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READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING

Soccer[®] 700 WG

HERBICIDE

Active Constituent: 700 g/kg METRIBUZIN

GROUP C HERBICIDE

For selective weed control in sugarcane as indicated in the DIRECTIONS FOR USE table

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Soccer is effective against a range of broadleaf weeds and some grasses. Soccer is absorbed by roots, shoots and leaves of weeds. It can therefore be applied before or after weeds emerge depending on the tolerance of the crop being treated. For recently introduced varieties DO NOT use Soccer unless it is ascertained that the variety to be treated shows sufficient tolerance to the treatment under local climatic conditions.

Crop Safety

When tank mixing Soccer 700 WG with diuron 500 SC or diuron 900 WG, users are advised to read the diuron label in full, particularly when applying over the top of cane up to the 3 leaf stage.

Resistant Weeds Warning

Soccer 700 WG Herbicide is a member of the triazinone group of herbicides and has the Inhibitor of photosynthesis at photosystem II mode-of-action. For weed resistance management the product is a Group C herbicide. Some naturally occurring weed biotypes resistant to the product and other Group C herbicides may exist through normal genetic variability in any weed population. The resistant individuals can eventually dominate the weed population if these herbicides are used repeatedly. These resistant weeds will not be controlled by the product or other Group C herbicides.

Since the occurrence of resistant weeds is difficult to detect prior to use, Bayer CropScience Pty. Ltd. accepts no liability for any losses that may result from the failure of the product to control resistant weeds.

Large numbers of healthy surviving weeds can be an indication that resistance is developing. Efforts should be made to prevent seed set of the survivors.

If the user suspects that a Group C resistant weed is present, Soccer 700 WG or other Group C herbicides should not be used.

Strategies to minimise the risk of herbicide resistance are available. Consult your farm chemical supplier, consultant, local Department of Agriculture or Primary Industries, or local Bayer CropScience representative.

Export Of Treated Produce

Growers should note that MRLs or import tolerances do not exist in all markets for edible produce treated with Soccer 700 WG Herbicide. If you are growing edible produce for export, please check with Bayer CropScience Pty. Ltd. for the latest information on MRLs and import tolerances before using Soccer 700 WG Herbicide.

Compatibility

In sugarcane, Soccer 700 WG is compatible with Balance[®], Nuquat[®], Gramoxone[®] 250, Amicide 625, Actril[®] DS, Viking[®] 500 SC, diuron 500 SC, diuron 900 WG, Stomp[®], Tordon[®] 75D, Agral[®] 600 and Spraymate[™] Activator. DO NOT mix concentrates together but add each to the spray tank separately. As formulations of other manufacturers' products are beyond the control of Bayer CropScience Pty. Ltd., all mixtures should be tested prior to mixing commercial quantities. As changes in climatic conditions can alter the sensitivity of plants to mixtures of sprays, Bayer CropScience cannot be responsible for the behaviour of such mixtures.

Mixing

Soccer 700 WG Herbicide is a water dispersible granule formulation to be mixed with water and applied as a spray. Before spraying calibrate equipment to determine the quantity of water necessary to uniformly cover the measured area to be treated. Carefully weigh the amount of Soccer 700 WG required and add to partially filled spray tank with agitation operating. Top up to the correct volume with water. **THE MATERIAL MUST BE KEPT IN SUSPENSION AT ALL TIMES BY CONTINUOUS AGITATION.** In tank mixes Soccer 700 WG must be in suspension before adding the companion herbicide, insecticide, spray adjuvant or liquid fertiliser.

Application Instructions

DO NOT apply in less than 250 L/ha of spray mixture. Soil should preferably be slightly moist at application. Incorporation by rain or irrigation from 2 to 7 days after application is best for optimum results in sugarcane in hot and high UV radiation environments. Soil must not be cloddy or have excessive crop residue from a preceding crop. Trash blankets must be thoroughly compacted and broken down for any pre-emergence efficacy. Do not apply by aircraft.

Droplet size

Apply with medium to coarse spray droplets according to the ASAE S572 definition for standard nozzle.

Sprayer cleanup

Spray equipment should be cleaned immediately after use by thoroughly flushing several times with water, including nozzles, filters and pre-mixing equipment.

RE-ENTRY

Do not allow entry into treated areas for 72 hours. When prior entry is necessary wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist and a washable hat and chemical resistant gloves. Clothing must be laundered after each days use.

PROTECTION OF CROPS, NATIVE AND OTHER NON-TARGET PLANTS

Prevent drift of spray to sensitive plants. Keep from contact with fertilisers, insecticides, fungicides and seeds. Thoroughly clean all traces of Soccer 700 WG from application equipment immediately after use.

DO NOT apply under weather conditions, or from spraying equipment, that may cause spray to drift onto nearby susceptible plants/crops, cropping lands or pastures.

Crop Rotations

To minimise risk to follow-on sensitive crops it is advisable to work land thoroughly before planting these crops into fields treated previously with Soccer. Do not plant beetroot, brassicas, capsicums, cotton, cucurbits, lettuce, onions or sunflowers within 12 months of application of Soccer 700 WG. A longer period may be required following long dry periods between crops.

PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE, FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND ENVIRONMENT

Dangerous to aquatic organisms. DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers or waterways with the chemical or used containers. After application of metribuzin, DO NOT irrigate crop to the point of run-off unless it can be retained on farm.

DO NOT apply within 30 metres of a downwind waterway for all ground spray applications without droppers.

DO NOT apply within 75 metres of downwind non-target vegetation for all ground spray applications without droppers.

Run-off water (irrigation or natural precipitation) from treated fields should be prevented from entering natural waterways where possible. Vegetative buffer zones between treated fields and natural waterways are recommended. Headlands and spoon drains should be well maintained so that runoff flow is not accelerated. Steady gradients, even profiles and grassed surfaces on headlands and drains reduce off farm movement of runoff.

Application should be planned to avoid runoff within 48 hours of application. Application should not be made to wet/waterlogged soils. Application should not be made if heavy rains are expected within 48 hours. Irrigations should not occur within 48 hours of application.

Risk to Beneficial Insects

Metribuzin may have adverse effects on some beneficial insects, in particular where IPM is practised, to foliage dwelling predators.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Store in the closed, original container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. The method of disposal of the container depends on the container type. Read the 'STORAGE AND DISPOSAL' instructions on the label that is attached to the container.

SAFETY DIRECTIONS

Harmful if inhaled or swallowed. Will irritate the eyes and skin. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Do not inhale dust or spray mist. Repeated minor exposure may have a cumulative poisoning effect. When opening the container and preparing spray wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist and a washable hat and elbow-length PVC gloves and full face-piece respirator with dust cartridge or canister. Wash hands after use.

FIRST AID

If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26).

SAFETY DATA SHEET

Additional information is listed in the Material Safety Data Sheet, which can be obtained from www.bayercropscience.com.au.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

This product must be used strictly as directed, and in accordance with all instructions appearing on the label and in other reference material. So far as it is lawfully able to do so, Bayer CropScience Pty Ltd accepts no liability or responsibility for loss or damage arising from failure to follow such directions and instructions.

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DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Restrictions:

DO NOT apply until soil is well wetted by the first good soil settling rain.

DO NOT spray plants under stress from drought, waterlogging, frost or disease.

DO NOT allow spray mix to stand overnight.

DO NOT apply more than a total of 2.2 kg of Soccer 700 WG per hectare in any field per season for sugarcane.

CROP/ SITUATION	WEEDS	STATE	RATE	CRITICAL COMMENTS
Sugarcane PLANT CANE (up to 3 leaf stage)	Amaranth, apple of Peru, awnless barnyard grass, bluetop, crowsfoot grass, fat hen, gooseberry, green summer grass, noogoora burr, potato weed, shepherd's purse, sowthistle, summer grass	Qld, NSW, WA only	700 g to 2.2 kg/ha	<p><i>Soccer can be used alone or in mixtures with other residual herbicides. Control of difficult species can be improved in tank mixtures.</i></p> <p>Use the higher rates for extended residual control.</p> <p>Do not use Soccer at this stage for plant crops grown on very light sandy soil.</p> <p>For conventional planting, ensure that the drill profile is broadly shaped so that loose soil slippage from the sides will not occur.</p>
	Black pigweed, caltrop, <i>Ipomoea</i> spp. (bellvine, convolvulus, Star of Bethlehem), pigweed		850 g to 2.2 kg/ha	<p>Spray as a broadcast or band spray, ensuring even coverage of the soil surface.</p> <p>If applied as a band spray, direct the spray band so that it is centred over the row. For banded applications, weeds germinating in the untreated soil away from the band will need to be controlled by cultivation at the later workings.</p> <p>DO NOT disturb treated soil surface after application.</p> <p>DO NOT apply in less than 250 L/ha of spray mixture.</p> <p>If weeds are larger than the 2-leaf stage at application, add a suitable contact herbicide. Refer to the Compatibility section.</p> <p>Soil should be slightly moist at application, preferably to the soil surface. A crust of dry soil at application may adversely affect results. Incorporation by rain or irrigation within 7 days after application is necessary for best results. Use the higher rates in soils with heavy clay and/or high organic matter content.</p>

CROP/ SITUATION	WEEDS	STATE	RATE	CRITICAL COMMENTS
Sugarcane PLANT CANE (final hilling until "out of hand" stage) RATOON CANE (after harvest until "out of hand" stage)	Amaranth, apple of Peru, awnless barnyard grass, black pigweed, bluetop, caltrop, crowfoot grass, fat hen, gooseberry, green summer grass, noogoora burr, pigweed, potato weed, shepherd's purse, sowthistle, summer grass <i>Ipomoea</i> spp. (bellvine, convolvulus, Star of Bethlehem)	Qld, NSW, WA only	850 g to 2.2 kg/ha 1.6 kg to 2.2 kg/ha	<i>Soccer can be used alone or in mixtures with other residual herbicides. Control of difficult species can be improved in tank mixtures.</i> Apply as directed sprays so that the inter-row areas are completely and evenly sprayed. Use the higher rates for extended residual control. DO NOT disturb treated soil surface after application. DO NOT apply in less than 250 L/ha of spray mixture. Soil should be slightly moist at application, preferably to the soil surface. A crust of dry soil at application may adversely affect results. Incorporation by rain or irrigation within 7 days after application is necessary for best results. If weeds are established at the time of application, add a suitable contact herbicide. Refer to the Compatibility section. Do not apply over green cane trash blanket before it is thoroughly broken down. Use the higher rates in soils with heavy clay and/or high organic matter content.
PLANT CANE RATOON CANE (application post emergence after crop canopy closure)	Amaranth, bluetop, <i>Ipomoea</i> spp. (bellvine, convolvulus, Star of Bethlehem)	Qld, NSW, WA only	700 g to 1.1 kg/ha	Using appropriate high-clearance or inter-row equipment, apply as directed sprays, using droppers so that the inter-row areas are completely and evenly sprayed. Use the higher rates when weed growth is advanced. Mix with a suitable contact herbicide at an appropriate rate. Refer to the Compatibility section. Spray before climbing broadleaf weeds, such as vines, are taller than the spray nozzle height. Good coverage of growing tips of vine weeds is necessary for adequate control. DO NOT apply in less than 250 L/ha of spray mixture. Soil should be slightly moist at application, preferably to the soil surface. A crust of dry soil at application may adversely affect results. Incorporation by rain or irrigation within 7 days after application is necessary for best results.

NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE, OR IN ANY MANNER, CONTRARY TO THIS LABEL UNLESS AUTHORISED UNDER APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION

WITHHOLDING PERIODS:

Harvest

Sugarcane: DO NOT HARVEST FOR 21 WEEKS AFTER APPLICATION

Grazing

Sugarcane: NOT REQUIRED WHEN USED AS DIRECTED