

# **MOLLUSCICIDE**

# Pelleted bait

PCS 04959

FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY

STORE IN A COOL, DRY PLACE



# Ingredients

Also contains: Also contains calcium hydroxide.



A ready-for-use, pelleted bait for the reduction of slug and snail damage in agricultural and horticultural



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Crop	Maximum individual dose (kg product/ha)	Maximum total dose (kg product/ha)	Latest time of application
Potato	6	12	GS 97 (3 days before harvest)
Wheat, barley, oats, rye & triticale	6	12	GS 29 (60 days before harvest)
Strawberry (out- door)	6	12	GS 41
Sugar & fodder beet	6	12	GS 19 (90 days before harvest)
Cauliflower, Brussels sprout, broccoli	6	12	GS 49 (7 days before harvest)
Beans, peas	6	12	GS 50 (21 days before harvest
Oilseed rape	6	12	GS 19 (90 days before harvest)
Ornamentals	6	12	-

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WARNING: Keep secure at all times. This product may be attractive to animals.

In the event of emergency, call the National Poisons Information Centre, Beaumont Hospital on 01 809 2166 or 01 837 9964 (8am - 10pm 7 days a week) or the UK **National Chemical Emergency** Centre on +44 (0)1865 407333 (24 hours, 7 days a week).

### SAFETY INFORMATION

the instructions for use.

Causes serious eye damage. Suspected of damaging fertility. Keep out of reach of children. Obtain special instructions before use.

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection & face protection.

IF IN EYES: rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.

Danger

Store locked up.
If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at

Dispose of contents/container to a licensed hazardous waste disposal contractor or collection site except for triple rinsed empty, clean containers which can be disposed of as non-hazardous waste. To avoid risks to human health and the environment, comply with

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  Fully recyclable Accepted by all of the major
- Truity recyclisate Accepted by all of the major recycling and waste disposal companies.
   Not classified as hazerdous waste Empty pockaging can be treated as a triple rinsed container.
   Easy to store Packs can be stacked safely due to the unique antislip technology.



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#### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

IMPORTANT: This information is approved as part of the Product Label. All instructions within this section must be read carefully in order to obtain safe and successful use of this product.

### **RATE OF APPLICATION**

#### All crops

Gusto 3 is applied at 6 kg product per hectare.

The maximum total dose must not exceed 12 kg of product per hectare per year.

In high risk situations, where additional treatments against slugs are necessary beyond the permissible 360 g of metaldehyde per hectare per year total dose, use an alternative slug control product not containing metaldehyde.

### **APPLICATION**

#### **Broadcast application**

Apply using a fertiliser distributor or a purpose made granule applicator. Small areas may be treated by hand or hand-held equipment. Calibrate all equipment before use.

Crop	Timing/method	
Cereals	Pre-drilling Apply to the prepared seed bed and leave 4-7 days before drilling. Post-drilling Broadcast as soon as damage is seen or indicated by test baiting.	
Oilseed rape	Broadcast shortly after drilling.	
Sugar beet Fodder beet	Broadcast evenly over the soil surface when slugs and snails are active preferably before crop damage occurs.	
Other agri- cultural and horticultur- al crops	Broadcast evenly over the soil surface when slugs and snails are active preferably before crop damage occurs. See Note on 'late application to broad-leaved plants' under the heading 'Important' below.	

#### Slug Trapping

To establish the need for pellet application on winter wheat or winter oilseed rape, monitor for slug activity. Where bait traps are used, use a foodstuff attractive to slugs e.g. chicken layers' mash which has proven to be particularly effective. DO NOT use slug pellets in traps since they are a potential hazard to wildlife and pets. Details of the correct baiting procedure are provided in the 'COMPANY ADVISORY INFORMATION' section of this label.

For further information on slug control and damage risk assessment, please refer to the UK AHDB Integrated Slug Control information which can be found at:

www.ahdb.org.uk/knowledge-library/integrated-slug-control

## **Important**

- a. Complete control of slugs/snails is difficult to achieve with any type of molluscicide, so some crop loss may occur especially in wet seasons. Best control is achieved by a programme of good husbandry (see COMPANY ADVISORY INFORMATION) and properly timed applications of a pellet bait such as 'Gusto 3'.
- b. The first application of Gusto 3 should be made as a preventative measure as specified in the APPLICATION table. Follow-up applications may be required, especially in wet seasons. Assessment by test baiting will indicate when slugs are active at the soil surface and if conditions are suitable for further Gusto 3 treatment.
- c. Late application of pellets to broad-leaved plants may result in lodging of the pellets in foliage. Care should be taken to avoid this when making applications to edible crops, e.g. cauliflower. In cauliflower apply prior to hearting or curd formation.
- d. AVOID application if heavy rain is expected, as this may reduce effectiveness of the pellets.
- e. Best results are obtained when slugs and snails are actively feeding, generally following a period of light rain in mild conditions. Where a heavy attack is likely to occur, re-apply 2-3 weeks later or whenever test baiting shows it to be necessary

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#### **COMPANY ADVISORY INFORMATION**

(Note: This section is not part of the approved Directions for Use)

#### **GUSTO 3 SLUG AND SNAIL CONTROL PROGRAMME**

Slugs and snails may be controlled by a programme of good husbandry and accurately timed applications of Gusto 3 – see DIRECTIONS FOR LISE

#### **STEP 1: GOOD HUSBANDRY**

Observe and where possible, practise the following husbandry techniques to reduce the overall population of slugs and snails. Under very wet conditions or where the slug population is very high, a sufficient number of slugs may survive applications of Gusto 3 to cause crop damage. Good husbandry is essential under such conditions to minimise crop damage.

## **SLUG PELLETS ARE PESTICIDES**

Keep pesticides out of water

If you can't spray don't pellet!

Do not contaminate drains or watercourses when cleaning the applicator.

- Calibrate your applicator before use.
- Fill and clean application equipment in the field.
- Do not fill or clean down in the yard.
- Avoid applying slug pellets when heavy rain is forecast.
- Check that the product packaging is intact and clear up spillages immediately.
- If possible, avoid sowing slug susceptible crops after leafy crops, such as oilseed rape, which can carry high populations especially in wet seasons.
- Aim to minimise crop debris to minimise slug habitat in the field.
- Plough or cultivate under dry soil and weather conditions to reduce the slug population substantially.
- Prepare a fine seedbed with a firm tilth. Slugs do not burrow through the ground but follow cracks or openings in the soil.
- Mineral, light and drier soils generally carry lower slug populations than heavier soils. Irrigation favours the slugs.
- Slugs and snails when surface feeding, do so mainly at night, so inspect fields for them at dawn or dusk.

#### **STEP 2: APPLICATIONS OF GUSTO 3**

Gusto 3 should be applied as part of an IPM programme for slug and snail control. The need for molluscicide application should be determined by assessing the risk of slug damage e.g. using a test baiting procedure. If molluscicide application is required, Gusto 3 should be applied as specified in the DIRECTIONS FOR USE. Follow-up applications may be required, especially in wet seasons. The timing of further applications must be established by test baiting. If the maximum application rate of metaldehyde-containing slug pellets is reached, control via an alternative measure should be used. Some species of slugs may live and feed underground for long periods without coming to the surface. Only slugs which surface at, or soon after application, have the opportunity to feed on the pellets.

### **Test Baiting Procedure**

- 1. Put slug traps out before cultivation, when the soil surface is visibly moist and the weather mild (5-25°C).
- Place upturned flower pot bases about 25 cm diameter with a small heap (20 ml or 2 heaped teaspoonfuls of chicken layers' mash (NOT slug pellets) beneath each trap.
- 3. Position these traps on the areas of the field where slug damage has been historically bad. Ideally 9 slug traps in a W pattern or 13 if the field is larger than 20 hectares.
- 4. Traps should be left overnight and examined the following morning.
- FOR WINTER WHEAT, a catch of 4 or more slugs per trap indicates a possible risk, where soil and weather conditions favour slug activity.
- 6. FOR WINTER OILSEED RAPE a catch of 4 or more slugs per trap in standing cereals or 1 or more in cereal stubble, if other conditions were met, would also indicate a possible risk of damage.

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