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Sellew and Associates c/o Michael Braverman, Ph.D. Manager, Biopesticide and Organic Support Program IR-4 Project, Rutgers University 500 College Road East, Suite 201W Princeton, NJ 08540

Re:

Product Name Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382

EPA Reg. No. 74205-3

PRIA Amendment dated Dec. 20, 2010 and subsequent revisions

Decision No. 443925

## Dear Dr. Braverman:

The Agency has reviewed your request to amend the subject product registration which includes the following changes to the product label:

- 1. Addition to the label of the EPA Reg. No. 74205-3.
- 2. Label format revised in accordance with the Label Review Manual (LRM).
- 3. Addition of a label claim of induced systemic resistance, in accordance with a review of submitted data.
- 4. Addition of a revised expiration date of 7 months after production, in accordance with a review of Storage Stability data (OCSPP 830.6317) that were submitted to address a term of registration. These data were found acceptable, and the Agency has determined that this term of registration has been fulfilled.

The scientific rationale provided to address Corrosion Characteristics data requirement (OCSPP 830. 6320) is acceptable and the Agency has determine that this term of registration has also been fulfilled.

The amendment referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under FIFRA section 3(c)(5) is acceptable provided that you:

1. Submit and/or cite all data required for registration of your product under FIFRA section 3(c)(5) when the Agency requires all registrants of similar products to submit such data.

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2. Submit two (2) copies of your final printed labeling before you release the product for shipment. Refer to the A-79 enclosure for a further description of a final printed label.

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 the product bearing the amended labeling constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

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

If you have questions, please contact Ann Sibold by phone at 703 305-6502 or by email at sibold.ann@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Sheryl K. Reilly, Ph.D.

Chief, Microbial Pesticides Branch Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (Mail Code 7511P)

Enclosures (2): A-79 Stamped Label

# Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382

## MICROBIAL PESTICIDE

## FOR USE IN COMPOST AND SOILLESS GROWING MEDIA

Active Ingredient:

Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382\*

Other Ingredients

Total

100.0%

\*Contains at least 2.84 X 10<sup>8</sup> cfu/ounce (1 x 10<sup>7</sup> CFU/gram) of *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382

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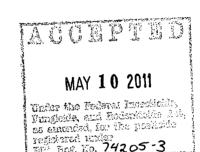
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

**CAUTION** 

Expiration Date: Not for sale or use after [insert date 7 months after production]

Net Contents: 5, 10 100, 130, 150 and 1,300 pounds

Manufactured for: Sellew & Associates, L.L.C. 84 Shadybrook Lane Carlisle, MA 01741



FIRST AID						
If in eyes	<ul> <li>Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15- minutes.</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <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>					
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Have the product container or label with you when calling doctor, or going for treatment.

#### **HOTLINE NUMBER**

For 24 Hour Medical Emergency Assistance (Human or Animal) or Chemical Emergency Assistance (Spill, Leak, Fire or Accident),

Call 1-800-888-8372

# PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

#### HAZARD TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

#### CAUTION

Causes moderate eye irritation. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

# Mixers, loaders, applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Long sleeved shirt and long pants
- Shoes plus socks
- Waterproof gloves
- Dust/mist filtering respirator meeting NIOSH standards of at least N-95, R-95, or P-95.

Repeated exposure to high concentrations of microbial proteins can cause allergic sensitization

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.

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#### **USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Users should remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing. Users should 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**

# [NPDES statement on labels for packages less than than 50 lbs.]

Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where the 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.

## [NPDES statement on labels for packages greater than 50 lbs.]

Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, ponds, estuaries, oceans, or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product to sewer systems without previously notifying the local sewage treatment plant authority. For guidance, contact your State Water Board or regional office of the EPA.

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# **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 State or Tribal agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

#### 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 interval. 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 12 hours.

**Exception:** If the product 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.

For early entry into treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, wear coveralls, shoes, socks and waterproof gloves.

#### PRODUCT INFORMATION AND PRECAUTIONS

Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382 is intended for use by commercial greenhouse and nursery growing operations. Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382 is to be uniformly mixed into soilless growing media mixes and composts prior to seeding or transplanting of ornamentals and vegetable bedding plants. Soilless growing mixes are typically composed of a combination of one or more of the following: peat, bark, perlite, vermiculite, coir, wood chips, composts and other substrate materials to be used in the greenhouse and nursery growing operation.

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*Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382 is used to prepare a disease suppressive soilless growing media or compost.

Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382 can induce systemic resistance to diseases of roots and above ground plant parts. Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382 also suppresses the activity of disease causing plant pathogens in soilless growing media. It provides protection against diseases caused by soilborne plant pathogens such as Pythium, Phytophthora and Fusarium spp., Rhizoctonia solani, Sclerotium rolfsii and Thielaviopsis basicola. On some plant species, it also protects the foliage against powdery mildew, Botrytis blight, Phytophthora blights and dieback diseases and against Botryosphaeria dieback. Crops highly susceptible to damping-off diseases or already infected with a pathogen should be treated at planting with chemical fungicides compatible with Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382. Refer to Chemical Compatibility section of this label for additional information concerning fungicides. Do not prepare tank mixes of fungicides with Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382.

Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382 must be added and mixed uniformly into soilless growing media or mature composts during or immediately after the preparation (i.e., blending and mixing) of the growing media. Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382 may also be applied as a drench application to soilless growing media or mature composts. Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382 colonizes the compost or soilless growing media before disease causing microorganisms have an opportunity to do so. It is also effective in media containing 50% or more light Sphagnum peat by volume, but not media prepared with dark decomposed peat.

# **Temperature**

Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382 is sensitive to long term exposure to temperatures above 100°F. Mature composts stored in large piles often are high in temperature (above 100°F). Addition of water to compost-amended soilless growing media during the blending process to reach a moisture content of 45 to 55% (weight basis) decreases the temperature of the final mix under most conditions to below 95°F and allows Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382 to colonize the medium. It also is the optimum moisture content for initiation of plant growth. Organic particles in plant growth media with a moisture content of 50% typically begin to stick together. However, the medium is dry enough so that water cannot be squeezed from the mix and wet enough so that it is not dusty. After Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382 has established itself in a compost or soilless growing media, it is effective over a wide range of temperatures which include low temperature propagation during winter and high summer temperature conditions.

#### **Ammonia Content**

The ammonia content of most types of composts does not pose concerns for *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382. However, mature composted manures and sewage sludges stored in high temperature piles often contain high enough concentrations of ammonium N to be toxic to plant roots and to fungi such as *Trichoderma* spp. The quantity of such composted manures incorporated into soilless growing media must be low enough so that the ammonium concentration is below that known to be toxic to plants. Typically, a 5 to 15% content amendment rate (on a volume basis) for these types of composts is optimum for most applications and avoids ammonium toxicity problems for the active ingredient in *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382.

## **Moisture Management**

It is essential that the physical properties of the soilless growing medium relative to water retention and drainage are sufficient to grow a particular crop based on typical cultural practices for that crop. *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382 does not suppress *Phytophthora* or *Pythium* root rots in poorly drained media.

# **Plant Precautionary Guidelines**

Due to the large number of species and varieties of ornamentals and nursery plants, including those grown in propagation benches, plug-produced seedlings and tissue culture explants, bedding plants and transplants, greenhouse crops, nursery crops and trees produced in containers, it is impossible to test every one for tolerance to *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382. The user should determine if *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382 can be used without adverse effects prior to commercial use. In a small area, test the rates for a particular group of plants, i.e., foliage plants, bedding plants, etc., for plant tolerance prior to widespread use.

# **Chemical Compatibility**

Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382 may be applied to soilless growing media and composts and used with insecticides, fertilizers and biological control products used on greenhouse and ornamental plants without interfering with activity of *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382. *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382 is a fungus and the interaction with some fungicides has not been widely tested. The soil applied fungicides Subdue® Maxx, Subdue® GR and Aliette® WDG have been tested in plant disease protection programs and have been found to be compatible with *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382 and may be applied according to their label instructions. The foliar applied fungicides Daconil Weather Stik®, Daconil Ultrex Turf Care® and Dithane® M-45 have been tested in plant disease protection programs and have been found to be compatible with *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382 and may be applied according to their label instructions. Other pest control products may be applied prior to or after the application

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of *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382. As noted in the Use Restrictions, do not prepare tank mixes of fungicides with *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382.

When using fungicides, insecticides or any other product in combination with *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382, observe all directions for use, crops/sites, use rates, dilution ratios, precautions and limitations which appear on that product. Label dosage must not be exceeded and the most restrictive label precautions and limitations must be followed. Test plant safety and compatibility of fungicides and other products on soil treated with *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382 on a small number of plants for safety before treating the entire crop.

*Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382 is compatible with fertilizers used for the production of greenhouse and nursery plants.

#### **Use Restrictions**

- Apply only to growing media or compost or directly to the surface of growing media by drench application.
- Chemigation: Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system.
- Do not prepare tank mixes of fungicides with Trichoderma hamatum isolate 382.
- Do not apply after the Expiration Date listed on the product container.

# **APPLICATION TO SOILLESS GROWING MEDIA AND COMPOSTS**

# Mix with compost or soilless growing media

Growing Medium	Rate of T. hamatum isolate 382 per 1 cu. yd.	Rate of T. hamatum isolate 382 per 5 cu. yd.	Rate of T. hamatum isolate 382 per 10 cu. yd.	Rate of T. hamatum isolate 382 per 25 cu. yd.	Rate of T. hamatum isolate 382 per 100 cu. yd.	Timing	Comments
Potting Mix	3 to 4 oz.	15 to 20 oz.	30 to 40 oz.	75 to 100 oz.	300 to 400 oz.	During the blending process	Add enough water to the potting mix to reach a moisture content of 45 to 55% on a weight basis.  Store the inoculated potting mix below 100°F. If storage temperatures could exceed 100°F, apply as a drench.
Ground Beds or Propagation Benches	3 to 4 oz.	15 to 20 oz.	30 to 40 oz.	75 to 100 oz.	300 to 400 oz.	Immediately after preparation of the growing media.	Store the inoculated potting mix below 100°F. If storage temperatures could exceed 100°F, apply as a drench.

# Drench<sup>1</sup> to the surface of soilless growing media

Growing Medium	Rate of T. hamatum isolate 382	Timing	Comments
Potting Mix	3 to 4 oz. in 100 gallons of water	Prior to or immediately after seeding.	<ul> <li>Apply suspension directly to the surface of the soilless growing media:</li> <li>1 pt. suspension/sq. ft for six-inch tall pots or containers.</li> <li>½ pt. suspension/sq. ft for shallow pots, flats or plugs.</li> </ul>
Ground Beds or Propagation Benches	3 to 4 oz. in 100 gallons of water	Prior to or immediately after seeding or transplanting.	Apply suspension directly to the surface of the soilless growing media immediately after seeding or transplanting into freshly prepared growing media:  1 pt. suspension/sq. ft

1Prior to making drench applications, test a small batch of the suspension. Verify that your application spray equipment can properly apply the suspension without clogging or fouling the spray equipment.

#### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

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

**Pesticide Storage:** Store *Trichoderma hamatum* isolate 382 in a dry, cool location. Do not store above 75°F or below 40°F.

Pesticide Disposal: Wastes resulting from the use of this product must be disposed of onsite or at an approved waste disposal facility

## **Container Handling**

[Plastic or Bulk Bags greater than 150 lbs.] – Non-refillable container. Do not re-use or refill this container. Completely empty bag into application equipment. Then offer for recycling, if available.

Dispose of empty bag in a sanitary landfill or by incineration, or if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

[Fiber Drums with Polyliner (plastic bag) equal to or less than 150 lbs.] – Non-refillable container. Do not re-use or refill this container. Completely empty liner by shaking and tapping sides and bottom to loosen clinging particles. Empty residue into application equipment. Then offer for recycling if available or dispose of liner in a sanitary landfill or by incineration or, if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke. If drum is contaminated, and cannot be reused, dispose of it in the manner required for its liner.

## CONDITIONS OF SALE AND LIMITATION OF WARRANTY AND LIABILITY

**NOTICE:** Read the entire Directions for Use and Conditions of Sale and Limitation of Warranty and Liability before buying or using this product. If the terms are not acceptable, return the product at once, unopened, and the purchase price will be refunded.

The Directions for Use of this product must be followed carefully. It is impossible to eliminate all risks inherently associated with the use of this product. Crop injury, ineffectiveness or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as manner of use or application, weather or crop conditions, presence of other materials or other influencing factors in the use of the product, which are beyond the control of

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