



The Labelling Handbook

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An Applicant's Guide to Labelling
Requirements for Plant Protection Products

Volume 3 - Requirements for Amateur
Product Labels

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1 INTRODUCTION TO AMATEUR PRODUCT LABELS

- 1.1 Amateur (also known as ‘home garden’) products are on retail sale to the public and are generally used around the home and in the home garden. Amateur users are not required to be trained in the use of pesticides and therefore the information on the label must be unambiguous and not presume any knowledge of such products and their use (as will be the case with professional products). As such, the format is simpler with the ‘Instructions for use’ including all the information that would be incorporated in the Important Information and ‘Directions for Use’ sections on a professional label.
- 1.2 Volume 1 of this Handbook provides guidance on requirements for all product labels.
- 1.3 This Volume 3 sets out additional requirements on how text on an Amateur Product Label must be presented. It is divided into several sections as follows:

Product Identity - Section 2

Safety Information: CLP labelling – Section 3

Safety Information: Safety Precautions – Section 4

Safety Information: Medical Advice – Section 5

Instructions for use – Section 6

- 1.4 **An example of a draft amateur label including Product Identity, and Safety Information is given in Appendix 3. Examples of Instructions for Use are at Appendix 8.**

Important note

The requirements and phrases listed below are the most up-to-date for a product authorised under Regulation 1107/2009. If your product was approved under COPR 1986 or PPPR 1995 on 14 June 2011 when the new Regulation came into force, then the previous labelling requirements will continue to apply unless we have issued an amendment authorisation until or we have reassessed your label in any future application.

2 PRODUCT IDENTITY

2.1 Introduction

Product Identity is not a specific discrete section on the label but consists of various information about the product and its use which will ensure that it is easy to identify what it is, what it contains and how it should be used.

The product identity includes the following information:

- product tradename
- product registration number
- authorisation holder and marketing company details
- formulation type
- amount and name of the active substance(s)
- net quantity of product
- product batch number/ date of manufacture
- Product use-by date
- biological use phrase
- statement of users obligation in following label instructions
- 'Use Pesticides Safely' warning

Guidance on each item is set out below.

2.2 Location of Product Identity information on the label

The information included in the Product Identity must appear on the Container Label and on any separate Leaflet supplied with the product and must be formatted in line with the requirements detailed below and those set out in Volume 1.

2.3 Product tradename

The tradename is the product name as specified on the Notice of Authorisation. It must be formatted such that it is clear to the user what the correct full tradename is. Whilst use of different sized fonts and colours for different parts of the tradename is acceptable, you must ensure that this would not confuse a user.

We will not consider trademark or copyright issues with respect to tradenames. This is the responsibility of the applicant. However, HSE reserves the right to request a different tradename where:

- it is likely to cause confusion with another product or with non-pesticide products
- it misrepresents the composition or intended use of the product
- it makes claims that are not supported by data

Further guidance on choosing an acceptable tradename is given in Volume 1/ Appendix 1.

2.4 Product registration number

This is the unique 5 digit identifying registration number given in the authorisation (currently prefixed with 'MAFF' or 'MAPP' depending on when we first allocated to a product) and this must appear in close proximity to the product tradename.

Where appropriate, this may appear on the back packaging label above the 'Safety Information' as an alternative to stating the product registration number on the front packaging label.

If your product registration number is currently prefixed with 'MAFF' this will be amended to 'MAPP' when the next authorisation for that product is issued.

2.5 Authorisation holder and marketing company details

The name and address of the authorisation holder, and if different, the name and address of the marketing company must appear.

A telephone number for the authorisation holder and/or the marketing company must also appear. If there are 2 different companies in these roles then you can choose to have both telephone numbers or just one. However, in any case the number must be a suitable contact number for users to obtain advice on the use of the product or report adverse incidents.

2.6 Formulation type

The formulation type based on standard GCPC definitions as specified in the authorisation should preferably be given in full (for example suspension concentrate rather than SC) in a 'contents statement' with the amount and name of the active substance(s) - see 2.7 below

2.7 Amount and name of the active substance(s)

The name and content of each active substance, as specified on the Notice of Authorisation, must be given (usually included in a single 'contents statement' with the formulation type - see 2.6 above).

Important Note

Labels for all organophosphorus and carbamate products require the following phrase to be included after the name of the active substance on the Main Area of the container label:

'[active substance] is an anticholinesterase organophosphate [or carbamate]. Handle with care'

2.8 Net quantity of product

The net quantity of the preparation in the container must appear (in accordance with the Weights and Measures Act). Where a number of smaller containers are packaged within a single outer, the outer should state how many, and what size, of the small packs are being supplied (this may be printed on the container itself rather than on the label area).

Important Note

The pack size of amateur products is limited to the maximum that would be used in a typical garden in one season as this helps to ensure that most products are used up within 1 or 2 seasons. In addition the maximum allowed for any concentrate product is 1 litre or 1kg. Larger sizes may be acceptable for ready-to-use products depending on the packaging design.

2.9 Product batch number/date of manufacture

The formulation batch number (or some means of identifying it) plus the date of manufacture must appear (this may be printed on the container itself rather than on the affixed label area).

2.10 Product use-by date

An appropriate 'use-by date' must appear if the 2 year storage stability data evaluated for authorisation indicates an acceptable shelf-life of less than 2 years.

2.11 Biological use phrase

Brief statement on biological use (for example 'For the control of aphids and red spider mites on apples').

This statement may use descriptive terms such as kills, controls, repels and eradicates, but these terms must be supported by appropriate data.

2.12 Field of use phrase

A statement specifying that this is an amateur (home-garden) product and its action. The phrase should read in capitals as 'FOR USE ONLY AS AN AMATEUR' followed by the appropriate actions from the following list:

- WEEDKILLER
- FUNGICIDE
- INSECTICIDE
- MOSSKILLER
- PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR
- ANIMAL REPELLENT
- BIRD REPELLENT
- HORMONE ROOTING POWDER
- HORMONE ROOTING MEDIUM
- LAWN TREATMENT
- ALGAE KILLER
- MITE KILLER
- SLUG KILLER
- SLUG AND SNAIL KILLER,
- SLUG AND SNAIL REPELLENT

Examples of field of use phrases include:

- FOR USE ONLY AS A AMATEUR WEEDKILLER (meaning applicable to an outdoor herbicide in edible crop situations).
- FOR USE ONLY AS A AMATEUR LAWN TREATMENT (meaning applicable to a weed control plus fertiliser product on lawns).
- FOR USE ONLY AS AN AMATEUR MOSSKILLER (meaning applicable to a moss control product on patios and other hard surfaces)

2.13 'Use Pesticides Safely' warning

All amateur pesticide products must carry the following short message on the front of the pack:

USE PESTICIDES SAFELY. READ THE LABEL.

This phrase should be in bold type, upper case and white text on black background. The font type should be Helvetica Neue Bold Condensed.

For a pack with a front facing label under 100mm wide, the minimum font size should be 9pt.

For a pack with a front facing label between 101-200mm wide, the minimum font size should be 13.5pt.

For a pack with a front facing label over 200mm wide, the minimum font size should be 18pt.

You can find [images for label printing](#) on the HSE website.

2.14 Child and Pet Pictorial Labelling

Full details of the use of the 'Child/Pet Logo' on amateur product labels are set out in section 5.7 of Volume 1 and in [Regulatory Update 03/2010 on the National Archives website](#).

You can find [images for label printing](#) on the HSE website.

3 CLP CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 Plant protection product (PPP) labels must comply with legislation on classification and labelling of chemicals under the Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulation 1272/2008. This implements in the UK the United Nations' Globally Harmonised System (GHS) for classification and labelling.

3.1.2 CLP classification is part of Safety Information and must appear on the Container Label and on any separate Leaflet supplied with the product formatted in line with the requirements detailed below and those set out in Volume 1. Only symbols and phrases which are appropriate to the product must be used. You should justify your choice of symbols and phrases when making an application. [Guidance on CLP classification and labelling](#) is on our website. This section provides advice on:

- a) How a CLP classification for health effects will determine whether an authorisation may be granted for an amateur product- see 3.2. below; and
- b) How to format the required CLP information on an amateur PPP label- see 3.3. and 3.4 below.

3.2 Classification/personal protective equipment and amateur products

3.2.1 UK authorisation for amateur products is dependent on the classification of the product and whether the risk assessment shows that the product can only be used safely with personal protective clothing (PPE). Therefore, authorisation will not be given in the following cases:

- a) The product is classified for any of the following health effects under CLP:
 - Acute toxicity hazard category Categories 1 and 2 (for example Fatal if ...)
 - Acute toxicity hazard category 3 (for example Toxic if ...)
 - Carcinogenicity, hazard category 1A or 1B;
 - Reproductive toxicity, hazard category 1A 1B
 - Germ cell mutagenicity, hazard categories 1A or 1B
 - Specific target organ toxicity after single exposure Cat 1, for example causes damage to organs...

- Skin corrosion hazard Cat 1A, 1B or 1C (Causes severe skin burns and eye damage)
- b) Where a risk assessment demonstrates that PPE is required for safe use of the product. This usually means that products classified as follows are unlikely to be authorised as home garden products unless our risk assessment shows safe use without PPE (meaning no exposure when product supplied in a water-soluble sachet).
- Eye damage, hazard category 1, for example (Causes serious eye damage)
 - Skin sensitisation, Cat 1, 1a, 1b, for example (May cause an allergic skin reaction)
 - Respiratory sensitisation Cat 1, 1a, 1b, for example (May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled)

Other classified amateur products may still be authorised if our risk assessment shows safe use without PPE (meaning no exposure when product supplied in a water-soluble sachet).

3.3 Location of CLP information on the label

3.3.1 CLP has requirements on the information that must appear on classified products. However, they do not explicitly specify location and presentation (other than to define the size and colour of the hazard symbols/pictograms and that symbols/phrases must be in close proximity. The classification is a fundamental part of the Safety Information so all information relating to CLP should ideally appear on the Main Area of the label if space is available.

3.3.2 The basic information under CLP that must appear on any classified product plus comments is detailed below. Note that in addition to the classification and labelling components not covered by the PPP Regulation 1107/2009, there is other required information which duplicates that required by 1107/2009:

	CLP	PPP requirements
1	Tradenname	Tradenname is already required on a PPP label

2	Name, address and telephone number of the supplier	Authorisation holder and marketing company if different are already required on a PPP label.
3	Identity of all substances in the mixture that contribute to a classification of acute toxicity, skin corrosion or serious eye damage, germ cell mutagenicity, carcinogenicity, reproductive toxicity, respiratory or skin sensitisation, specific target organ toxicity (STOT) or aspiration hazard.	The active substance must always appear on the PPP label.
4	Hazard pictograms, signal words	-
5	Hazard precautionary statements, supplemental information	Similar and other phrases are required in the label 'SAFETY PRECAUTIONS- see Section 4.
6	For preparations intended for sale to the general public, the nominal quantity	The weight or volume of the PPP must always appear on the PP label.
7	EUH401 — 'To avoid risks to human health and the environment, comply with the instructions for use'	The phrase must appear on all amateur products even if they are not subject to CLP classification.

3.3.3 Most of the CLP requirements must already appear on a PPP label and should continue to appear in the formats given elsewhere in this Handbook.

3.3.4 The phrases and symbols (4, 5 and 7 above) and the formulation constituents (3 above) are the additional CLP information that must appear on the PPP label. We do not have a set format for presentation of this information but we suggest that it appear boxed and it must be on the Main Area of the label.

- 3.3.5 An example of such a ‘CLP box’ is given below. You may utilise any other format as long as it complies with both the requirements of CLP and the guidance on PPP labels in this Labelling Handbook.

(a) Example of an amateur product ‘CLP Box’



Warning

Causes serious eye irritation

Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand

Keep out of reach of children

Wash hands thoroughly after handling

Wear eye protection

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.

Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do - continue rinsing

If eye irritation persists get medical advice/attention

Dispose of unused product in its container at a household waste site (civic amenity site). Contact your local council (local authority) for details. Dispose of empty container in the dustbin

To avoid risks to human health and the environment comply with the instructions for use

3.4 Options if CLP phrases duplicate other phrases required on the label

Some phrases which were historically required on PPP labels in the ‘Safety Precautions’ are now also specified under CLP (as P statements). Where these phrases must appear as CLP requirements they need not be duplicated elsewhere on the label. For example the phrase KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN may have been historically specified as a precautionary phrase on PPPs, but if it is also a requirement of CLP (P102) and appears in the ‘CLP box’, then there is no need to repeat the phrase in the ‘Safety Precautions’ section. You should note that if

the phrases differ in any way it may not be appropriate to delete the phrase from the 'Safety Precautions' section. For example if the PPP authorisation requires the phrase 'KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN **AND PETS**'.

Important Note

Phrases historically required under COPR but are not a requirement of CLP s should remain on the product label to ensure safe use (unless they are **identical** to a CLP phrase).

4 SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 In addition to the CLP requirements, we may require a number of UK specific safety phrases to appear in the Safety Instructions section to ensure safe storage, use and disposal of the product.

4.1.2 These may include phrases set out in Annex III to Regulation 1107/2009 (the 'Annex III phrases') if the risk assessment has been carried out under that Regulation (see Volume 2/ Appendix 2*) Such additional phrases must be listed in the Safety Instructions section.

* Note that we have included the list of Annex III phrases in Volume 2 on professional products because usually (but not always) they will apply to such products. One exception is the SP1 phrase 'Do not contaminate water with the product or its container' which must appear in the Safety Instructions of all amateur products.

4.2 Location and format of Safety Instructions

4.2.1 The Safety Instructions represent key safety information and should appear on the Main Area of the label, and any separate leaflet supplied with the product.

4.2.2 It must have a major heading **SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS** in bold capitals with the following subheadings in bold using upper and lower text as shown:

- **Protection during/in use**
- **Other general protection**
- **Environmental protection**
- **Storage and disposal**

The precautionary phrases must appear under the appropriate subheading. Any sub-heading(s) need not appear if there no required phrases.

4.2.3 The actual safety phrases must be presented as either a mixture of upper and lower case (as specified in Appendix 1 to this Volume) or alternatively a combination of **bold** (in place of upper case) and normal font may be used. Clarity to the reader is of key importance. We prefer that each phrase appears as a separate line of text. However, where space constraints dictate, they may follow on the same line as long as individual phrases are clearly differentiated from one another.

4.2.4 You must suggest appropriate phrases when submitting the draft label. These should be based on the assessment for the product/uses, and may consider phrases used on similar products. We will clarify which phrases are needed after we have conducted our evaluation, specifying any changes required via label amendments issued with the authorisation. To help you decide which phrases may be appropriate we have provided details of standard phrases and the situations where they might be used later in this Volume.

4.3 Protection During/In Use Safety Instructions

Precautions to be followed to ensure the safe use of the product – various examples can be found in Appendix 1 to this Volume including ones that are obligatory for all amateur products.

4.4 Other General Protection Safety Instructions

Precautions to be followed to ensure the protection of persons likely to come into contact with treated material after application has occurred – various examples can be found in Appendix 1 to this Volume.

4.5 Environmental Protection Safety Instructions

Precautions to be followed to ensure the protection of the environment (meaning water, soil and air) and non-target organisms (such as fish and other aquatic life, bees, livestock and game) - various examples can be found in Appendix 1 to this Volume, including those that are obligatory for all amateur products. Several of the Regulation 1107/2009 Annex III phrases fall into this category, and some have been tailored to reflect UK specific requirements.

4.6 Storage and disposal Safety Instructions

These are the precautions to be followed to ensure safety of product in storage and reflect good disposal practices - various examples can be found in Appendix 1 to this Volume.

5 MEDICAL ADVICE

- 5.1 Where the toxicity of the product justifies it, statements on First Aid and Guide to Doctor or Poisons Centre must appear. This Medical Advice must appear as appropriate in the Safety Instructions (if a precautionary phrase) or as a separate section on the Container Label and any separate Leaflet.
- 5.2 Examples of standard statements for certain active substances (Organophosphate pesticides, Dinitro compounds, Anticoagulant rodenticides, Cyanides and Carbamates) are given in Appendix 7 of Volume 2, along with details of the UK National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) Centres. For other products if it is considered that medical advice is appropriate, this will be required as part of the authorised text and requested as an amendment on the Notice of Authorisation. Other wording must not be used unless we have given prior agreement. Where Medical Advice is considered necessary, you should present this on the draft label for our consideration.

6 INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

6.1 Introduction

The Instructions for Use section contains all the other authorised text required for safe and efficacious use. For example crops and pests/weeds controlled, dose rates, numbers of treatments, timings, (including pre-harvest intervals), mixing and spraying advice, specific safety and efficacy restrictions or warnings about use.

You should refer to the 'Crop Definitions List' guidance on our website for advice on the appropriate way of defining crops and situations of use when you submit your draft label.

6.2 Location of Instructions for Use

The Instructions for Use should appear on the Container Label and on any separate Leaflet supplied with the product. However, where space constraints dictate, they may appear on the Leaflet only, providing a suitable phrase directs the user to where they may be found (full guidance on the presentation of Container Labels and Leaflet is given in Volume 1/ Section 4).

6.3 Format of Instructions for Use

- 6.3.1 The section must be headed with **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE** in bold capitals and the text underneath should be set normally. For example in capitals and lower case as appropriate. All subheadings must be distinct from the main **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE** heading.
- 6.3.2 We prefer standard formats for the Instructions for Use, because this encourages familiarity of the user with all labels. However we allow some flexibility in format and have therefore provided some examples to use as a basis for your label.
- 6.3.3 **Instructions and guidance for amateur uses should be written in a way which may be understood by a lay person.** They may need to be simpler than that appearing on similar professional product labels. However the guidance given on professional labelling could be used as a starting point as it may provide useful guidance relevant to the amateur situation. For amateur products, guidance on doses/application rates may need to be very carefully worded, especially for products such as slug pellets. The user must be able to determine the dose without resorting to sophisticated weighing equipment.
- 6.3.4 It is acknowledged that not all labels can be drafted to fit into a set format. Some require extensive information whereas others require only brief instructions; however by adopting a common format, labels should become easier to understand by the user. The most important aspect is that labels should be logical and consistent with clear headings and sub-headings.

6.3.5 Two different but acceptable formats are given in Appendix 2 to this Volume.

Appendix 1 – Examples of Safety Instruction phrases

1 Protection during/in use phrase

1.1 Compulsory for products containing anticholinesterase organophosphate or carbamate active substances. If required, this phrase must be the first phrase in the 'Protection during/in use' section):

This product contains an anticholinesterase organophosphate (or carbamate or carbomoyl triazole). DO NOT USE if under medical advice not to work with such compounds.

1.2 May be required as appropriate:

- a) AVOID ALL CONTACT BY MOUTH
- b) KEEP OFF SKIN/AWAY FROM EYES
- c) WASH OFF SPLASHES (IMMEDIATELY)
- d) DO NOT BREATHE SPRAY/MIST/VAPOUR/DUST/FUMES
- e) WASH HANDS/AND EXPOSED SKIN/AFTER USE/HANDLING

2 Other general protection phrases

May be required as appropriate

- a) DO NOT SPRAY/APPLY DIRECTLY ON FOOD/FOOD CROPS.
- b) DO NOT PICK/GATHER FOOD CROPS WITHIN hours/days of treatment (where the product is authorised for use on food crops).

3 Environmental protection phrases

3.1 For all amateur products:

- a) Do not contaminate water with the product or its container.
- b) Do not empty into drains.

3.2 May be appropriate depending on the risk assessment:

- a) Direct spray away from ponds and other surface water bodies.
- b) Remove/cover fish bowls/fish tanks/caged birds/pets before application.
- c) DO NOT USE OUTDOORS.

- d) Dangerous to bees. To protect bees and pollinating insects do not apply to plants when in flower. Do not use where bees are actively foraging. Do not apply when flowering weeds are present.
- e) Risk to non-target insects or other arthropods

4 Storage and disposal phrases

4.1 For all amateur products:

- a) KEEP PRODUCT IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER, tightly closed, in a safe place.
- b) KEEP PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN AND PETS or KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN AND PETS.
- c) KEEP AWAY FROM FOOD AND DRINK or KEEP AWAY FROM FOOD, DRINK AND ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS.
- d) **For products sold in sachets:**

DO NOT STORE half-used sachets.

For label clarity, a distinction must be drawn between safety phrases concerning storage (for example 'keep out of reach of children and pets') and those directed at 'after use' (for example 'keep children and pets away from treated area until granules have been watered in'). Storage safety phrases must be in the 'storage and disposal' section of the label, and the 'after use' phrases must be in the 'Instructions for Use' section of the label.

4.2 For all amateur products (except those containing ferrous sulphate alone or ferrous sulphate + fertiliser):

- a) Dispose of unused product in its container at a household waste site (civic amenity site). Contact your local council (local authority) for details. This phrase may be accompanied by a crossed-out dustbin symbol.
- b) **For 'concentrate' products (for example those diluted before use):**

Dispose of empty container in the dustbin.

- c) **For 'ready-to-use' products (including aerosol containers):**

'Dispose of empty container by recycling'

4.3 For all amateur products containing ferrous sulphate alone or ferrous sulphate + fertilizer:

- a) Unused product in its container may be disposed of in the dustbin.
- b) Dispose of empty container by recycling'

4.4 For all amateur products supplied in refillable containers:

DO NOT RE-USE CONTAINER FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

4.5 For all amateur slug pellet products containing metaldehyde, methiocarb or any other bait-based products of equivalent toxicity (on the front of the label):

SINCE THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS [active substance], WHICH CAN KILL IF EATEN, IT MUST BE KEPT AWAY FROM CHILDREN AND PETS.

Important Note

It is not appropriate for slug pellets products to have a child/pet logo – see Volume 1/ Section 5.6 for further guidance on the use of artwork.

Appendix 2 - Examples of Instructions for Use formats

Applicants are encouraged to present the Instructions for Use section in one of the following two formats (specified headings do not need to appear if no relevant information is being presented).

1 **Format 1**

- 1.1 This is a suggested format for an amateur product which is used to control a pest or group of pests in one crop or a group of crops where the majority of the information is the same. It is suggested that the required information be presented under the following subject headings (or similar) below the main heading 'INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE.

When to use

Details of when to use a product should appear first on an amateur label to enable users to easily locate the appropriate product for their needs. There should be a clear statement of the weeds, pests or diseases controlled and this should be followed by brief general advice on the optimum time to use the product, for example time of year or plant growth stage.

On an amateur product guidance on any restrictions should appear immediately after the statement of the weed, pest or disease controlled. It should enable the user to easily establish when use of the product would not be appropriate. For example: Do not use on lawns; Do not use on desired plants; Do not spray open

Where to use

This section should provide specific information relating to each crop, such as dose, timings and varieties. This may be achieved with one simple section (where there is only one crop or where all the crops may be treated the same), or a number of sections covering the information (for a range of crops). Alternatively a simple table may be used with general information appearing afterwards. As a rule this section should follow only one format to avoid confusion.

How to use

A section covering mixing and application instructions should appear next. This section should include information on doses and water volumes (if not specified for each crop in the crop specific information section), application methods (for example watering can, sprayer or a particular type of lawn spreader) and any specific information such as the need to not let the mixture stand, spray quality (fine, coarse) and advice to clean the applicator after use. It may be appropriate to

include guidance on how to measure or mark out areas to ensure accurate application.

Where additional action on the part of the user is required, this should be detailed. In the case of a mosskiller for example this could include advice on scarifying and improving drainage. In the case of certain herbicides it could include the need to wait for a specified period before digging-in weeds or planting the following crop.

1.2 An example of this format is as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

WHEN TO USE

Weedkiller Y is applied to control a range of weeds in lawns including moss, dandelion, daisy, plantain and creeping buttercup. It is most effective when applied to actively growing weeds in the spring.

WHERE TO USE

For use on lawns

Do not apply to lawns sown or turfed less than six months ago

Do not apply within three days before or after mowing.

Do not apply under drought conditions, if frost is expected or if the lawn is waterlogged.

Do not apply in mixture with other weedkillers.

Do not exceed the recommended dose.

HOW TO USE

Mix 25 ml of Weedkiller Y in 20 litres of water and apply to 15 m² of lawn using a sprayer or watering can fitted with a fine rose or dribble bar. Ensure complete and even coverage but avoid overdosing. If rain does not fall within three days, water the lawn lightly. A repeat application can be made after six weeks if required but do not apply more than twice in any three month period.

When moss has turned black, affected areas should be raked to remove dead moss. Re-occurrence of moss can be minimised by improving drainage.

Grass clippings must be composted for at least six months before being used as a mulch.

2 Format 2

2.1 Relatively few amateur products need to have complex labels (usually there are not large numbers of uses and instructions). However where the layouts described in Format 1 above would make the label difficult to write or understand a tabular format is suggested. An example of where this might be appropriate is a label for an insecticide used on many crops for the control of a number of different pests with several crop/pest combinations, each with specific recommended application regimes.

2.2 An example of this format is as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

WHEN TO USE

Insecticide Y controls aphids on vegetable plants, bedding plants and shrubs (including roses) and aphids, capsid and caterpillars on apple.

WHERE AND HOW TO USE

Crop	Pest	Maximum dose per litre of water	Timing
Bedding plants	Aphids (greenfly and blackfly)	5 ml	Spray when aphid colonies seen
Shrubs and roses		10 ml	Treat roses as soon as aphids are seen. Treat other shrubs when aphid numbers increase
Peas and beans		10ml	Treat once if aphids are present before the end of flowering.

Cabbage, Brussels sprouts		15 ml	Treat up to three times at 14 day intervals. Latest time of application 5 days before harvest
Apple		10 ml	Treat once before flowering and once after petal fall.
Apple	Capsid	15 ml	Treat once if capsids are seen preflowering.
Apple	Caterpillars	10 ml	Treat once in June/July if caterpillars are seen on developing fruitlets
Strawberry	Vine weevil	50 ml	Using a watering can, apply as a drench to the crown of the plants at a dose of 1 litre per 3 metres of row as soon as adult weevils are seen or leaf notching is seen on most leaves. Latest time of application 5days before harvest

For all the above crops except strawberry, apply as a fine spray to thoroughly wet foliage but not so that the leaves are dripping. Wash equipment thoroughly after use.

Do not apply to Fuchsia or Clematis.

Do not apply directly to open blossoms as spotting may result.

Appendix 3: Draft amateur label example

PRODUCT X *Product tradename - formatted such that is clear to the user what the full tradename is.*

A suspension concentrate formulation containing 50 g/l Active A and 20 g/l Active B. *Formulation type and amount of active substance(s).*

MAPP XXXXX *Registration number – may appear on the back of the label.*

For the control of a range of weeds in lawns including moss, dandelion, daisy, plantain and creeping buttercup. *Biological use phrase*

FOR USE ONLY AS A HOME GARDEN WEEDKILLER *Field of use phrase.*

Pack size and batch number. *Both may be printed on the container itself rather than on the label.*

This product covers approximately XXXX square metres. *The pack size is limited to what would be used up in a typical garden in one season.*

Marketing company and/or approval holder details:
Name: XXXXX
Address: XXXXX
Tel: XXXXX *Statement of users obligation to follow label instructions.*

TO AVOID RISKS TO MAN AND THE ENVIRONMENT, COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

WHEN TO USE

Product X is applied to control a range of weeds in lawns including moss, dandelion, daisy, plantain and creeping buttercup. It is most effective when applied to actively growing weeds in the spring.

WHERE TO USE

For use on lawns

Do not apply to lawns sown or turfed less than six months ago.
Do not apply within three days before or after mowing.
Do not apply under drought conditions, if frost is expected or if the lawn is waterlogged.
Do not apply in mixture with other weedkillers.
Do not exceed the recommended dose.

HOW TO USE

Mix 25 ml of Product X in 20 litres of water and apply to 15 m² of lawn using a sprayer or watering can fitted with a fine rose or dribble bar. Ensure complete and even coverage but avoid overdosing. If rain does not fall within three days, water the lawn lightly. A repeat application can be made after six weeks if required but do not apply more than twice in any three month period. When moss has turned black, affected areas should be raked to remove dead moss. Re-occurrence of moss can be minimised by improving drainage. Grass clippings must be composted for at least six months before being used as a mulch.

The standard heading and subheadings must appear. Where space is limited the information may be signposted to a separate leaflet providing a suitable phrase directs the user to where they may be found.



Classification – including symbols and PH phrases under CLP Reg 1272/2008. Note that in this example the P-phases have been included in the Safety Instructions. Otherwise they could be included in a separate CLP box as in Section 3.2

Warning

Harmful if swallowed
Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Protection during/in use

AVOID ALL CONTACT BY MOUTH

Wash hands thoroughly after handling

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.

Rinse mouth

If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand

Environmental protection

Do not empty into drains

Do not contaminate water with the product or its container

Storage and disposal

KEEP PRODUCT IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER, tightly closed in a safe place.

Dispose of contents / container to a licensed hazardous-waste collection site except for empty containers which can be disposed of in the dustbin. Contact your local council (local authority) for details.

PROTECT FROM FROST

KEEP AWAY FROM FOOD, DRINK AND ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS.

KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN AND PETS.

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