

NOCTUS 540 EC

HERBICIDE

An emulsifiable concentrate selective, systemic emergence herbicide for the control of annual grasses in crops as indicated.

HRAC HERBICIDE GROUP CODE A

Active ingredient

Haloxlyfop-P-methyl ester / (pyridinyl-oxyphenoxy compound) 540 g/t

Reg. No. L0000, Act/Wet No. 36 Of/Van 1947

REGISTRATION HOLDER:

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WARNINGS

Withholding period - Minimum number of days between last application and harvest or grazing.
Soya beans 60 days
Sugarcane 28 days
All other crops 40 days

- Harmful by swallowing.
- Concentrate may cause irritation to eyes and skin.
- Toxic to fish.
- Flammable - store in a cool place.
- Store away from food, feed, seed, other agricultural chemicals and out of reach of children, uninformed persons and animals.

RE-ENTRY INTERVAL: Do not enter treated area until spray deposit has dried unless wearing protective clothing.

AERIAL APPLICATION: All inhabitants of the immediate area to be sprayed and issue the necessary warnings. Do not spray over or allow drift to contaminate water or adjacent areas.

Although this remedy has been extensively tested under a large variety of conditions, the registration holder does not warrant that is will be efficacious under all conditions because the action and effect thereof may be affected by factors such as altitude, climatic and storage conditions; quality of solution, water compatibility with other substances, individuality of the land and type of crop, nature of disease and the method concerned as well as the method, time and accuracy of application. The registration holder furthermore does not accept responsibility for damage to crops, vegetation, the environment or harm to man or animal or for lack of performance of the remedy concerned due to failure of the user to follow the label instructions or to the occurrence of conditions which could not have been foreseen in terms of the registration. Consult the supplier in the event of any uncertainty.

PRECAUTIONS

- Wear protective gloves and eye protection when handling the concentrate.
- Do not drink or smoke whilst applying, mixing or before washing hands and face and change of clothing.
- Prevent drift onto other crops, grazing, rivers, dams or areas not under treatment.
- Clean applicator before using with other material - dispose of wash water where it will not contaminate food, grazing, rivers or dams.
- Prevent spillage into containers three times the volume of water equal to a minimum of 10% of that of the container. Add the rinsings to the contents of the spray tank before destroying the container by perforation and flattening and NEVER use for any other purpose. Prevent contamination of food, feed, drinking water and eating utensils.

RESISTANCE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

For resistance management, NOCTUS 540 EC is a group code A herbicide. Any weed population may contain individuals naturally resistant to NOCTUS 540 EC and other group code A herbicides. The resistant individuals can eventually dominate the weed population if these herbicides are used repeatedly. These resistant weeds will not be controlled by NOCTUS 540 EC or any other group code A herbicide.

To delay herbicide resistance:

Avoid exclusive repeated use of herbicides from the same herbicide group code. Alternate, or tank mix with, registered products from different herbicide group codes. Integrate other control methods (chemical, cultural, biological) into weed control programmes. For specific information on resistance management contact the registration holder of this product.

The presence of resistant weeds is difficult to detect prior to use and, therefore, neither the Registration Holder nor the Distributor can accept responsibility for any losses as a result of NOCTUS 540 EC not controlling resistant weeds. Do not apply NOCTUS 540 EC alone in situations where weed resistance has been confirmed. Sub-standard application of NOCTUS 540 EC or other acetyl CoA carboxylase inhibitor herbicides will lead to inferior weed control and may assist in development of herbicide resistance.

USE RESTRICTIONS

A. NOCTUS 540 EC breaks down quickly in the soil and should not pose a threat to follow-up crops but maize, sorghum, wheat or any other grass crop should not be planted on treated soil for a period of 3 months after application in the case of a failed broadleaf crop.

B. Rain or irrigation within 1 hour of NOCTUS 540 EC application may result in reduced efficacy on emerged weeds necessitating a follow-up spray.

C. Do not apply to crops and weeds stressed by abnormal weather or growing conditions, drought, waterlogged soil, insect damage, nematode infections, diseases, nutritional deficiencies or crops under stress through prior use of other agrochemicals.

D. Do not use NOCTUS 540 EC on crops which already show symptoms of soil borne diseases as the combination of disease and NOCTUS 540 EC application may result in stand loss.

E. Temporary chlorotic spots may occasionally appear on crop leaves, especially if application is followed by very cold/unseasonal weather conditions. Under favourable growing conditions, the crop will recover quickly and yield and quality will not be affected.

F. Do not apply NOCTUS 540 EC to any crop or situation not mentioned in this instruction leaflet.

G. Only apply NOCTUS 540 EC using an accurate and safe application technique.

H. The crop may be treated at any time when the weeds are in the correct stage, providing that the withholding periods are adhered to.

I. Grass weeds must be actively growing and not under drought stress during application as this can limit uptake and translocation. For annual grasses best results are obtained when they are at the 2 - 6 leaf stage while with Paspalum spp. best results are obtained when application is made at the early flowering stage.

J. Do not apply by aerial application if the neighbouring crops are grain crops or grass pastures.

K. Allow an interval of at least 14 days between application of NOCTUS 540 EC and any other herbicide.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE - Use only as directed.

MIXING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Half fill the spray tank with suitable water. NOCTUS 540 EC is most effective when spray water is buffered to a pH of 4.5 - 5.5. The volume of buffer used must be included in the total water volume prior to adding the NOCTUS 540 EC.

2. Then add the required volume of NOCTUS 540 EC to the water in the tank while agitating followed by the required quantity of adjuvant.

3. Fill the spray tank to the desired volume. Agitate the mixture to ensure good mixing prior to application.

4. Should tank mixtures with other agrochemicals be made, follow the respective manufacturers' label recommendations.

5. Tank mixtures must be sprayed out immediately and not allowed to stand in the spray tank overnight.

6. Spraying equipment must be thoroughly flushed out at the end of the spraying operation.

COMPATIBILITY

The compatibility of NOCTUS 540 EC with other products depends on the formulations of the respective products as well as the quality of the spray water to be used. As formulations change from time to time it is recommended that a physical compatibility test be done prior to the tank mixture being made.

NOTE:

pH of Spray Water

The efficacy of NOCTUS 540 EC may be reduced by very hard water (> 1000 p.p.m. slates) and by water with a high pH value.

When NOCTUS 540 EC is used, the optimal efficacy thereof will be obtained in water of pH 4.5 - 5.5. Water of a higher or lower pH than 4.5 - 5.5 should be buffered to pH 4.5 - 5.5.

FOLLOW-UP CROPS
Maize, sorghum, wheat or any other grass crop should not be planted on treated soil for a period of 3 months after application in the case of a failed broadleaf crop.

STAGE OF APPLICATION
Crop
The crop may be treated at any time when the weeds are in the correct stage, providing that the withholding periods are adhered to.

If the crop shields the weeds drop-arms must be used to ensure adequate coverage of the weeds or else poor weed control may possibly be obtained.

Weeds
Weeds which have not germinated at the time of application will not be controlled.

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Weeds not contacted by the herbicide solution will not be affected. This may occur in dense clumps, severe infestations or where the height of the weeds varies so that not all weeds are contacted. In these instances, repeat treatment may be necessary.

Rain or irrigation within one hour after application of NOCTUS 540 EC may necessitate a second spray. Although the observable effect of spraying may not be seen for up to 2 - 3 weeks after spraying, NOCTUS 540 EC does cause immediate cessation of cell division in the plant and therefore growth.

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT
Ensure that the equipment is correctly calibrated and is checked regularly during application to ensure even and accurate application.

Knapsack sprayers or tractor mounted boom sprayers may be used. A spray volume of 200 - 300 l/ha should be used for ground application and can be applied via 3 nozzle boom (flat fan nozzles 40cm apart). Constant agitation throughout the spray operation is essential. Only clean water should be used. Prevent overdosing by avoiding overlapping of swaths and closing the nozzles while starting, slow movement, turning and stopping.

AERIAL APPLICATION
Aerial application of NOCTUS 540 EC may only be done by a registered aerial application operator using a registered and calibrated aircraft according to the instructions of SANS Code 10119 (Aerial Application of Agricultural Pesticides).

Ensure that the spray mixture is distributed evenly over the target area and that the loss of spray material during application is restricted to a minimum. It is therefore essential that the following criteria be met:

The use of a suitable drift retardant adjutant and / or low drift nozzles (e.g. straight stream nozzles) is recommended. In the case of fixed-wing aircraft flying at a speed faster than 130 mph, the maximum deflection angle of the nozzles or spray stream, relative to the aircraft's longitudinal axis, must not exceed 30 degrees. In the case of slower flying fixed wing aircraft the maximum deflection angle, as described above, may not exceed 55 degrees.

Volume: A spray mixture volume of 30 to 50 l/ha per hectare is recommended. As this product has not been evaluated at a reduced volume rate, the registration holder cannot guarantee efficacy, or be held responsible for any adverse effects if this product is applied at a lower volume rate.

Drop size: A droplet spectrum with a VMD of 300 to 350 microns is recommended.

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Limit the production of fine droplets less than 150 microns (high drift and evaporation potential) to a minimum.

Flying height: Maintain the height of the spray boom at 3 to 4 metres above the target.

Do not spray when aircraft flies in a climb or when banking.

Use suitable atomizing equipment that will produce the desired droplet size and coverage, but which will ensure the minimum droplet size. Use a droplet spectrum with the lowest possible relative spread.

The use of a registered drift retardant and / or low drift aerial spraying nozzle (e.g. straight stream nozzle) is recommended.

Position all the nozzles within the inner 60 to 75 % of the wingspan to prevent droplets from entering the wingtip vortices. The difference in temperature between the wet and dry bulb thermometers, of a whirling hygrometer, should not exceed 8°C. Stop spraying if the wind speed exceeds 15 km/h.

Stop spraying under turbulent, unstable air conditions during the heat of the day. Spraying under temperature inversion conditions (spraying in or above the inversion layer) and/or high humidity conditions (relative humidity 80% and above) may fail to the following reduced efficacy due to suspension and evaporation of small droplets in the air (inadequate coverage).

Damage to other sensitive crops and/or non-target areas through drifting of the suspended spray cloud away from the target field.

Ensure that the Aerial Spray Operator knows exactly which fields to spray.

Obtain an assurance from the Aerial Spray Operator that the above requirements will be met and that relevant data will be compiled in a logbook and kept for future reference.

CROPS (SEE NOTE 1 BELOW):

CROP	WEED SPECIES	COMMON NAME	RATE OF NOCTUS 540 EC PER HECTARE
Deciduous fruit (apples, apricots, nectarines, peaches, plums)	<i>Avena fatua</i>	Common wild oats	0.1
Forestry (Eucalyptus, pines, wattie)	<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Ripgit brome	0.1
Grapes	<i>Bromus japonicus</i>	Brome grass	0.1
Vegetables (beetroot, carrots, green beans, onions, peas, potatoes, tomatoes)	<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	Crab fingergrass	0.1
Canda	<i>Eleusine indica</i>	Goose grass	0.1
Sunflowers	<i>Echinochloa colonum</i>	March grass	0.1
	<i>Lolium temulentum</i>	Ryegrass / Darnel	0.1
	<i>Phalaris canariensis</i>	Canary grass	0.1
	<i>Urochloa panicoides</i>	Herringbone grass	0.1
	<i>Panicum schinzii</i>	Sweet buffalo grass	0.15
	<i>Zea mays</i>	Volunteer maize	0.15
	<i>Panicum maximum</i>	Common buffalo grass	0.2
	<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	Volunteer wheat	0.2
	<i>Paspalum dilatatum</i>	Common paspalum	0.3
	<i>Paspalum spispoides</i>	Couch paspalum	0.3
	<i>Paspalum urvillei</i>	Tall paspalum	0.3
	<i>Setaria megaphylla</i>	Broad-leaved setaria/ Bush buffalo grass	0.8

NOTE 1: Do not apply NOCTUS 540 EC in nurseries nor to or over nursery plant material.

Regrowth may occur on well established Paspalum spp. and Setaria megaphylla which will require a follow-up application in the following season.

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