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February 9, 2022

Ms. Esther Riechert
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Subject: FIFRA 24(c) Registration –SLN Amendment Acknowledgment Letter
SLN Registration Number: HI160002
EPA Decision Number: 580493
SLN Expiration Date: 11/04/2026
Parent EPA Reg. No.: 432-1549
Product Name: Escort XP Herbicide

Dear Ms. Riechert:

This letter acknowledges receipt for the above-listed Special Local Need (SLN) registration pursuant to Section 24(c) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended. The amended SLN registration permits use of Escort XP Herbicide (metsulfuron) to control wild ginger in forests, forest margins, and wildland areas in the state of Hawai'i. Therefore, revisions were made to the 24(c) label to add the mode of action box and update the expiration date to November 4, 2026, and thus a need for this SLN amendment.

The Agency has completed a review of the renewal of this use and acknowledges the State's Special Local Need registration. Please inform the registrant that we have placed a copy of the amended SLN label in our files. If you have any questions, please contact Maya Wheeler by phone at (202) 566-2957 or via email at wheeler.maya.b@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EWB".

Eric W. Bohnenblust, Ph.D., Chief
Minor Use and Emergency Response Branch
Registration Division
Office of Pesticide Programs

CC: Patti TenBrook, USEPA Region 9 Coordinator and Tribal Coordinator

ACCEPTED

November 5, 2021



Under Hawaii Pesticides Law
as Supplement to Product No.
9346.388

METSULFURON-METHYL

GROUP 2 HERBICIDE

FIFRA Section 24(c) Special Local Need Label

FOR DISTRIBUTION AND USE ONLY WITHIN HAWAII

For Spot Treatment for the Control of Wild Ginger

Escort® XP Herbicide

EPA Reg. No. 432-1549

SLN. No. HI-160002

THIS LABEL IS VALID UNTIL 11/04/2026 UNLESS OTHERWISE AMENDED, WITHDRAWN, CANCELED, OR SUSPENDED.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. This label must be in the possession of the user at the time of pesticide application. Follow all applicable directions, restrictions, Worker Protection Standard requirements, and precautions on the EPA registered label.

Escort XP Herbicide is recommended for the control of wild ginger (*Hedychium sp.*) in forests, forest margins, and access roads and trails.

Apply Escort XP Herbicide at 0.067-0.133 ounces (1.9 -3.8 grams) per gallon of water (½ -1 gram Escort XP Herbicide per liter of water) for spot treatments, not to exceed 3 ounces (85 grams) per acre per year within the spot treatment area.

HOW TO USE

Spot applications may be made using backpack sprayers, hand-held tanks, spray bottles, or lab squirt applicator bottles. Apply to the leaves, exposed rhizomes, and cut surface or stalks and rhizomes. To maximize uptake when treating cut ginger stems and rhizomes, cut into dormant corms and apply Escort XP Herbicide solution. When applying Escort XP herbicide solution, avoid run-off or overspray onto soil by directing spray at ginger surface rhizomes or foliage only.

Escort XP Herbicide may be combined with non-ionic surfactant to improve foliar uptake.

The use of dye is recommended to track spray solution.

Spot applications to limit regrowth may be made on as-needed basis.

PRECAUTIONS

Do not apply using high volume sprayers.

Do not apply as broadcast application.

Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system.

Avoid spray drift near streams or irrigation ditches.

IMPORTANT

BEFORE USING ESCORT XP HERBICIDE, READ AND CAREFULLY FOLLOW ALL APPLICABLE DIRECTIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND PRECAUTIONS ON THE EPA-REGISTERED LABEL.

This bulletin contains new or supplemental instructions for use of this product which may not appear on package label. Follow the instructions carefully.

This label must be in the possession of the user at the time of pesticide application.

This label for Escort XP Herbicide expires and must not be distributed or used in accordance with this SLN registration after November 4, 2026.

For MEDICAL And TRANSPORTATION Emergencies ONLY Call 24 Hours A Day 1-800-334-7577.

For PRODUCT USE Information Call 1-866-99BAYER (1-866-992-2937).

As with any crop-protection product, always read and follow label directions.

For additional information call toll-free 1-866-99BAYER (1-866-992-2937).

24(C) Registrant

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