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January 08, 2026

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GUARDIAN PROTECTIVE DEVICES

Subject: Non-PRIA (Pesticide Registration Improvement Act) Labeling Amendment - Amending label on file to add graphics/logos in support of supplemental distributor product labeling for "Defend Bear Spray" and "Smith and Wesson Bear Spray".
Product Name: Bear Shield
Admin Number: 94523-2
EPA Receipt Date: 10/01/2025
Action Case Number: 00676277

Dear Tom Jonaitis:

The amended labeling referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 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.

The supplemental labeling contains some new and/or revised uses and/or directions that may be additional to the uses and/or directions found on the label on or attached to the container, but the supplemental labeling does not by itself constitute the complete set of use directions. The complete set of use directions is set forth on the container label as combined with the supplemental labeling.

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 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 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 questions, please contact Shanda Bennett via email at bennett.shanda@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "James" on the top line and "Parker" on the bottom line.

James Parker, Biologist
BPB, BPPD
Office of Pesticide Programs

ACCEPTED
ONLY INDICATED
REVISIONS REVIEWED

01/08/2026

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

94523-2

No label revisions other than those indicated were reported to the Agency.

MASTER LABEL, SUBLABEL A: 225G CANISTER

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS: Hazard to Humans & Domestic Animals.

CAUTION: May cause irreversible eye damage if sprayed in the eyes at close range. Contact through touching or rubbing eyes may result in substantial but temporary eye injury. Strongly irritating to nose and skin. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash clothing before reuse.

FIRST AID: Have label with you when obtaining medical advice. Call a poison control center, doctor or 1-800-222-1222 immediately for treatment advice.

IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING: Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 to 20 minutes.

IF IN EYES: Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.

PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL HAZARDS: Contents under pressure. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. Do not puncture or incinerate container. Exposure to temperatures above 130°F may cause bursting.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS: Do not apply directly to water. Do not contaminate water by disposing of unused materials.

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

USE RESTRICTIONS: This product may be used to deter bears that are attacking or appear likely to attack humans. This product may not be effective in all situations or prevent all injuries. Do not spray this product on objects, tents or humans; such use has no deterrent effect on bears. Do not seek out encounters with bears or intentionally provoke them. Keep safety clip in place except when practicing with or using the product. Do not eat, or allow to be eaten, any food or feed material that may have become contaminated with this product.



ACTIVE INGREDIENTS

Capsaicin and related Capsaicinoids* 2.0%
Other Ingredients 98.0%
Total 100.0%

*Made from Oleoresin of Capsicum

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KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

CAUTION

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EPA Reg. No. XXXX-1 • EPA Est. XXXX-YY-1
Manufactured by: Guardian Protective Devices, Inc.
154 Cooper Rd., Unit 703, West Berlin, NJ 08091
(856) 753-5007

Made in the U.S.A.
Net Contents: 225g - 8 oz.

The canister empties in approximately **4 1-second bursts**. Effective distance is **40 ft.** and spray travels **40 ft. in 5 seconds** from the point of discharge. Wind and other conditions may alter the range or effectiveness. The product is specifically formulated to perform at 32°F and above.

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS: Special procedures must be followed to arm the container, apply the product and restore the safety clip to disarm the container. Before taking this product into bear country, read the directions below and familiarize yourself with these procedures. If you have not used this product before, you should obtain a training can and practice with it until you can perform these activities quickly and accurately. If you test-fire this canister, make sure the wind is at your back and depress the actuator tab for no more than half a second. Do not test-fire in areas inhabited by bears. After test firing, clean nozzle and can with soap and water to remove residue from the can.

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TO DISARM: Replace safety clip by firmly pushing with thumb until audible "snap" is heard (Fig. 4). Check to see if safety clip is securely in place. No gap should be visible between the actuator handle and the safety clip.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL STORAGE: Store only in original container in a dry place inaccessible to children and pets. Do not store in places where the temperature is above 120°F or below 32°F.

DISPOSAL: Do Not Puncture or Incinerate. If empty: Press valve to release all pressure. Then place in trash or offer for recycling if available.

IF PARTLY FILLED: Call your local solid waste agency for disposal instructions.

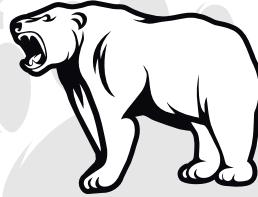
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Bear Deterrent Spray

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225GR - 8OZ

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ALTERNATE PROPOSED GRAPHICS/LOGOS FOR DISTRIBUTOR LABELS

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