375 fl oz./100 lbs seed of SEBRING 318 FS* or 0.25 fl. oz./100 lbs. seed of Sebring 480 FS* may be used if targeting fields with high *Phytophthora* pressure. Read and follow all label directions for use on the Sebring 318 FS or Sebring 480 FS label.

RESTRICTIONS

After the seeds have been planted, do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the **restricted-entry interval** (REI) of **12 hours**. Exception: If 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 no 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 chemical-resistant footwear.

*Use Sebring 318 FS/Sebring 480 FS or an equivalent rate of an appropriate metalaxyl or mefenoxam formulation.

DRY BEANS, SUCCULENT (SNAP) BEANS (*Cicer arietinum* (chickpea, garbanzo bean); *Lupinus* spp. (sweet lupine, white sweet lupine, white lupine, and grain lupine). *Phaseolus* spp. (kidney bean, lima bean, mung bean, navy bean, pinto bean, snap bean, and waxbean); *Vicia faba* (broad bean, fava bean); *Vigna* spp. (asparagus bean, blackeyed pea and cowpea)

USE RATE (fl.oz / cwt. seed)	
1.5	

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STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

DO NOT contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

PESTICIDE STORAGE: Store in a cool place, **DO NOT** store in direct sunlight. Protect from freezing temperatures.

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: [[Note to Reviewer: The following statement will be included on all Final Printed Labels bearing multiple Container Handling statements] "NOTE: This product is available in multiple containers. Refer to the Net Contents section of this product's labeling for the applicable "Nonrefillable" or "Refillable" designation. Follow the container handling instructions below that apply to your container type / size."]

[Nonrefillable Containers 5 Gallons or Less]

Nonrefillable container. DO NOT reuse or refill this container. Offer for recycling if available. 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. 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.

[Refillable containers for return to Nufarm]

Refillable container. Refill this container with pesticide only. **DO NOT** reuse this container for any other purpose. Close all openings and replace all caps. Contact Nufarm's Customer Service Department at 1-800-345-3330 to arrange for return of the empty refillable container.

WARRANTY DISCLAIMER

The directions for use of this product must be followed carefully. TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAW, (1)THE GOODS DELIVERED TO YOU ARE FURNISHED "AS IS" BY MANUFACTURER OR SELLER AND (2) MANUFACTURER AND SELLER MAKE NO WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES, OR REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND TO BUYER OR USER, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, OR BY USAGE OF TRADE, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, WITH REGARD TO THE PRODUCT SOLD, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, USE, OR ELIGIBILITY OF THE PRODUCT FOR ANY PARTICULARTRADE USAGE. UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INEFFECTIVENESS, MAY RESULT BECAUSE OF SUCH FACTORS AS THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF OTHER MATERIALS USED IN COMBINATION WITH THE GOODS, OR THE MANNER OF USE OR APPLICATION, INCLUDING WEATHER, ALL OF WHICH ARE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF MANUFACTURER OR SELLER AND ASSUMED BY BUYER OR USER. THIS WRITING CONTAINS ALL OF THE REPRESENTATIONS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN BUYER, MANUFACTURER AND SELLER, AND NO PERSON OR AGENT OF MANUFACTURER OR SELLER HAS ANY AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OR AGREEMENT RELATING IN ANY WAY TO THESE GOODS.

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If you do not agree with or do not accept any of directions for use, the warranty disclaimers, or limitations on liability, do not use the product, and return it unopened to the Seller, and the purchase price will be refunded. (RV032816)

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[Not included in Final Printed Labeling]

LABEL HISTORY

File Name	Revision Mark	Comment
055146-00xxx.20150326.DRAFT (NUP-14052)	RV032615	Draft Label
055146-00xxx.20151218.DRAFT (NUP-14052)	RV121815	Revised as per EPA comments
055146-00RLU.20151221.DRAFT (NUP-14052)	RV122115	Additional changes EPA comments
055146-00154.20151229.MASTER	RV122915	FINAL APPROVAL
055146-00154.20160112.DRAFT	RV011216	Notification of ABN & LBS/Gallon update
055146-00154.20160201.MASTER	RV020116	FINAL APPROVAL
055146-00154.20160308.DRAFT	RV032816	Notification to add branding tagline & optional statement on page 3.