

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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Subject: Non-PRIA (Pesticide Registration Improvement Act) Labeling Amendment – Remove

the 6-Month Sell or Use By Restriction (Based on Data Reviewed by the EPA) and Make Minor Changes Requested by the EPA (e.g., Clarify the Potency Statement)

Product Name: RF2248 U-Granules EPA Registration Number: 89459-100

Application Date: 01/11/2018 OPP Decision Number: 537641

Dear Ms. Friedli:

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

This approval does not affect any terms or conditions that were previously imposed on this registration. You continue to be subject to existing terms or conditions on your registration and any deadlines connected with them.

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 this 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.

Should you wish to add/retain a reference to your company's website on your label, then please be aware that the website becomes labeling under FIFRA and is subject to review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If the website is false or misleading, the product will be considered to be misbranded and sale or distribution of the product is unlawful under FIFRA section 12(a)(1)(E). 40 CFR § 156.10(a)(5) lists examples of statements the 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 EPA find or if it is brought to our attention that a website contains

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statements or claims substantially differing from statements or claims made in connection with obtaining a FIFRA section 3 registration, the website will be referred to the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

Your release for shipment of this product constitutes acceptance of these terms. If these terms are not complied with, this registration will be subject to cancellation in accordance with FIFRA section 6.

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Boukedes by phone at (703) 347-0305 or via email at boukedes.alexandra@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Kausch, Product Manager 92 Microbial Pesticides Branch Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P)

Office of Pesticide Programs

### RF2248 U-Granules

A single brood BIOLOGICAL GRANULAR LARVICIDE PRODUCT TO KILL Mosquito LARVAE including larvae of those mosquitoes that may transmit diseases such as West Nile Virus, Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika Virus

Mosquito Larvicide

Contains Bti

Kills mosquito larvae

Contains Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. israelensis

Prevents mosquito larvae from becoming breeding, biting adults

Easy to apply granules

Microbial pesticide mosquito control

Controls Anopheles, Culex, Ochlerotatus, and Aedes, which includes Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus

Consistent release

Uniform granule size

Dust-free formula

Heavy granules stay on target

Penetrates canopy

Biological larvicide

#### **ACTIVE INGREDIENT:**

Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies israelensis Strain BMP 144 solids, sp	ores,
and insecticidal toxins*	5.35%
OTHER INGREDIENTS:	<u>94.65%</u>
Total	100.00%

<sup>\*</sup>Equivalent to 375 International Toxic Units (ITU)/mg of product.

Note: The percent active ingredient does not indicate product performance and potency measurements are not federally standardized.

# KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

See [back][side] panel(s) [below] for additional Precautionary Statements

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Lot No.

Net Weight:

[This container is sold by weight not volume]

ACCEPTED

12/10/2018

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

89459-100

FIRST AID	
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 continue rinsing eye.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
If on skin or	Take off contaminated clothing.
clothing	<ul> <li>Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.</li> </ul>
Clothing	Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

HOTLINE 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 1-800-248-7763 for emergency medical treatment information.

#### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

**HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS - CAUTION:** Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with eyes or clothing. Due to the size and abrasiveness of the granule, use protective eyewear and clothing (e.g., waterproof gloves) to minimize exposure during loading and handling. Prolonged or frequently repeated skin contact may cause allergic reactions in some individuals. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Mixers/loaders and applicators not in enclosed cabs must wear a NIOSH-approved particulate respirator with any N, P or R filter with NIOSH approval number prefix TC-84A; or a NIOSH-approved powered air purifying respirator with an HE filter with NIOSH approval number prefix TC-21C. Repeated exposures to high concentrations of microbial proteins can cause allergic sensitization.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:** Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwater or rinsate.

#### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

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

Do not apply directly to treated, finished drinking water reservoirs or animal watering troughs.

RF2248 U-Granules contain *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *israelensis* (*Bti*) biological larvicide. RF2248 U-Granules are for use against mosquito larvae in a variety of habitats. RF2248 U-Granules, when applied to the water column, release effective levels of *Bti t*o begin killing larvae within 24 hours after application.

RF2248 U-Granules are coated granules that may be applied via air or ground equipment. RF2248 U-Granules are dense granules that sink when they are applied to water. Upon wetting, the *Bti* is released and moves through the water column. The dense granules are able to penetrate the canopy, reaching mosquitoes breeding underneath. The granules will release effective levels for up to 72 hours after application. Continue applications throughout the season to maintain control.

Rotary and fixed-wing aircraft equipped with granular spreaders capable of applying rates listed below may be used to apply RF2248 U-Granules. Ground equipment that will achieve even coverage at these rates may also be used. Apply RF2248 U-Granules uniformly and repeat at intervals of 7 to 10 days.

**NOTE:** RF2248 U-Granules have no effect on mosquitoes that have reached the pupal or adult stage prior to treatment.

**APPLICATION TIMING:** Apply RF2248 U-Granules when mosquito larvae are first observed. Granules may be applied 7 to 14 days prior to flooding (i.e., "pre-hatch" or "pre-flood") in areas that intermittently hold water.

**APPLICATION RATES:** RF2248 U-Granules control the major species of mosquitoes including: *Aedes* (including *albopictus and aegypti*), *Anopheles, Culex*, and *Ochlerotatus*. Apply RF2248 U-Granules at 5 - 15 lb/acre (5.6 - 16.81 kg/ha). Within these ranges, use lower rates when water is shallow (≤ 1 foot) and vegetation and/or organic matter are minimal, and use higher rates when water is deep (> 1 foot) and vegetation and/or organic matter are heavy, and for later instar stages (3rd to 4th) of larvae.

**APPLICATION SITES:** RF2248 U-Granules may be applied to both crop and non-crop areas as directed above to temporary and permanent sites that support mosquito larval development. Examples of such sites include: snow pools, salt and tidal marshes, freshwater swamps and marshes (cattail, red cedar, and white maple marshes), woodland pools and meadows, dredging spoil sites, drainage areas, ditches, wastewater treatment facilities, livestock runoff lagoons, retention ponds, harvested timber stacks, swales, storm water drainage areas, sewers, catch basins, tree holes, water-holding receptacles (e.g., tires, urns, flower pots, cans, and other containers), irrigated and non-irrigated pastures, hoof prints and other natural and manmade water-holding sites, containers and depressions. Examples of crop areas include: irrigated croplands; pastures; rangeland; vineyards; rice fields (domestic and wild); date palm, citrus, fruit, and nut orchards; berry fields; bogs and row crops.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL: Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal. Pesticide Storage: Store closed containers in a cool, dry place. Pesticide Disposal: Wastes resulting from the use of this product must be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility. Container Handling (Plastic Container): Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. 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. (Paper/Plastic Bags): Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Completely empty bag into application equipment. Then offer for recycling if available or 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.

For information, call [1-800-248-7763] or visit our Web site: <a href="www.altosid.com">www.altosid.com</a> www.altosid.com

#### **WARRANTY**

#### **IMPORTANT: READ BEFORE USE**

Read the entire Directions for Use, Conditions, Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitations of Liability before using this product. If terms are not acceptable, return the unopened product container at once.

By using this product, user or buyer accepts the following Conditions, Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitations of Liability.

**CONDITIONS**: The Directions for Use of this product are believed to be adequate and must be followed carefully. However, it is impossible to eliminate all risks associated with the use of this product. Ineffectiveness or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as weather conditions, presence of other materials, or the manner of use or application, all of which are beyond the control of Central Garden & Pet Company. All such risks shall be assumed by the users or buyer.

**DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES**: To the extent consistent with applicable law, Central Garden & Pet Company makes no other warranties, express or implied, of merchantability or of fitness for a particular purpose or otherwise, that extend beyond the statements made on this label. No agent of Central Garden & Pet Company is authorized to make any warranties beyond those contained herein or to modify the warranties contained herein. To the extent consistent with applicable law, Central Garden & Pet Company disclaims any liability whatsoever for special, incidental or consequential damages resulting from the use or handling of this product.

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Manufactured for: Central Garden & Pet Company 1501 East Woodfield Road, Suite 200W Schaumburg, IL 60173

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