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COMPANY NAME Ciba-Geigy

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Amend Ridomil ZE Label (Metalaxyl) to Include Use on Hops

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The Ecological Effects Branch (EEB) has completed its review of the request by Ciba-Geigy Corporation to amend its metalaxyl label to include use on hops. In a review dated March 6, 1990, EEB anticipated no hazard to fish or birds from this new use, however the hazard to nontarget aquatic plants was uncertain. Consequently, submission of aquatic plant growth studies were requested. The following is a brief review of the submitted aquatic plant growth studies:


The study is scientifically sound and fulfills the guideline requirement for a Tier II aquatic plant growth test using the aquatic macrophyte *Lemna gibba*. Metalaxyl with an EC50 of 85 mg/L (dry weight) and 92 mg/L (frond count) is not expected to exert a detrimental effect on *Lemna gibba* at current application rates. Assuming an inadvertent direct application to a pond 6-feet deep at the maximum rate for hops of 0.5 lb ai/a, the water concentration would be 30.6 ppb. This concentration is well below the EC50 value for *Lemna gibba*.

The study is scientifically sound and fulfills the guideline requirement for a Tier II aquatic plant growth test using the freshwater green algae *Selenastrum capricornutum*. Metalaxyl with an EC50 of 140 mg/L (cells/ml) is not expected to exert a detrimental effect on *Selenastrum capricornutum* at current application rates. Assuming an inadvertent direct application to a pond 6-feet deep at the maximum rate for hops of 0.5 lb ai/a, the water concentration would be 30.6 ppb. This concentration is well below the EC50 value for *Selenastrum capricornutum*.

EEB has reviewed the proposed label amendment for Ridomil 2E to include use on hops. The proposed use should not present a hazard to nontarget organisms. No hazard to endangered species is anticipated under the proposed use.