



Section 18 Emergency Exemption

SECTION 18 EMERGENCY EXEMPTION FOR THE USE OF MERTECT® LSP ON LENTIL SEED IN WASHINGTON

FOR DISTRIBUTION AND USE ONLY WITHIN EASTERN WASHINGTON

EFFECTIVE APRIL 9 TO JUNE 1, 2003

Mertect® LSP Fungicide

EPA File Symbol No. 03-WA-09

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| Active Ingredient: | |
| Thiabendazole: (CAS No. 148-79-8) | 30.0% |
| Other Ingredients: | 70.0% |
| Total: | 100.0% |

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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

Follow all applicable directions, restrictions, Worker Protection Standard requirements, and precautions on the EPA-registered Mertect LSP Fungicide label (EPA Reg. No. 100-890).

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

Seed treatment with Mertect LSP Fungicide will not provide postemergent protection of plants grown in or near infected fields.

Lentils - To aid in control of seedborne Ascochyta Blight (*Ascochyta rabiei*): For ready-mix or slurry seed treaters, mix 1.7 – 3.0 fl. oz. of Mertect LSP Fungicide in an equal amount of water (1:1) to provide adequate coverage and apply to 100 lbs. of seed (375-750 ppm). Keep dispersion under constant agitation. It is essential that thorough coverage of the seed be obtained. For best results against Ascochyta Blight, plant lentil seed treated with Mertect LSP Fungicide as late in the spring as possible.

Restrictions: 1) When handling thiabendazole or thiabendazole treated seed, work in a well-ventilated area and wear chemical resistant gloves 2) Protective eyewear must be worn when handling thiabendazole. 3) Do not mix with bare hands. 4) Keep out of reach of children. 5) Use good personal hygiene, washing hands and exposed skin before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet; no food, drink, or tobacco may be allowed in areas of chemical storage or use. 6) May be harmful if swallowed or absorbed through skin; wash exposed skin thoroughly with soap and water after use. 7) Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside; then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing. 8) The pesticide is toxic to fish. **DO NOT** apply directly to water or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. 9) Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwater. 10) Treated seed may be toxic to birds and other wildlife. Clean up any spilled seed. Ensure that treated seed is properly incorporated at planting. 11) Treated seed must not be used for food, feed or oil processing (leftover treated seed should not be stored, but should be double-sown around the headland). 12) **DO NOT** graze or feed livestock on treated fields for four (4) weeks after planting. 13) Manual seed treatment is prohibited under this Section 18 exemption. (14) Do not apply more than one application.

Seed Labeling: Treated seed must be labeled in accordance with the U.S. Seed Act as follows:

This seed treated with Thiabendazole at the manufacturer's recommended rate. Do not use for food, feed or oil purposes.

Use with an EPA-approved dye that imparts an unnatural color to the seed.

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