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To: G. Werdig/R. Whitters  
Product Manager # 50  
Registration Division (TS-767)

From: Paul Mastradone, Ph.D., Acting Chief *PM*  
Environmental Chemistry Review Section 1  
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Environmental Fate and Effects Division (TS-769-C)

THRU: Henry Jacoby, Acting Chief *Henry Jacoby*  
Environmental Fate and Ground Water Branch/EFED (TS-769C)

Attached, please find the EAB review of...

Reg./File # : 233-713

Chemical Name: Thiabendazole

Type Product : Fungicide

Product Name : MERTECT Fungicide products

Company Name : MERCK & Co.

Purpose : Review 135-day response to the Comprehensive Data Call-In

Notice.

Date Received: 10/24/88

Action Code: 400

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

EFGWB#(s): 90080

Total Reviewing Time (decimal days): 2.0 days

Deferrals to: \_\_\_\_\_ Ecological Effects Branch, EFED

\_\_\_\_\_ Science Integration & Policy Staff, EFED

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Dietary Exposure Branch, HED

\_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Exposure Branch, HED

\_\_\_\_\_ Toxicology Branch, HED

OFFICE OF PESTICIDE PROGRAMS DATA REVIEW RECORD

ATTACHMENT 1

Confidential Business Information-Does Not Contain National Security Information(E.O. 12065)  
This form is to be used for individual studies and for submission of pesticide applications

1. PRODUCT NAME		CHEMICAL NAME Thiabendazole	
2. IDENTIFYING NUMBER 060101	3. RECORD NUMBER 233713	4. ACTION CODE 400	5. MRID/ACCESSION NUMBER
		6. STUDY GUIDELINE OR NARRATIVE 161-4, 163-2 163-3 164-4 165-2, 165-4	
7. REFERENCE NUMBER 5 7	8. DATE RECEIVED (EPA) 8-17-88	9. PRODUCT/REVIEW MANAGER/DCI G.Werdig/R.Writers	10. PM/RM TEAM NUMBER 50
12. PROJECTED RETURN DATE 12/24/88	13. DATE RETURNED TO (RD/SRRD)	11. DATE SENT TO (HED/EFED/RD/BEAD) 10/24/88	
INSTRUCTIONS: Merck & Company claims that the following data requirements (161-4, 163-2, 163-3, 164-4, 165-2 and 165-4) do not apply to their Thiabendazole products.			

(THIS SECTION APPLIES TO REVIEW OF STUDIES ONLY)

14. CHECK APPLICABLE BOX:

- ADVERSE 6(a)(2) DATA (405)
- SPECIAL REVIEW DATA (870)
- GENERIC DATA (REREGISTRATION) (660)
- PRODUCT SPECIFIC DATA (REREGISTRATION) (655)

15. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL STUDIES SUBMITTED

16. HAVE ANY OF THE ABOVE STUDIES (in whole or in part) BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW? (circle: yes or no) IF YES, PLEASE IDENTIFY THE STUDY(IES):

17. RELATED ACTIONS:

18.	TO	TYPE OF REVIEW	19. REVIEWS ALSO SENT TO	20. DATA REVIEW CRITERIA
HED		SCIENCE ANALYSIS & COORD.	— SAC — PC	A. Policy Note #31 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 = data which meet 6(a)(2) or meet 3(c)(2)(B) flagging criteria <input type="checkbox"/> 2 = data of particular concern from registration standard <input type="checkbox"/> 3 = data necessary to determine tiered testing requirements B. Section 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 = data in support of section 3 in lieu of section 18 C. Inert Ingredients <input type="checkbox"/> 1 = data in support of continued use of List 1 inert
		TOXICOLOGY/HFA	— TOX/HFA — PL	
		TOXICOLOGY/IR	— TOX/IR —	
EF ED		DIETARY EXPOSURE	— DEB — EA	
		NON-DIETARY EXPOSURE	— NDE — AC	
		ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS	— — BA	
SRRD	X	ENVIRONMENTAL FATE & GROUND H2O	— EEB —	
		SPECIAL REVIEW	— EFGWB —	
		REREGISTRATION		
RD		GENERIC CHEMICAL SUPPORT	— SR —	
		INSECTICIDE-RODENTICIDE	— RER —	
		FUNGICIDE-HERBICIDE	— GSC —	
BEAD		ANTIMICROBIAL		
		PRODUCT CHEMISTRY	— IR —	
		PRECAUTIONARY LABELING	— FH —	
		ECONOMIC ANALYSIS	— AM —	
		ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY		
		BIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS		

CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT OF FORMULA (TRADE SECRETS)       LABEL ATTACHED

White - Data Coordinator      Yellow - Data Review Section      Green - Return with completed review      Pink - PM/RM/DCI

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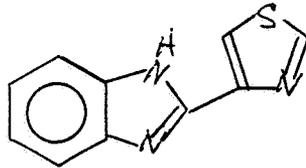
1. CHEMICAL:

Common Name- thiabendazole

Chemical Name- 2-(4-thiazolyl)benzimidazole

Trade Name- MERTECT products

Chemical Structure-



2. TEST MATERIAL: Not applicable.

3. STUDY/ACTION TYPE: Merck & Co. is responding to a 135-day Comprehensive Data Call-In Notice. They have provided rationales to support waivers from several studies: 1) Photodegradation in Air, 2) Laboratory Volatility, 3) Field Volatility, 4) Field Dissipation (combination and tank mixes), 5) Field Rotational Crop, and 6) Fish Accumulation.

4. STUDY IDENTIFICATION: Not applicable.

5. REVIEWED BY:

Herbert L. Manning, Ph.D.  
Microbiologist  
EFGWB/EFED

Signature: *Herbert L. Manning*  
Date: DEC 15 1988

6. APPROVED BY:

Paul J. Mastradone, Ph.D.  
Acting Chief, Section 1, EFGWB/EFED

Signature: *Paul J. Mastradone*  
Date: DEC 15 1988

7. CONCLUSION:

EFGWB (Environmental Fate and Ground Water Branch) reviewed the rationales presented to support waivers for certain environmental fate studies, and have concluded the following:

- Photodegradation in Air
- Lab Volatility
- Field Volatility
- Field Dissipation (tank mixes)

These four studies are not required for products containing thiabendazole as the active ingredient.

- Field Rotational Crop                      The requirement for this study is reserved, pending the results of the confined rotational crop study.
- Fish Accumulation                              This study is required for a product with a food crop use.

8. RECOMMENDATION:

EFGWB recommends that a flow-through, fish accumulation study (using bluegill sunfish) be done using the active ingredient thiabendazole. EFGWB can concur with the waivers of the photodegradation in air (§ 161-4), the laboratory and field volatility (§ 163-2,3), and the tank mixes (§ 164-4) requirements. EFGWB can also concur with reserving the field accumulation in rotational pending the results of the confined study.

9. BACKGROUND:

- A. Introduction- See the attached letter of 8/15/88 and Section 3 of this review.
- B. Directions for Use- The labels for the thiabendazole uses are attached.

10. DISCUSSION OF RESPONSES TO DATA CALL-IN:

- A. Thiabendazole labels- The labels of the formulated, registered products that contain thiabendazole as the active ingredient are show below:
- MERTECT 40 Water Dispersible Antimycotic- Used to retard or control mold growth in reconstituted tobacco leaf.
  - MERTECT Fungicide- For use in the manufacture of fungicidal formulations.
  - MERTECT 340-F Fungicide- For use on wheat, potato, pome fruit, rice, soybeans, sugar beets, and sweet potato.
  - MERTECT LSP Fungicide- Used for a wheat seed treatment.
  - MERTECT DF Fungicide- A water dispersible granular product.
- B. Merck & Co. Responses to Data Requirements-
1. Photodegradation in Air- Merck claims the study is not required because it is conditionally required for products intended for orchard or field crops where there may be significant worker exposure. Fifteen years of commercial experience do not indicate significant worker exposure.
  2. Laboratory Volatility- Merck claims the study is not required because
    - 1) the vapor pressure of thiabendazole is very low ( $4 \times 10^{-9}$  mm Hg at 25 C),
    - 2) the acute inhalation toxicity is in Toxicity

Category III, and 3) 15 years of commercial experience do not indicate significant worker inhalation exposure.

3. Field Volatility- Merck cited the reasons given above for lab volatility.
4. Field Dissipation (tank mixes)- The study does not apply to thia-bendazole since it is not used with other pesticides.
5. Field Rotational Crops- Merck states that the need for the study will be determined when the confined study is done. They claim that these data are not required because significant amount of thia-bendazole/degradates are not likely to occur in aquatic environments/organisms.
6. Fish Accumulation- The exact same statement was used as for #5 above (Field Rotational Crops).

C. Reviewer Comment- EFGWB agrees that the photodegradation in air and the lab volatility studies are not required for the food crop uses, since the vapor pressure is very low ( $4 \times 10^{-9}$  mm Hg at 25 C) and the acute inhalation toxicity is in category III. The field volatility would also not be required.

We agree that, because thiabendazole is not used with other pesticides, the field dissipation (tank mixes) study is not required.

For item #5, we agree that a field rotational crop study is only be required if a confined study warrants it. It appears that part of their statement (a reference to the unlikely presence of thiabendazole in aquatic environments/organisms) was only meant for item #6 (fish accumulation) and was mistakenly placed here.

In item #6 (fish accumulation), the exact statement was given that was used to address item #5 (field rotational crops). However, we do not agree that "...these data are not applicable as significant concentrations of the active ingredient and/or its principle degradation products are NOT likely to occur in aquatic environments or organisms." Significant concentrations may occur (through runoff or spray drift); thus, a fish accumulation study is required for a food crop use.

11. COMPLETION OF ONE-LINER:

Not applicable.

12. CBI APPENDIX:

There is no CBI in this review.

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August 15, 1988

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Data Call In Program  
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Office of Pesticide Programs  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
401 M Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Ms. Werdig:

Thiabendazole: 135-Day Response to the Comprehensive  
Data Call In Notice

The accompanying documents are being submitted in triplicate by Merck & Co., Inc. as its 135-day response to the comprehensive data call in notice for thiabendazole.

Options 1, 2, and 7 are indicated on Attachment F of the data call in notice as our responses to the data requirements. This book contains the administrative documents required in our response and includes the completed Attachment F Tabulation and Summary Sheets, Attachment G Cover Sheets for Option 1 (copies) and Option 2 responses, statements of rationale supporting our selection of Option 7 responses, and labels and Confidential Statements of Formula for those thiabendazole products for which Merck is defending the registrations (EPA Reg. Nos. 618-58; -67; -75; -84; and -92).

Data for Option 1 responses are being submitted as Document Nos. 1-19 according to PR-Notice 86-5. The transmittal document is attached, and a copy is also included in Section II of the administrative book. A copy of this book is being sent to the EPA Office of Compliance Monitoring (EN-342) as instructed in the data call in notice.

It should be noted that the TGAI (Technical Grade Active Ingredient) and the MP (Manufacturing Use Product) are synonymous for thiabendazole.

Ms. G. Werdig

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August 15, 1988

Please direct all communications to Merck regarding this data call in for thiabendazole to my attention at the letterhead address and telephone number.

Sincerely,

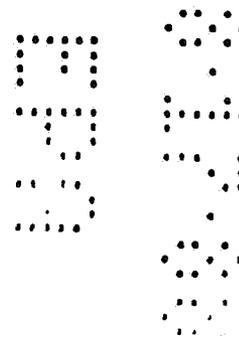


Samuel F. Rickard

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Attachments

cc: EPA Office of Compliance Monitoring (EN-340):  
Administrative book only



THIABENDAZOLE

158.130: ENVIRONMENTAL FATE

161-4: PHOTODEGRADATION  
AIR

RATIONALE FOR SELECTING OPTION 7

Merck & Co. Inc., claim these requirements are not applicable for thiabendazole products. The guidelines indicate these data are conditionally required to support the registration of end use products intended for orchard or field vegetable crop uses that involve potentially significant exposure to workers. We do not believe that thiabendazole uses result in significant worker exposure which is based on 15 years of commercial usage and experience

Product labels and statement of confidential formulas are attached.

**THIABENDAZOLE**

**158.103: ENVIRONMENTAL FATE**

**163-2: MOBILITY STUDIES  
VOLATIBILITY (LAB)**

**RATIONALE FOR SELECTING OPTION 7**

Merck & Co. Inc., claim these conditional requirements are not applicable for thiabendazole products. The vapor pressure of thiabendazole is virtually nil ( $4 \times 10^{-9}$  mm Hg at 25°C). Also, the acute inhalation toxicity allows thiabendazole to be in toxicity Category III. Finally, the uses do not result in significant inhalation exposure to workers as based on over 15 years of commercial usage and experience.

Product labels and statement of confidential formulas are attached.

**THIABENDAZOLE**

**158.130: ENVIRONMENTAL FATE**

**163-3: MOBILITY STUDIES  
VOLATILITY (FIELD)**

**RATIONALE FOR SELECTING OPTION 7**

Merck & Co. Inc., claim these conditional requirements are not applicable for thiabendazole products. The vapor pressure of thiabendazole is virtually nil ( $4 \times 10^{-9}$  mm Hg at 25°C). Also, the acute inhalation toxicity allows thiabendazole to be in toxicity Category III. Finally, the uses do not result in significant inhalation exposure to workers as based on over 15 years of commercial usage and experience.

Product labels and statement of confidential formulas are attached.

**THIABENDAZOLE**

**158.130 ENVIRONMENTAL FATE**

**DISSIPATION STUDIES - FIELD  
164-4: COMBINATION AND TANK MIXES**

**RATIONALE FOR SELECTING OPTION 7**

Merck & Co. Inc., claim this data requirement is not applicable for thiabendazole products. Thiabendazole products are not meant to be or registered to be applied in combination with other pesticide products.

Product labels and statement of confidential formulas are attached.

**THIABENDAZOLE**

**158.130: ENVIRONMENTAL FATE**

**ACCUMULATION STUDIES**

**165-2: ROTATIONAL CROPS (FIELD)**

**RATIONALE FOR SELECTING OPTION 7**

Determination for the need for this data will be made after the confined (165-1) rotational crops studies are completed. Merck and Co., Inc. claim that these data are not applicable as significant concentrations of the active ingredient and/or its principle degradation products are NOT likely to occur in aquatic environments or organism. Further determination can be made after the confined (165-1) rotational crop studies are completed.

Product labels and statement of confidential formulas are attached.

THIABENDAZOLE

158.130: ENVIRONMENTAL FATE

ACCUMULATION STUDIES

165-4: FISH

RATIONALE FOR SELECTING OPTION 7

Determination for the need for this data will be made after the confined (165-1) rotational crops studies are completed. Merck and Co., Inc. claim that these data are not applicable as significant concentrations of the active ingredient and/or its principle degradation products are NOT likely to occur in aquatic environments or organisms. Further determination can be made after the confined (165-1) rotational crop studies are completed.

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Thiabendazole: 135-Day Response to the  
Comprehensive Data Call In Notice

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PRODUCT LABELS  
Registrant: Merck & Co., Inc.

- MERTECT 40 Water Dispersible Antimycotic: EPA Reg. No. 618-58
- MERTECT Fungicide: EPA Reg. No. 618-67
- MERTECT 340-F Fungicide: EPA Reg. No. 618-75
- MERTECT LSP Fungicide: EPA Reg. No. 618-84
- MERTECT DF Fungicide: EPA Reg. No. 618-92

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Product

48015

Flowable  
(Water Dispersible  
Suspension)

**MERTECT 340-F**

**FUNGICIDE**

Active Ingredient—3.8 Ingot  
2-(4-Thiazolyl)  
benzimidazole, 42.28%  
Inert Ingredients... 57.72%

**PRECAUTIONARY  
STATEMENTS**

EPA Reg. 37453-04-01

EPA Reg. No. 699-75-04

**Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals**

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

**CAUTION**

**WARNING: IF SWALLOWED • CAUSES EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION**

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.  
Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling.

Statements of Practical Treatment

**If Swallowed:** Call a physician or Poison Control Center. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water and induce vomiting by touching back of throat with finger. Do not induce vomiting or give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. **If In Eyes:** Flush eyes with plenty of water. Call a physician if irritation persists. **If on Skin:** Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

Environmental Hazards

This pesticide is toxic to fish. Do not apply when weather conditions favor runoff or drift from the target area. Do not apply directly to water. Do not contaminate water by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes.

See Other Panels for Additional Directions for Use

**2 GALLONS (7.57 L)**

ACCEPTED  
with COMMENTS  
in EPA Letter Dated

July 11 1963

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

619-75

**WHEAT—Control of Cercospora Foot Rot:** Apply MERTECT 340-F after the development of 2-3 tillers but prior to the time the first roots are visible in the Spring. Aerial Application: Apply 18-24 fluid ounces of MERTECT 340-F in a minimum of 6 gallons water per acre. GROUND Application: Apply 18-24 fluid ounces of MERTECT 340-F per acre in sufficient water for coverage. Use the high rate in fields with a previous history of foot rot. Do not allow livestock to graze or feed on treated green wheat forage.

**WHEAT—To Reduce the Severity of Oatmeal Blotch:** Apply MERTECT 340-F at 8 to 12 lb per acre per application. For aerial application use a minimum of 6 gallons of water per acre. Make the first application when flag leaf first emerges, repeat application 10 to 14 days later. Use the higher rate under conditions of heavier oatmeal pressure. Do not make more than a total of two later applications of MERTECT 340-F in any one season. Do not allow livestock to graze or feed on treated green wheat forage.

**STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

Storage Instructions—Store MERTECT 340-F in a cool, dry place away from food, drink, and animal feeding stuffs. DO NOT STORE BELOW 32°F (0°C)

Pesticide Disposal—Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal. Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

Container Disposal—Triple rinse (or equivalent). Then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or purchase and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, by incineration, or, if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

**NOTICE OF WARRANTY—**The Directions for Use of this product reflect the opinion of experts based on field use and tests. The directions are believed to be reliable and should be followed carefully. However, it is impossible to eliminate all risks inherently associated with use of this product. Crop injury, 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 MSD AGVET or the Seller. All such risks shall be assumed by the Buyer.

MSD AGVET warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably fit for the purposes referred to in the Directions for Use, subject to the inherent risks referred to above. Buyer assumes all risks of use and handling which are at variance in any way with the directions herein. MSD AGVET makes no other express or implied warranty of Fitness or Merchantability or any other express or implied warranty, in no case shall MSD AGVET or the Seller be liable for consequential, special, or indirect damages resulting from the use or handling of this product. MSD AGVET and the Seller offer this product and the Buyer and user accept it, subject to the foregoing Notice of Warranty which may be varied only by agreement in writing signed by a duly authorized representative of MSD AGVET.

U.S. Pat. 3,370,957

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Division of MERCK & CO., INC.  
Rahway, New Jersey 07065, U.S.A.



# MERTECT® 340-F

## SUPPLEMENTAL LABELING FOR CHEMIGATION APPLICATION

### THROUGH CENTER PIVOT SPRINKLER IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

Pesticide: Thiabendazole

Product 48015

Formulation: MERTECT® 340-F Fungicide (EPA Reg. No. 618-75)

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal (U.S.A.) law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

For specific rates of application, see container label.

Apply this product through ~~center pivot irrigation~~ center pivot irrigation systems. Do not apply this product through any other type of irrigation system.

Crop injury, lack of effectiveness, or illegal pesticide residues in the crop can result from nonuniform distribution of treated water.

If you have any questions about calibration, you should contact State Extension Service specialists, equipment manufacturers, or other experts.

Do not connect an irrigation system (including greenhouse systems) used for pesticide application to a public water system unless the pesticide label prescribed safety devices for public water systems are in place.

A person knowledgeable of the chemigation system and responsible for its operation, or under the supervision of the responsible person, shall shut the system down and make the necessary adjustments should the need arise.

Constant slurry or nurse tank agitation is required.

Apply MERTECT 340-F continuously for the duration of the irrigation period.

For mixing instructions to determine amount of MERTECT 340-F required, select the desired rate (see container label) and multiply by the number of acres to be treated and add to proper volume of water in nurse tank.

Apply this product in the equivalent of 0.1–0.2 inches of water per acre.

### SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRINKLER CHEMIGATION CENTER PIVOT

The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve, and low pressure drain appropriately located on the irrigation pipeline to prevent water source contamination from backflow.

The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid back toward the injection pump.

The pesticide injection pipeline must also contain a functional, normally closed, solenoid-operated valve located on the intake side of the injection pump and connected to the system interlock to prevent fluid from being withdrawn from the supply tank when the irrigation system is either automatically or manually shut down.

The system must contain functional interlocking controls to automatically shut off the pesticide injection pump when the water pump motor stops.

The irrigation line or water pump must include a functional pressure switch which will stop the water pump motor when the water pressure decreases to the point where pesticide distribution is adversely affected.

Systems must use a metering pump, such as a positive displacement injection pump (e.g., diaphragm pump) effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with pesticides and capable of being fitted with a system interlock.

Do not apply when wind speed favors drift beyond the area intended for treatment.

### IMPORTANT

### BEFORE USING MERTECT 340-F, READ AND CAREFULLY OBSERVE THE PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS AND ALL OTHER INFORMATION APPEARING ON THE PRODUCT LABEL.

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

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

MERTECT REG TM MERCK & CO., INC.  
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Product 48016

# MERTECT® DF

## FUNGICIDE

(Water Dispersible Granular)

Active ingredient	
2-(4-Thiazolyl) benzimidazole .....	89%
Inert ingredients .....	11%
EPA Est. No. 34704-ND-02	EPA Reg. No. 619-92

### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

**Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals**  
**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

### WARNING

**HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED.**

Statements of Practical Treatment

Do not get in eyes or on skin. Avoid breathing dust. Wash thoroughly after handling.

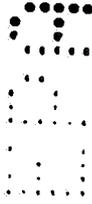
**FIRST AID: If Swallowed** — Call a physician or Poison Control Center. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water and induce vomiting by touching back of throat with finger. Do not induce vomiting or give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. **If In Eyes or on Skin** — Flush with water; for eyes, get medical attention. **If Inhaled** — Remove victim to fresh air and get medical attention.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This pesticide is toxic to fish. Do not apply when weather conditions favor runoff or drift from the target area. Do not apply directly to water. Do not contaminate water by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes.

See Other Panel for Additional Directions for Use

## NET WEIGHT 10 POUNDS



**ACCEPTED**  
with COMMENTS  
in EPA Letter Dated

11/15/92

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

618-92

NET WEIGHT 10 POUNDS

MERTECT® DF

Product: 49016

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal (U.S.A.) law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. MERTECT® DF is a systemic fungicide recommended for the control of many important plant diseases. If treatment is not effective following use of MERTECT DF as recommended, a tolerant strain of fungus may be present. Consideration should be given to the use of other suitable non-benzimidazole fungicides.

Clean equipment before using MERTECT DF. When MERTECT DF is dispersed in water, the resulting suspension must be constantly agitated. Avoid foaming.

Use the higher recommended rates under conditions of heavier disease pressure. Competitively information for MERTECT DF with other chemicals is limited. Consult your supplier or agricultural experiment station for specific recommendations.

See supplemental labeling entitled "MERTECT® DF for Chemigation Application" for use directions for chemigation. Do not apply this product through any irrigation system unless the supplemental labeling on chemigation is followed.

WHEAT — Control of Caracorella Foot Rot: Apply MERTECT DF after the development of 2-3 tillers but prior to the time the first nodes is visible in the spring. AERIAL Application: Apply 8-12 oz of MERTECT DF in a minimum of 5 gallons of water per acre. GROUND Application: Apply 8-12 oz of MERTECT DF per acre in sufficient water for coverage. Do not allow livestock to graze or feed on treated green wheat forage.

### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

GENERAL — Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal. Open dumping is prohibited. Do not reuse empty container. Pesticide Disposal — Pesticide, spray mixture, or the rinse water that cannot be used according to the label instructions must be disposed of according to applicable Federal, State or local procedures. Container Disposal — If container is Plastic: Triple rinse (or equivalent). Then 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. If container is Fiber Drum with Liner: Completely empty liner by shaking and tapping sides and bottom to loosen clinging particles. Empty residue into application equipment. Then dispose of both liner and drum in a sanitary landfill or by incineration if allowed by State and local authorities.

NOTICE OF WARRANTY — The Directions for Use of this product reflect the opinions of experts based on field use and tests. The directions are believed to be reliable and should be followed carefully. However, 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 weather conditions, presence of other materials, or the manner of use or application, all of which are beyond the control of MSD AGVET or the Seller. Treatment may not be effective if tolerant strains of lung develop. Use of alternate treatments should be considered if treatment with this product proves ineffective. All such risks shall be assumed by the Buyer.

MSD AGVET warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably fit for the purposes referred to in the Directions for Use, subject to the inherent risks referred to above. Buyer assumes all risks of use and handling which are at variance in any way with the directions hereon. MSD AGVET makes no other express or implied warranty of Fitness or Merchantability or any other express or implied warranty. In no case shall MSD AGVET or the Seller be liable for consequential, special, or indirect damages resulting from the use or handling of this product. MSD AGVET and the Seller offer this product and the Buyer and user accept it, subject to the foregoing Notice of Warranty which may be varied only by agreement in writing signed by a duly authorized representative of MSD AGVET.



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## SUPPLEMENTAL LABELING FOR CHEMIGATION APPLICATION

### THROUGH CENTER PIVOT SPRINKLER IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

Pesticide: Thiabendazole

Product 48016

Formulation: MERTECT® DF (EPA Reg. No. 618-92)

#### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal (U.S.A.) law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

For specific rates of application, see container label.

Apply this product through ~~any other type of irrigation system.~~ center pivot irrigation systems. Do not apply this product through any other type of irrigation system.

Crop injury, lack of effectiveness, or illegal pesticide residues in the crop can result from nonuniform distribution of treated water.

If you have any questions about calibration, you should contact State Extension Service specialists, equipment manufacturers, or other experts.

Do not connect an irrigation system (including greenhouse systems) used for pesticide application to a public water system unless the pesticide label prescribed safety devices for public water systems are in place.

A person knowledgeable of the chemigation system and responsible for its operation, or under the supervision of the responsible person, shall shut the system down and make the necessary adjustments should the need arise.

Constant slurry or nurse tank agitation is required.

Apply MERTECT DF continuously for the duration of the irrigation period.

For mixing instructions to determine amount of MERTECT DF required, select the desired rate (see container label) and multiply by the number of acres to be treated and add to proper volume of water in nurse tank.

Apply this product in the equivalent of 0.1–0.2 inches of water per acre.

CENTER PIVOT

#### SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRINKLER CHEMIGATION

The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve, and low pressure drain appropriately located on the irrigation pipeline to prevent water source contamination from backflow.

The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid back toward the injection pump.

The pesticide injection pipeline must also contain a functional, normally closed, solenoid-operated valve located on the intake side of the injection pump and connected to the system interlock to prevent fluid from being withdrawn from the supply tank when the irrigation system is either automatically or manually shut down.

The system must contain functional interlocking controls to automatically shut off the pesticide injection pump when the water pump motor stops.

The irrigation line or water pump must include a functional pressure switch which will stop the water pump motor when the water pressure decreases to the point where pesticide distribution is adversely affected.

Systems must use a metering pump, such as a positive displacement injection pump (e.g., diaphragm pump) effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with pesticides and capable of being fitted with a system interlock.

Do not apply when wind speed favors drift beyond the area intended for treatment.

**IMPORTANT**  
**BEFORE USING MERTECT DF, READ AND CAREFULLY OBSERVE THE PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS AND ALL OTHER INFORMATION APPEARING ON THE PRODUCT LABEL.**

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

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

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