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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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Subject:

Label Amendment - Signal Word Update

Product Name: Razorooter II

EPA Registration Number: 64898-8 Application Dated: July 22, 2013

Decision Number: 481139

Dear Ms. Warkentien:

The labeling referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, is acceptable.

A stamped copy of your labeling is enclosed for your records. This labeling supersedes all previously accepted labeling. You must submit one (1) 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 18 months from the date of this letter. After 18 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.

Your release for shipment of the product 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(e). If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Meadows by phone at 703-347-0505, or via email at meadows.sarah@epa.gov.

Sincerely

Kathryn V. Montague, Product Manager 23

Herbicide Branch

Registration Division

Office of Pesticide Programs

## **RAZOROOTER II™**

For use to con	ntrol tree root intrusions in sanitary sewers, storm drains, and other drainage system	ms.
ACTIVE INGRE	EDIENT: nide [6,7-dihydrodipyrido (1,2-a:2',1'-c) pyrazinediium dibromide]	By Weight 37.3%
OTHER INGRE	EDIENTS:	<u>62.7%</u>
TOTAL:		100.0%
This product o	contains 2-lbs. diquat cation per gal. as 3.73 lbs. salt per gal.	
	KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN	
	CAUTION	
Have the prod treatment.	First Aid  Juct container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or g	oing for
If in eyes:	<ul> <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 continueye.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>	
If swallowed:	<ul> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice.</li> <li>Have a 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 doctor.</li> <li>Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.</li> </ul>	center or
If on skin or clothing:	<ul> <li>Take off contaminated clothing.</li> <li>Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 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 respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>	artificial
For 24-hour Fr	Hot Line Number mergency medical assistance call Prosar: 1-800-291-7661.	
Note to Phys diquat analysis Treatment cor administration	sician: Call Prosar 1-800-291-7661 at any hour to obtain toxicology information and s. To be effective, treatment for diquat poisoning must be performed IMMEDIATELY insists of binding diquat in the gut with suspensions of activated charcoal or bentoning of cathartics to enhance elimination and removal of diquat from the blood by charm or continuous hemodialysis.	Y. ite clay,
	See [Side/Back/Other] Panel for Additional Precautionary Statements	
EPA Reg. No. EPA Est. No	64898-8 Net Contents:	

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## PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS Hazards to Humans

CAUTION: Harmful inhaled. Harmful if swallowed. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid breathing spray mist. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chew gum or using tobacco. Avoid contact with eyes or clothing. Wear protective eyewear. Wear long sleeve shirt and long pants, socks shoes and gloves.

### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Coveralls over short-sleeved shirt and short pants.
- Chemical-resistant gloves.
- Chemical-resistant footwear plus socks.
- Protective eyewear.
- Chemical-resistant apron when cleaning equipment, mixing, or loading.
- A dust/mist filtering respirator MSHA/NIOSH approval number prefix TC-21C).

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.

**EXCEPTION**: If a closed system is used during mixing, dilution, product transportation, and cleaning, and applications will be made to closed, subsurface sewers and drains, and the product will be diluted in the closed system with water at a ratio of at least 1 part product to 50 parts water prior to use, then applicators, mixers, loaders, and other handlers may wear:

- •- Short sleeved shirt and long pants
- Shoes plus socks
- Waterproof gloves

#### **Emergency Information**

For spill, leak, fire, exposure, or accident, call CHEMTREC at 1-800-424-9300.

#### **Environmental Hazards**

This pesticide is toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Keep out of lakes, ponds, and streams. Do not apply directly to water bodies, 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. 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. Keep off lawns and plants, as they may be severely injured. Foam should be shoveled off planted areas immediately rather than washing off with water.

Notify appropriate wastewater agency prior to use of this product so that it may monitor the operations of the wastewater treatment plant. **User Safety Recommendations** 

#### Users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing 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 into clean clothing
- Do not enter manholes or other confined space areas adjacent to treated areas until all foam or spray has dried and always use full Federal and State OSHA mandated procedures for confined space entry.

#### **PRODUCT INFORMATION**

RAZOROOTER  $II^{TM}$  is uniquely suited to sewer applications. RAZOROOTER  $II^{TM}$  is a soluble liquid designed to control tree roots in sewer, on contact. RAZOROOTER  $II^{TM}$  is a non-selective herbicide, which works on

all varieties of tree roots and will not harm above-ground vegetation, when applied according to label instructions. RAZOROOTER  $II^{\text{TM}}$  is not volatile, and will not produce toxic gases.

#### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

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

Do not use in potable water systems. Do not use in storm, field or other drains unless effluent is treated in a sanitary sewer system.

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. Refer to the personal protective equipment information under Precautionary Statements and use all required protective clothing and equipment.

RAZOROOTER  $II^{\mathsf{TM}}$  may be applied directly to sewers either as a high-pressure spray or as a foam. RAZOROOTER  $II^{\mathsf{TM}}$  may be applied in conjunction with herbicides, surfactants and foaming agents available through FPI. RAZOROOTER  $II^{\mathsf{TM}}$  is not compatible with anionic surfactants.

Consider pipe size, sewer flow, lateral conditions, line obstructions, and severity of root intrusion in selecting proper application technique.

### **Mixing Instructions**

Before mixing, determine the scope of work, including pipe size and overall lineal footage, while assessing field conditions. Using the charts below as guidance, determine the amount of solution required for the job.

#### Small Diameter Pipes

Total Gallons Prepared	Treatment Area (Lineal Feet) per Pipe Diameter					
Solution	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"	
10	300'	140'	80′	50′	35′	
100	3000′	1400'	800′	500′	350′	
200	6000′	2800′	1600′	1000′	700′	
300	9000'	4200'	2400'	1500'	1050′	

#### Large Diameter Pipes

Total	Treatment Area (Lineal Feet) per Pipe Diameter								
Gallons Prepared Solution	15"	18"	21"	24"	27"	30″	36″	42"	48″
10	35′	27′	23′	20'	17′	15′	12'	11'	10'
100	350′	270′	230′	200′	170′	150′	120′	110'	100'
200	700′	540'	460′	400'	340′	300'	240'	220′	200'
300	1000'	810′	690'	600'	510′	450'	360'	330′	300'

Prepare solution by mixing at a rate of 2 quarts of RAZOROOTER  $II^{TM}$  per 100 gallons of water. Use only clean, fresh water to prepare the solution. Prepare enough solution to complete the job, or to fill the solution tank, whichever is less. Use solution promptly after mixing.

If foaming method will be used, add the amount of foaming agent required to produce 20 gallons of foam per gallon of solution, as prepared above. Only use foam-making equipment approved by FPI, and additives approved by FPI which specifically state "for use with RAZOROOTER  $II^{TM}$ " on the label. RAZOROOTER  $II^{TM}$  is not compatible with anionic surfactants.

#### **Spray Application**

Prepared RAZOROOTER II™ solution may be sprayed into sewers at various pressures and flow rates, depending upon the capabilities of the application equipment. Do not exceed the equipment manufacturer's recommendations for pressures and flow rates.

Begin at downstream sections of the area to be treated. Insert the spray discharge hose through the length of the pipeline intended for treatment. Spray the prepared RAZOROOTER II<sup>TM</sup> solution under pressure as the hose is retrieved. Retrieve the discharge hose at a rate sufficient to contact and saturate all root masses in the pipeline with RAZOROOTER solution, applying to the point of runoff. Monitor tank level and solution flow rate to calibrate discharge hose retrieval rate, in order to evenly apply all prepared solution.

Treat large pipes (15" or larger in diameter) with a hose fitted with skids designed to elevate the discharge nozzle. This will center the discharge nozzle in the pipe and enhance performance. Contact FPI to obtain skids, if needed.

Treat manholes by retrieving hose vertically while spraying walls to the point of runoff. Do not re-enter manholes until sprays have dried.

#### **Foam Application**

Mixing prepared RAZOROOTER  $II^{TM}$  solution with foam during application extends contact time of roots with product, and helps product to reach roots in lateral connections. Foam application equipment used with RAZOROOTER  $II^{TM}$  must be approved by FPI and used only by applicators trained to operate the equipment. Training in RAZOROOTER  $II^{TM}$  application by foam is available from FPI.

Begin at downstream sections of the area to be treated. Insert the spray discharge hose through the length of the pipeline intended for treatment. Spray the prepared RAZOROOTER  $II^{TM}$  solution and foam under pressure as the hose is retrieved.

Treat manholes by applying a 3" layer of foam to walls while retrieving hose vertically. Do not re-enter manholes until foam has dried.

**Building Laterals:** Building laterals may be treated using the foaming method by injecting the foam via flow-through inflatable cleanout plugs. Cap or plug all drain lines, cleanouts, and fixtures that tie into the line being treated. Determine the lateral pipe size and length and operate equipment for the time it takes to product the required amount of foam. Use caution to prevent plug blow out.



#### **STORAGE & DISPOSAL**

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage, disposal or cleaning of equipment. Open dumping is prohibited.

Pesticide Storage: Keep pesticide in original container. Do not put concentrate or dilute into food or drink containers. Do not contaminate feed, foodstuffs or drinking water. Do not store or transport near feed or food. Store at temperature above 32'F. For help with any spill, leak, fire or exposure involving this material, call CHEMTREC (1-800-424-9300).

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.

Container Disposal [less than 5 gallons]: 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 ¼ full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds. Pour rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use and disposal. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Repeat this procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling if available 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.

Container Handling [Bulk/Mini-Bulk]: 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 person refilling. To clean container before final disposal, empty the remaining contents from this 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 procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of container in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

Container Precautions: Before refilling, inspect thoroughly for damage, such as cracks, punctures, bulges, dents, abrasions and damaged or worn threads on closure devices.

Refill Only With RAZOROOTER  $II^{\mathsf{TM}}$ . The contents of this container cannot be completely removed by cleaning. Refilling with materials other than RAZOROOTER  $II^{\mathsf{TM}}$  will result in contamination and may weaken container.

After filling and before transporting, check for leaks.

Do not refill or transport damaged or leaking container.

CONTAINER IS NOT SAFE FOR FOOD, FEED OR DRINKING WATER.

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#### **WARRANTY STATEMENT**

SSI and Seller warrant that this product conforms to its chemical description and is reasonable fit for the purpose stated on the label 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, express or implied, extends to the use of this product contrary to label instructions, or under abnormal conditions, or under conditions not reasonably foreseeable to SSI or Seller, and buyer assumes the risk of any such use.

RAZOROOTER II™ is a trademark of SSI.