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READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING

## **FREEHAND<sup>®</sup> HERBICIDE**

**ACTIVE CONSTITUENT: 10 g/kg PENDIMETHALIN  
7.5 g/kg DIMETHENAMID-P**

GROUP **D** | **K** HERBICIDE

For pre-emergent control of weeds associated with ornamental plants  
in containers and in-ground and in warm season turf.

**IMPORTANT: READ THIS LEAFLET BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT**

CONTENTS: 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 kg  
&  
18, 18.2, 18.4, 18.6, 19, 20, 21, 22, 22.7 kg

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## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

### RESTRAINTS

DO NOT apply to Ornamentals under stress resulting from factors including (but not limited to) lack of moisture, hail damage, flooding, herbicide injury, mechanical injury, poor soil condition or disease.

DO NOT broadcast over wet foliage.

DO NOT apply in glasshouses or poorly ventilated poly-houses.

DO NOT apply in windy conditions as likely to affect good distribution.

DO NOT apply to putting greens.

DO NOT apply via aerial application.

DO NOT apply to turf grass within 2 weeks of mechanical disturbance such as aerification or verticutting.

DO NOT apply to newly seeded turf areas.

SITUATION	WEEDS	RATE	CRITICAL COMMENTS
<b>Container &amp; in-ground Ornamental plants</b> (See table below in GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS)  <b>Recreational Turf:</b> including but not limited to: fairways, golf tees, municipal sports fields, industrial commercial and domestic lawns.  Warm Season Turf species only:  Hybrid Couch ( <i>Cynodon dactylon</i> <i>Cynodon transvaalensis</i> ) Common Couch ( <i>Cynodon dactylon</i> ) QLD Blue Couch ( <i>Digitaria didactyla</i> ) Carpet Grass ( <i>Axonopus compressus</i> ) Kikuyu ( <i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i> ) Buffalo ( <i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i> ) Zoysia ( <i>Zoysia japonica</i> and <i>Zoysia matrella</i> )	Amaranth ( <i>Amaranthus cruentus</i> ) Annual ryegrass ( <i>Lolium rigidum</i> ) Awnless barnyard grass ( <i>Echinochloa colona</i> ) Bittercress ( <i>Coronopus didymus</i> ) Bladder ketmia ( <i>Hibiscus trionum</i> ) Brazilian white-eye (Mexican clover) ( <i>Richardia brasiliensis</i> ) Chickweed ( <i>Stellaria media</i> ) Crowsfoot grass ( <i>Eleusine indica</i> ) Dandelion ( <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> ) Deadnettle ( <i>Lamium amplexicaule</i> ) Fat hen ( <i>Chenopodium album</i> ) Giant or Black Pigweed ( <i>Trianthema portulacastrum</i> ) Green fat hen ( <i>Chenopodium murale</i> ) Indian hedge mustard ( <i>Sisymbrium orientale</i> ) Pigweed ( <i>Portulaca oleracea</i> ) Poa Trivialis ( <i>Poa trivialis</i> ) Prickly lettuce ( <i>Lactuca serriola</i> ) Shepherd's purse ( <i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i> ) Signal grass ( <i>Brachiaria decumbens</i> ) Summer grass ( <i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i> ) Toad rush ( <i>Juncus bufonius</i> ) Wild Hops / Apple of Peru ( <i>Nicandra physaloides</i> ) Wild mustard ( <i>Sisymbrium officinale</i> ) Wireweed ( <i>Polygonum aviculare</i> )  Suppression of: Annual nettles ( <i>Urtica</i> spp.) Bittercress ( <i>Coronopus didymus</i> ) Blackberry nightshade ( <i>Solanum nigrum</i> ) Fumitory ( <i>Fumaria</i> spp.) Pennyroyal ( <i>Mentha pulegium</i> ) Scrambling speedwell ( <i>Veronica persica</i> ) Stonecrop ( <i>Crassula sieberiana</i> ) Subterranean clover ( <i>Trifolium subterraneum</i> ) Turnip weed ( <i>Rapistrum rugosum</i> ) Wild radish ( <i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> ) Winter grass ( <i>Poa annua</i> )	100 kg/ha  or  1.0 kg/100 square metres  or  10 g/square metre	Apply evenly over the area or pots to be treated preferably using a properly calibrated mechanical granule spreader. Apply to the surface of weed free soil preferably after cultivation or just after potting up.  FREEHAND will not control established weeds. Apply to dry foliage only and then sprinkler irrigate or hose (10-15 mm) to wash granules from foliage and incorporate the herbicide into the soil. Do not apply FREEHAND to wet foliage – should this happen irrigate or hose immediately to remove granules from the leaf surface.  Follow the precautions listed below to avoid unnecessary plant damage and to obtain optimum weed control. One application will last for 2-3 months depending upon rainfall, irrigation, soil type (potting mix), temperature and weed seed burden.  Retreat when the first signs of weed growth are seen but no sooner than 2 months and no later than 3 months after the first application.

SITUATION	WEEDS	RATE	CRITICAL COMMENTS
	Barnyard grass ( <i>Echinochloa</i> spp.) Button grass ( <i>Dactyloctenium radulans</i> ) Common heliotrope ( <i>Heliotropium europeum</i> ) Creeping oxalis / yellow woodsorrel ( <i>Oxalis stricta</i> ) Crested goosefoot ( <i>Chenopodium cristatum</i> ) Cudweed ( <i>Gnaphalium luteo-album</i> ) Early spring grass ( <i>Eriochloa</i> spp.) Fleabane ( <i>Conyza canadensis</i> ) Flickweed ( <i>Cardamine hirsuta</i> ) Green summer grass ( <i>Brachiaria subquadripara</i> ) Guinea grass ( <i>Panicum maximum</i> ) Dwarf amaranth ( <i>Amaranthus macrocarpus</i> ) Green amaranth ( <i>Amaranthus viridis</i> ) Liverseed grass ( <i>Urochloa panicoides</i> ) Liverwort ( <i>Marchantia polymorpha</i> ) Milk or Sowthistle ( <i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> ) Mossman River grass ( <i>Cenchrus echinatus</i> ) Native millet ( <i>Panicum decompositum</i> ) Pale pigeon grass ( <i>Setaria glauca</i> ) Paspalidium (Brigalow grass) ( <i>Paspalidium</i> spp.) Pepper grass ( <i>Panicum whitei</i> ) Queensland blue grass ( <i>Dichanthium sericeum</i> ) Red Flinders grass ( <i>Iseilema vaginiflorum</i> ) Scarlet pimpernel ( <i>Anagallis arvensis</i> ) Small burr grass ( <i>Tragus australianus</i> ) Stink grass ( <i>Eragrostis ciliaris</i> ) Summer grass ( <i>Digitaria ciliaris</i> ) Weeping love grass ( <i>Eragrostis parviflora</i> ) Winter grass ( <i>Poa annua</i> ) White clover ( <i>Trifolium repens</i> )	200 kg/ha  or  2.0 kg/100 square metres  or  20 g/square metre	<p><b>Ornamentals</b> Do not apply FREEHAND 2 weeks prior to or 2 weeks after leaf bud break or during periods of flush growth. Newly formed leaves are sensitive to this product. Spotting or leaf drop may result from such applications.</p> <p>Do not apply directly on to bare roots of woody ornamentals as injury may occur.</p> <p><b>Turf</b> Apply prior to germination of weeds (typically from early spring through to late summer early Autumn).</p> <p>Delay overseeding of treated turfgrass for at least 3 months after last application.</p> <p>Application of Freehand to newly sodded areas must be delayed turfgrass root system has been well established and turfgrass mowed at least 2 times.</p>
	Suppression of: Caltrop ( <i>Tribulus terrestris</i> ) Common verbena ( <i>Verbena officinalis</i> ) Mintweed ( <i>Salvia reflexa</i> ) Peppergrass ( <i>Lepidium</i> spp.) Stagger weed ( <i>Stachys arvensis</i> ) Willow herb ( <i>Epilobium</i> sp.) Red caustic creeper / Petty Spurge ( <i>Euphorbia</i> spp.)		

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

#### WITHHOLDING PERIOD

**DO NOT GRAZE TREATED TURF OR LAWN; OR FEED TURF OR LAWN CLIPPINGS FROM ANY TREATED AREA TO POULTRY OR LIVESTOCK.**

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

FREEHAND Herbicide is a selective herbicide for the control of most annual grasses and certain broadleaved weeds. FREEHAND controls weeds by inhibiting seedling development; it will not control established weeds. For best results, container or soil surfaces should be free of weeds, trash and clods at the time of application.

Unusually cold, excessively wet, or hot and dry conditions that delay or extend weed seed germination can reduce weed control.

Note on Ornamentals: Freehand Herbicide has been used on a wide range of ornamental species without damage. However, some species and varieties are particularly susceptible to chemical products. As sensitivity may be related to local conditions it is advisable that only a small portion of plants are treated first to determine reaction to the product before treating entire crop.

The table below lists species which have been shown to be tolerant to Freehand at the highest 20 g rate.

TOLERANT ORNAMENTALS SPECIES
Acmena (var. Forest flame)
<i>Agapanthus</i> spp. (cv. Purple Cloud)
Agave, Sisal
Aloe, Tiger (cv. Fairy Pink)
Azalea
Blue Lilyturf (cv. Evergreen Giant)
Bottle Brush, Flaming (cv. Matthew Flinders)
Carnation (cv. Pluto)
<i>Coleonema pulchellum</i> (golden diosma, confetti bush (cv. Aurea)
Common Box (cv. Micro)
<i>Dianella congesta</i> (flax lily) (cv. Clarity Blue)
Dianthus (cv. Candy Floss)
English Lavender
French Hydrangea
Gaura Lindheimeri (cv. Dark Pink)
Glossy Abelia
Grape, European
Hibiscus – Rosemallow (cv. Breeze)
Japanese Boxwood
Japanese Garden Juniper (cv. Nana)
Lantana
Lavender (cv. Princess Lavand)
Mandevilla
Mango Tree (cv. Young Giant)
<i>Metrosideros</i> (var. Little Eyyan)
Mondo Grass
Ophipogon Japonicas
Orange Jessamine (Superb hedging)
Petunia
<i>Philodendron xanadu</i>
Raphiolepis (cv. Spring Pearl)
<i>Rhaphiolepis indica</i> (Indian Hawthorn) (cv. Oriental Perl)
Sizygium (var. Aussie Boomer)
Sweet Viburnum
Xanthostemon (var. Chrysanthus)
Yucca

## APPLICATION

Ornamentals: FREEHAND may be applied individually to each pot or pots can be grouped together and distributed using a granule applicator or GLOVED hand. Ensure applicators are properly calibrated to apply granules evenly. After application ensure granules are brushed or washed off foliage. Even application is important for good weed control. FREEHAND application should be followed by irrigation or rainfall, before weeds germinate. If Freehand is not activated by rainfall or irrigation within 30 days, erratic weed control may result.

Turf: Ensure area is clean of debris prior to application. FREEHAND may be applied and distributed using a granule applicator or GLOVED hand. Ensure applicators are properly calibrated to apply granules evenly. Oscillating spout or rotary type fertiliser spreaders are recommended for large areas. Even application is important for good weed control. FREEHAND application should be followed by irrigation or rainfall, before weeds germinate. If FREEHAND is not activated by rainfall or irrigation within 30 days, erratic weed control may result.

## RESISTANT WEEDS WARNING

**GROUP D K HERBICIDE**

FREEHAND® Herbicide is a member of the Dinitroanilines (DNAs) and Chloroacetamides groups of herbicides. The product has the combination of Inhibitors of microtubule assembly and inhibitors of cell division / inhibitors of very long chain fatty acids (VLCFA inhibitors) modes of action. For weed resistance management, the product is a Group D & a Group K herbicide.

Some naturally occurring weed biotypes resistant to the product and other Group D & Group K 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 this product or other Group D or Group K herbicides.

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

## PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE, FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND ENVIRONMENT

To protect birds, remove spillages.

Very toxic to aquatic life. DO NOT contaminate wetlands or watercourses with this product or used containers.

## PROTECTION OF CROPS, NATIVE AND OTHER NON-TARGET PLANTS

Ornamentals: Plant only those desirable plant species listed on this label into soil or potting mix treated the previous season with FREEHAND or injury may occur.

Turf: For application of FREEHAND to warm season turfgrass species not listed in the Directions for Use Table, test the safety of FREEHAND by applying to a small area first.

## STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

For 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 kg bottles/drums:

Store in the closed, original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. Triple-rinse containers before disposal. Dispose of rinsate or any undiluted chemical according to state/territory legislative requirements. If recycling, replace cap and return clean containers to recycler or designated collection point. If not recycling, break, crush or puncture and deliver empty packaging to an approved waste management facility. If an approved waste management facility is not available, bury the empty packaging 500 mm below the surface in a disposal pit specifically

marked and set up for this purpose, clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots, in compliance with relevant local, state or territory government regulations. Do not burn empty containers or product.

For 18, 18.2, 18.4, 18.6, 19, 20, 21, 22, 22.7 kg bags:

Store in the closed, original container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Single rinse or shake remainder into spreader. Do not dispose of undiluted chemicals on site.

Puncture and deliver empty packaging to an approved waste management facility. If an approved waste management facility is not available, bury the empty packaging 500 mm below the surface in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose, clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots, in compliance with relevant local, state or territory government regulations. Do not burn empty containers or product.

### **SPILLS**

Sweep up spilled material and return to original container. Wash contaminated equipment taking care that washings do not enter sewers, drains and other waterways.

### **SAFETY DIRECTIONS**

Will irritate the eyes. Avoid contact with eyes. If product in eyes, wash it out immediately with water. When opening the container and preparing the product for use, wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist (or equivalent clothing) and a face shield or goggles. If applying by hand, wear cotton overalls over normal clothing buttoned to the neck or wrist (or equivalent clothing), a washable hat, elbow-length chemical resistant gloves and face shield or goggles. Wash hands after use. After each day's use, wash face shields or goggles and contaminated clothing.

### **FIRST AID**

If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone Australia 131126; New Zealand 0800 764 766

### **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

Additional information is listed in the Safety Data Sheet.

### **CONDITIONS OF SALE**

All conditions and warranties rights and remedies implied by law or arising in contract or tort whether due to the negligence of BASF Australia Ltd or otherwise are hereby expressly excluded so far as the same may legally be done provided however that any rights of the Buyer pursuant to non-excludable conditions or warranties of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 or any relevant legislation of any State are expressly preserved but the liability of BASF Australia Ltd or any intermediate Seller pursuant thereto shall be limited if so permitted by the said legislation to the replacement of the goods sold or the supply of equivalent goods and all liability for indirect or consequential loss or damage of whatsoever nature is expressly excluded. This product must be used or applied strictly in accordance with the instructions appearing hereon. This product is solely sold for use in Australia and must not be exported without the prior written consent of BASF Australia Ltd.

### **FREEHAND® HERBICIDE**

**10 g/kg PENDIMETHALIN**

**7.5 g/kg DIMETHENAMID-P**

### **HAZARD STATEMENT:**

Causes serious eye irritation.

### **PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENT:**

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

### **PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS (Response):**

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: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.

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