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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Dear Dr. Hunst:

Subject: Your March 18, 2008 Amendment Requests to Remove the Expiration Date and Amend the Insect Resistance Management Terms and Conditions for Herculex I Insect Protection  
EPA Registration No. 68467-2

The amendments referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under section 3(c)(7)(A) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, are acceptable subject to the following comments.

This plant-incorporated protectant may be combined through conventional breeding with other registered plant-incorporated protectants that are similarly approved for use in combination, through conventional breeding, with other plant-incorporated protectants to produce inbred corn lines and hybrid corn varieties with combined pesticidal traits.

**Expiration Date:**

The subject registration will automatically expire on midnight September 30, 2010.

We are currently unaware of any issues that would preclude a decision to remove the expiration date in the future. However, due to other statutory priorities, BPPD's review of the data and information submitted as conditions of registration is ongoing. Therefore, the expiration date is being extended to match that of corn rootworm resistant Bt corn as an interim measure.

**Insect Resistance Management:**

The IRM terms and conditions for this product are as follows.

The required IRM program for *Bt* corn must have the following elements:

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- 1] Requirements relating to creation of a non-*Bt* corn and/or non-lepidopteran resistant *Bt* corn refuge in conjunction with the planting of any acreage of *Bt* corn;
- 2] Requirements for the registrants to prepare and require *Bt* corn users to sign "grower agreements" which impose binding contractual obligations on the grower to comply with the refuge requirements;
- 3] Requirements regarding programs to educate growers about IRM requirements;
- 4] Requirements regarding programs to evaluate and promote growers' compliance with IRM requirements;
- 5] Requirements regarding programs to evaluate whether there are statistically significant and biologically relevant changes in target insect susceptibility to Cry1F protein in the target insects;
- 6] Requirements regarding a "remedial action plan" which contains measures the registrants would take in the event that any field relevant insect resistance was detected as well as to report on activity under the plan to EPA;
- 7] Submit annual reports on units sold by state (units sold by county level will be made available to the Agency upon request), IRM grower agreements results, and the compliance assurance program including the education program on or before January 31st each year.

a. Refuge Requirements

These refuge requirements do not apply to seed propagation of inbred and hybrid corn seed corn up to a total of 20,000 acres per county and up to a combined U.S. total of 250,000 acres per PIP active ingredient per registrant per year.

1) Corn-Belt Refuge Requirements

Field corn grown outside cotton-growing areas (e.g., the Corn Belt), grower agreements (also known as stewardship agreements) will specify that growers must adhere to the refuge requirements as described in the grower guide/product use guide and/or in supplements to the grower guide/product use guide.

Specifically, growers must plant a structured refuge of at least 20% non-*Bt* corn and/or non-lepidopteran resistant *Bt* corn that may be treated with insecticides as needed to control lepidopteran stalk-boring and other pests.

Refuge planting options include: separate fields, blocks within fields (e.g., along the edges or headlands), and strips across the field.

External refuges must be planted with corn hybrids

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When planting the refuge in strips across the field, refuges must be at least 4 rows wide.

Insecticide treatments for control of ECB, CEW, Southwestern corn borer (SWCB) and other lepidopteran target pests listed on the label, grower guides, or other educational material may be applied only if economic thresholds are reached for one or more of these target pests. Economic thresholds will be determined using methods recommended by local or regional professionals (e.g., Extension Service agents, crop consultants). Instructions to growers will specify that microbial *Bt* insecticides must not be applied to non-*Bt* corn and/or non-lepidopteran resistant *Bt* corn refuges.

2) Cotton-Growing Area Refuge Requirements for *Bt* Corn

For *Bt* field corn grown in cotton-growing areas, grower agreements (also known as stewardship agreements) will specify that growers must adhere to the refuge requirements as described in the grower guide/product use guide and/or in supplements to the grower guide/product use guide.

Specifically, growers in these areas must plant a structured refuge of at least 50% non-*Bt* corn and/or non-lepidopteran resistant *Bt* corn that may be treated with insecticides as needed to control lepidopteran stalk-boring and other pests.

Refuge planting options include: separate fields, blocks within fields (e.g., along the edges or headlands), and strips across the field.

External refuges must be planted within 1/2 mile.

When planting the refuge in strips across the field, refuges must be at least 4 rows wide.

Insecticide treatments for control of ECB, CEW, Southwestern corn borer (SWCB), and other lepidopteran target pests listed on the label, grower guides, or other educational material may be applied only if economic thresholds are reached for one or more of these target pests. Economic thresholds will be determined using methods recommended by local or regional professionals (e.g., Extension Service agents, crop consultants). Instructions to growers will specify that microbial *Bt* insecticides must not be applied to non-*Bt* corn and/or non-lepidopteran resistant *Bt* corn refuges.

Cotton-growing areas include the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, Mississippi, South Carolina, Oklahoma (only the counties of Beckham, Caddo, Comanche, Custer, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kay, Kiowa, Tillman, Washita), Tennessee (only the counties of Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Dyer, Fayette, Franklin, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Lake, Lauderdale, Lincoln, Madison, Obion, Rutherford, Shelby, and Tipton), Texas (except the counties of Carson, Dallam, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Roberts, and Sherman), Virginia (only the counties of Dinwiddie, Henrico, Hennessey, James City, Greenville, Isle of Wight,

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Northampton, Southampton, Suffolk City, Surrey, Sussex) and Missouri (only the counties of Dunkin, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott, Stoddard).

b. Grower Agreements

- 1] Persons purchasing the *Bt* corn product must sign a grower agreement. The term "grower agreement" refers to any grower purchase contract, license agreement, or similar legal document.
- 2] The grower agreement and/or specific stewardship documents referenced in the grower agreement must clearly set forth the terms of the current IRM program. By signing the grower agreement, a grower must be contractually bound to comply with the requirements of the IRM program.
- 3] The registrant must maintain a system which is reasonably likely to assure that persons purchasing the *Bt* corn product will affirm annually that they are contractually bound to comply with the requirements of the IRM program.
- 4] The registrant must continue to use their current grower agreement. If the registrant wishes to change any part of the grower agreement or any specific stewardship documents referenced in the grower agreement that would affect either the content of the IRM program or the legal enforceability of the provisions of the agreement relating to the IRM program, thirty days prior to implementing a proposed change, the registrant must submit to EPA the text of such changes to ensure that it is consistent with the terms and conditions of the amendment.
- 5] The registrant must maintain a system which is reasonably likely to assure that persons purchasing the *Bt* corn sign grower agreement(s).
- 6] The registrant shall maintain records of all *Bt* corn grower agreements for a period of three years from December 31 of the year in which the agreement was signed.
- 7] The registrant shall provide EPA with a report showing the number of units of its *Bt* corn seeds sold or shipped and not returned, and the number of such units that were sold to persons who have signed grower agreements. The report shall cover the time frame of the twelve-month period covering the prior August through July.
- 8] The registrant must allow a review of the grower agreements and grower agreement records by EPA or by a State pesticide regulatory agency if the State agency can demonstrate that confidential business information, including names, personal information, and grower license number, will be protected.

c. IRM Education and IRM Compliance Monitoring Programs

- 1] The registrant must maintain a comprehensive, ongoing IRM education program designed to convey to *Bt* corn users the importance of ~~compliance~~ <sup>CONFIDENCE</sup> with the IRM program. The program shall

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include information encouraging *Bt* corn users to pursue optional elements of the IRM program relating to refuge configuration and proximity to *Bt* corn fields. The education program shall involve the use of multiple media, e.g. face-to-face meetings, mailing written materials, EPA reviewed language on IRM requirements on the bag or bag tag, and electronic communications such as by Internet, radio, or television commercials. Copies of the materials will be provided to EPA for its records. The program shall involve at least one written communication annually to each *Bt* corn user separate from the grower technical guide. The communication shall inform the user of the current IRM requirements. The registrant shall coordinate its education programs with educational efforts of other registrants and other organizations, such as the National Corn Grower Association and state extension programs.

2] Annually, the registrant shall revise, and expand as necessary, its education program to take into account the information collected through the compliance survey required and from other sources. The changes shall address aspects of grower compliance that are not sufficiently high.

3] Annually, each January 31st, the registrant must provide EPA any substantive changes to its grower education activities as part of the overall IRM compliance assurance program report. The registrant must either submit a separate report or contribute to the report from the industry working group (ABSTC).

4] The registrant must maintain an ongoing IRM compliance assurance program designed to evaluate the extent to which growers purchasing its *Bt* corn product are complying with the IRM program and that takes such actions as are reasonably needed to assure that growers who have not complied with the program either do so in the future or lose their access to the *Bt* corn product. The registrant shall coordinate with other registrants in designing and implementing its compliance assurance program.

5] The registrant must maintain and publicize a "phased compliance approach," i.e., a guidance document that indicates how the registrant will address instances of non-compliance with the terms of the IRM program and general criteria for choosing among options for responding to any non-compliant growers. While recognizing that for reasons of difference in business practices there are needs for flexibility between different companies, all *Bt* corn registrants must use a consistent set of standards for responding to non-compliance. The options shall include withdrawal of the right to purchase *Bt* corn for an individual grower or for all growers in a specific region. An individual grower found to be significantly out of compliance two years in a row would be denied sales of the product the next year. Similarly, seed dealers who are not fulfilling their obligations to inform/educate growers of their IRM obligations will lose their opportunity to sell *Bt* corn.

6] The IRM compliance assurance program shall include an annual survey conducted by an independent third party of a statistically representative sample of growers of *Bt* corn borer protected products who plant the vast majority of all corn in the U.S. and in areas in which the selection intensity is greatest. The survey shall consider only those growers who plant 200 or more acres of corn in the Corn-Belt and who plant 100 or more acres of corn in corn-cotton

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areas.. The survey shall measure the degree of compliance with the IRM program by growers in different regions of the country and consider the potential impact of non-response. The sample size and geographical resolution may be adjusted annually, based upon input from the independent marketing research firm and academic scientists, to allow analysis of compliance behavior within regions or between regions. The sample size must provide a reasonable sensitivity for comparing results across the U.S.

7] The survey shall be designed to provide an understanding of any difficulties growers encounter in implementing IRM requirements. An analysis of the survey results must include the reasons, extent, and potential biological significance of any implementation deviations.

8] The survey shall be designed to obtain grower feedback on the usefulness of specific educational tools and initiatives.

9] The registrant shall provide a written summary of the results of the prior year's survey (together with a description of the regions, the methodology used, and the supporting data) to EPA by January 31st of each year. The registrant shall confer with other registrants and EPA on the design and content of the survey prior to its implementation.

10] Annually, the registrant shall revise, and expand as necessary, its compliance assurance program to take into account the information collected through the compliance survey and from other sources. The changes shall address aspects of grower compliance that are not sufficiently high. The registrants must confer with the Agency prior to adopting any changes.

11] The registrant shall conduct an annual on-farm assessment program. The registrant shall train its representatives who make on-farm visits with growers of their Bt corn borer protected products to perform assessments of compliance with IRM requirements. There is no minimum corn acreage size for this program. Therefore, growers will be selected for this program from across all farm sizes. In the event that any of these visits result in the identification of a grower who is not in compliance with the IRM program, the registrant shall take appropriate action, consistent with its "phased compliance approach," to promote compliance.

12] The registrant shall carry out a program for investigating legitimate "tips and complaints" that its growers are not in compliance with the IRM program. Whenever an investigation results in the identification of a grower who is not in compliance with the IRM program, the registrant shall take appropriate action, consistent with its "phased compliance approach."

13] If a grower, who purchases *Bt* corn for planting, was specifically identified as not being in compliance during the previous year, the registrant shall visit with the grower and evaluate whether that the grower is in compliance with the IRM program for the current year.

14] Each registrant shall annually provide a report to EPA summarizing the activities carried out under their compliance assurance program for the prior year and the plans for the compliance assurance program during the current year. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ The reports will include information regarding grower

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interactions (including, but not limited to, on-farm visits, verified tips and complaints, grower meetings and letters), the extent of non-compliance, corrective measures to address the non-compliance, and any follow-up actions taken. The registrants may elect to coordinate information and report collectively the results of their compliance assurance programs.

15] The registrant and the seed corn dealers for the registrant must allow a review of the compliance records by EPA or by a State pesticide regulatory agency if the State agency can demonstrate that confidential business information, including the names, personal information, and grower license number of the growers will be protected.

d. Insect Resistance Monitoring

The Agency is imposing the following conditions for this product:

The registrant will monitor for resistance to its lepidopteran-resistant Bt corn. The monitoring program shall consist of two approaches: (1) focused population sampling and laboratory testing; and (2) investigation of reports of less-than expected control of labeled insects. Should field-relevant resistance be confirmed, an appropriate resistance management action plan will be implemented.

**(1) Focused Population Sampling**

The registrant shall annually sample and bioassay populations of the key target pests *Ostrinia nubilalis* (European corn borer; ECB), *Diatraea grandiosella* (Southwestern corn borer; S WCB), and *Helicoverpa zea* (corn eanvorn; CE W). Sampling for the target pests will be focused in areas identified as those with the highest risk of resistance development (e.g., where lepidopteran-active Bt hybrids are planted on a high proportion of the corn acres, and where the insect species are regarded as key pests of corn). Bioassay methods must be appropriate for the goal of detecting field-relevant shifts in population response to lepidopteran resistant Bt corn and/or changes in resistance allele frequency in response to the use of Bt corn and, as far as possible, should be consistent across sampling years to enable comparisons with historical data.

The number of populations to be collected shall reflect the regional importance of the insect species as a pest, and specific collection regions will be identified for each pest. For ECB, a minimum of 12 populations across the sampling region will be targeted for collection at each annual sampling. For SWCB, the target will be a minimum of six populations. For CEW, the target will be a minimum of 10 populations. Pest populations should be collected from multiple corn-growing states reflective of different geographies and agronomic conditions. To obtain sufficient sensitivity to detect resistance alleles before they become common enough to cause measurable field damage, each population collection shall attempt to target 400 insect genomes (egg masses, larvae, mated females, and/or mixed-sex adults), but a successful population collection will contain a minimum of 100 genomes. It is recognized that it may not be possible to collect the target number of insect populations or genomes due to factors such as natural fluctuations in pest density, environmental conditions, and area-wide pest suppression.

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The sampling program and geographic range of collections may be modified as appropriate based on changes in pest importance and for the adoption levels of lepidopteran-resistant Bt corn. The Agency shall be consulted prior to the implementation of such modifications.

The registrant will report to the Agency before August 31 each year the results of the population sampling and bioassay monitoring program.

Any incidence of unusually low sensitivity to the Bt protein in bioassays shall be investigated as soon as possible to understand any field relevance of such a finding. Such investigations shall proceed in a stepwise manner until the field relevance can be either confirmed or refuted, and results of these shall be reported to the Agency annually before August 31. The investigative steps will include:

1. Re-test progeny of the collected population to determine whether the unusual bioassay response is reproducible and heritable. If it is not reproducible and heritable, no further action is required.
2. If the unusual response is reproducible and heritable, progeny of insects that survive the diagnostic concentration will be tested using methods that are representative of exposure to Bt corn hybrids under field conditions. If progeny do not survive to adulthood, any suspected resistance is not field relevant and no further action is required.
3. If insects survive steps 1 and 2, resistance is confirmed, and further steps will be taken to evaluate the resistance. These steps may include:
  - determining the nature of the resistance (*i.e.*, recessive or dominant, and the level of functional dominance);
  - estimating the resistance-allele frequency in the original population;
  - determining whether the resistance-allele Frequency is increasing by analyzing field collections in subsequent years sampled from the same site where the resistance allele(s) was originally collected;
  - determining the geographic distribution of the resistance allele by analyzing field collections in subsequent years from sites surrounding the site where the resistance allele(s) was originally collected.

Should field-relevant resistance be confirmed, and the resistance appears to be increasing or spreading, the registrant will consult with the Agency to develop and implement a case-specific resistance management action plan.

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**(2) Investigation of Reports of Unexpected Levels of Damage by the Target Pests:**

The registrant will follow up on grower, extension specialist or consultant reports of unexpected levels of damage by the lepidopteran pests listed on the pesticide label. The registrant will instruct its customers to contact them if such incidents occur. The registrant will investigate all legitimate reports submitted to the company or the company's representatives.

If reports of unexpected levels of damage lead to the suspicion of resistance in any of the key target pests (ECB, SWCB, and CEW), the registrant will implement the actions described below, based on the following definitions of *suspected resistance* and *confirmed resistance*.

*Suspected resistance*

EPA defines *suspected resistance* to mean field reports of unexpected levels of insect feeding damage for which:

- the corn in question has been confirmed to be lepidopteran-active Bt corn;
- the seed used had the proper percentage of corn expressing Bt protein;
- the relevant plant tissues are expressing the expected level of Bt protein; and
- it has been ruled out that species not susceptible to the protein could be responsible for the damage, that no climatic or cultural reasons could be responsible for the damage, and that that there could be no other reasonable causes for the damage.

The Agency does not interpret *suspected resistance* to mean grower reports of possible control failures or suspicious results from annual insect monitoring assays, nor does the Agency intend that extensive field studies and testing be undertaken to confirm scientifically the presence of insects resistant to Bt corn in commercial production fields before responsive measures are undertaken.

If resistance is *suspected*, the registrant will instruct growers to do the following:

- Use alternative control measures in the Bt corn fields in the affected region to control the target pest during the immediate growing season.

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- Destroy Bt corn crop residues in the affected region within one month after harvest with a technique appropriate for local production practices to minimize the possibility of resistant insects over-wintering and contributing to the next season's target pest population.

Additionally, if possible, and prior to the application of alternative control measures or destruction of crop residue, the registrant will collect samples of the insect population in the affected fields for laboratory rearing and testing. Such rearing and testing shall be conducted as expeditiously as practical.

*Confirmed resistance*

EPA defines *confirmed resistance* to mean, in the case of field reports of unexpected levels of damage from the key target pests, that all the following criteria are met:

- There is >30% insect survival and commensurate insect feeding in a bioassay, initiated with neonate larvae, that uses methods that are representative of exposure to Bt corn hybrids under field conditions (ECB and SWCB only).
- In standardized laboratory bioassays using diagnostic concentrations of the Bt protein suited to the target pest in question, the pest exhibits resistance that has a genetic basis and the level of survivorship indicates that there may be a resistance allele frequency of  $\geq 0.1$  in the sampled population.
- In standardized laboratory bioassays, the  $LC_{50}$  exceeds the upper limit of the 95% confidence interval of the  $LC_{50}$  for susceptible populations surveyed both in the original baselines developed for this pest species and in previous years of field monitoring.

**(3) Response to Confirmed Resistance in a Key Target Pest as the Cause of Unexpected Levels of Damage in the Field**

When field resistance is *confirmed* (as defined above), the following steps will be taken by the registrant:

- EPA will receive notification within 30 days of resistance confirmation;
- Affected customers and extension agents will be notified about confirmed resistance within 30 days;
- Monitoring will be increased in the affected area and local target pest populations will be sampled annually to determine the extent and impact of resistance;

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- If appropriate (depending on the resistant pest species, the extent of resistance, the timing of resistance, and the nature of resistance, and the availability of suitable alternative control measures), alternative control measures will be employed to reduce or control target pest populations in the affected area. Alternative control measures may include advising customers and extension agents in the affected area to incorporate crop residues into the soil following harvest to minimize the possibility of over-wintering insects, and/or applications of chemical insecticides;
- Unless otherwise agreed with EPA, stop sale and distribution of the relevant lepidopteran-active Bt corn hybrids in the affected area immediately until an effective local mitigation plan approved by EPA has been implemented;
- The registrant will develop a case-specific resistance management action plan within 90 days according to the characteristics of the resistance event and local agronomic needs. The registrant will consult with appropriate stakeholders in the development of the action plan, and the details of such a plan shall be approved by EPA prior to implementation;
- Notify affected parties (e.g. growers, consultants, extension agents, seed distributors, university cooperators and state/federal authorities as appropriate) in the region of the resistance situation and approved action plan; and
- In subsequent growing seasons, maintain sales suspension and alternative resistance management strategies in the affected region(s) for the Bt corn hybrids that are affected by the resistant population until an EPA-approved local resistance management plan is in place to mitigate the resistance.

A report on results of resistance monitoring and investigations of damage reports must be submitted to the Agency annually by August 31<sup>st</sup> each year for the duration of the conditional registration.

If these conditions are not complied with, the registration will be subject to cancellation in accordance with FIFRA section 6(e). Your release for shipment of Cry1F corn constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

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A stamped copy of the FIFRA label is enclosed for your records.

Sincerely,



Sheryl K. Reilly, Ph.D., Chief  
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### Herculex\* I Insect Protection

Pure form of the plant-incorporated protectant, *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *aizawai* delta endotoxin protein as produced in corn cells. For control of European corn borer, Black cutworm, Fall armyworm, Southwestern corn borer, Corn earworm, Western bean cutworm, Lesser Corn Stalk Borer, Southern Corn Stalk Borer and Sugarcane Borer.

Active Ingredient:

*Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1F protein and the genetic material necessary for its production (plasmid insert PHI8999) in corn.....<0.000628 – 0.1230%

Other Ingredient:

Substance produced by a marker gene and its controlling Sequences in corn.....<0.0020%

\*% total protein on a dry wt. basis as expressed in corn plant cells (whole plant)

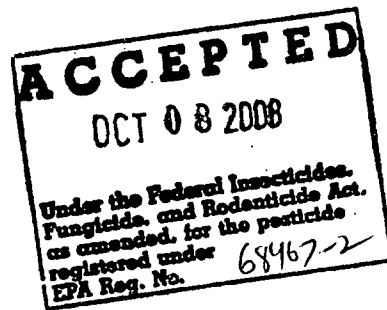
**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN  
CAUTION**

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## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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

The subject registration automatically expires at midnight on September 30, 2010.

The plant-incorporated protectant product should be used as specified in the terms and conditions of the registration.

Corn has been transformed to express a *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *aizawai* (*B.t.a.*) delta-endotoxin protein for control of the European corn borer (*Ostrinia nubilalis*) and other lepidopteran pests.

Routine applications of insecticides to control European corn borer are unnecessary when corn containing the *B.t.a.* delta-endotoxin protein is planted.

This plant-incorporated protectant may be combined through conventional breeding with other registered plant-incorporated protectants that are similarly approved for use in combination, through conventional breeding, with other plant-incorporated protectants to produce inbred corn lines and hybrid corn varieties with combined pesticidal traits.

Growers are instructed to read information on insect resistance management. The following information regarding commercial production must be included in the grower guides for cotton and non-cotton growing areas.

### 1) Corn-Belt/Non-Cotton Growing Areas

For Cry1F field corn grown outside cotton-growing areas (e.g., the Corn Belt), growers must adhere to the following refuge requirements.

- Specifically, growers must plant a structured refuge of at least 20% non-*Bt* corn and/or non-lepidopteran resistant *Bt* corn that may be treated with insecticides as needed to control lepidopteran stalk-boring and other pests.
- Refuge planting options include: separate fields, blocks within fields (e.g., along the edges or headlands), and strips across the field.
- External refuges must be planted within ½ mile.
- When planting the refuge in strips across the field, refuges must be at least 4 rows wide.
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Field corn	Black cutworm Corn earworm European corn borer Fall armyworm Southwestern corn borer Western bean cutworm Lesser Corn Stalk Borer Southern Corn Stalk Borer Sugarcane Borer

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