**DIMILIN® SC**  
Registration No.: L 7401 (Act No.: 36 of 1947)

A suspension concentrate chitin deposition inhibitor (CDI) contact insecticide for the control of potato tuber moth larvae (*Phthorimaea operculella*) in potatoes.

**ACTIVE INGREDIENT:**  
Diflubenzuron (benzoylurea)………………… 480 g/l

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**WARNINGS:**

- Allow a minimum period of 9 days between last application and harvest.  
- Handle with care.  
- May cause slight eye irritation.  
- Avoid excessive drift (see precautions).  
- Keep out of reach of children and away from uninformed persons and animals.  
- Keep away from food, drink and feed.  
- Store in a cool dry place.  
- Re-Entry Interval: Do not enter treated area until spray deposit has dried without wearing protective clothing.  
- Aerial Application: Notify all inhabitants in the immediate vicinity of the area to be sprayed and issue the necessary warnings. Do not spray over or allow the 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 it will be efficacious under all conditions because the action and effect thereof may be affected by factors such as abnormal climatic and storage conditions, quality of dilution water, compatibility with other substances not indicated on the label, as well as by 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.

**PNECAUTIONS:**

- Avoid inhalation of spray mist while spraying.  
- Avoid contact with eyes and excessive contact with the skin.  
- Wear rubber gloves and face shield when handling concentrate.  
- Do not eat, drink or smoke whilst mixing, applying or before washing hands and face and change of clothing.  
- Avoid drift of spray mist onto other crops, grazing, rivers, dams or areas not under treatment.  
- Clean applicator before using for other remedies. Dispose of wash water where it will not contaminate crops, grazing, rivers and dams.  
- Prevent contamination of food, feed, drinking water and eating utensils.  
- Rinse empty container three times with a volume of water equal to at least 10% of that of the container and add the rinsings to the contents of the spray tank before disposing of the container.  
- Destroy empty container by burning or perforate the container and bury in the ground, where it will not contaminate waterways and never use for any other purpose

**Mode of Action:**

**Dimilin SC 48** interferes with the formation of chitin during the larval stages of insect development, as well as with the ovicidal activities (direct and transovarial - “through the female”).

**Dimilin SC 48** is predominantly a stomach poison. In some cases, the compound shows ovicidal activity, through contact, by treatment of the female adult.

**Dimilin SC 48** does not act immediately. Affected larvae behave normally until a moult is due, and death occurs at moulting or pupation.

**Dimilin SC 48** is not effective against adult insects. In general, insect parasites and predators are not affected by Dimilin SC 48.

**Dimilin SC 48** treatments should be directed against the larval stages of the target species, and sprays should be applied as early as possible, preferably before or during egg deposition.

**Dimilin SC 48** has minimal activity on the beneficial insect complex. **Dimilin SC 48** has a favorable degradation pattern in water and soil. Collectively, these benefits contribute to the product being a key chemical in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies for controlling potato tuber moth.

**Environment:**

**Dimilin SC 48,** when used in potatoes, combines a high activity on harmful insects with a high selectivity to non-target organisms. **Dimilin SC 48** has a low toxicity to mammals, birds, fish, honeybees and most aquatic invertebrates **with the exception of small crustaceans (water fleas),** and hence its effect on the environment is low.

**Resistance warning:**

For resistance management, **Dimilin SC 48** is a group **A15** insecticide. Any insect population may contain individuals naturally resistant to Dimilin SC 48 and other group code **A15** insecticides. The resistant individuals can eventually dominate the insect population if these insecticides are used repeatedly. These resistant insects may not be controlled by Dimilin SC48 or any other group code **A15** insecticide.

To delay insecticide resistance:

- Avoid exclusive repeated use of insecticides from the same insecticide group code. Alternate or tank mix with registered products from different insecticide group codes.
- Integrate other control methods (chemical, cultural, biological) into insect control programmes.

For specific information on resistance management contact the registration holder of this product.
DIRECTIONS FOR USE:
Use only as directed.

Compatibility:
Due to unknown factors, such as water pH, other product formulation changes, etc., a compatibility test should be carried out prior to application.

Mixing instructions:
Shake well before use. Fill the tank half with water, add the required volume of Dimilin SC 48 and agitate thoroughly. Add the rest of the water. Maintain proper agitation during final filling up and during application.

Application Instructions:

Ground Application:
• Dimilin SC 48 can be applied by tractor sprayers with boom and nozzles and knapsack sprayers.
• Avoid spraying during the heat of the day.
• Once the Dimilin SC 48 has dried on the plant, it will be rain-fast.
• It is also important to calibrate the equipment to ensure that the correct dosage is applied and that the spray mixture is distributed evenly over the target area.

Aerial Application:
• Dimilin SC48 may only be applied aerially by a registered Aerial spraying operator with a correctly calibrated registered aircraft according to the instructions of SABS Code 0118 (Aerial Application of Agricultural Pesticides).
• Ensure that the spray mixture is distributed evenly over the target area and that loss of the spray mixture during application is limited to the minimum. It is therefore important to adhere to the following criteria:
  - The height of the spray boom must be maintained at 3 to 4 meters above the target. Do not spray when the aircraft is climbing, diving or banking.
  - Use appropriate nozzles/atomizers that will produce the correct droplet size and coverage. The spraying system must produce a droplet spectrum with lowest possible Relative Span.
  - All nozzles/atomizers must be positioned 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 must not exceed 8°C.
  - Stop spraying if the wind speed exceeds 15 km/h.
  - Stop spraying during turbulent, unstable and dry conditions during the heat of the day.
• Note that the aerial application of Dimilin SC48 under temperature inversion conditions (spraying above or within the inversion layer) and/or very high humidity (relative humidity 80% or more) may result in the following:
   - Reduced efficacy due to suspension of the droplets in the air (insufficient coverage on target area).
   - Damage to other sensitive areas due to the spray cloud drifting away from the target area to such areas.
• Ensure that the aerial spraying operator exactly knows which field(s) to spray.
  • It is important to obtain an assurance from the aerial spraying operator that all above requirements will be met and that all relevant data will be recorded in a spray log and be available for future reference.

Application parameters:
• Volume: A spray mixture volume of 30 ℓ/ha is recommended. As Dimilin SC48 has not been evaluated at a reduced volume, the registration holder cannot guarantee efficiency or accepts responsibility for any adverse effects if this product is applied aerially at a lower volume than recommended above.
• Droplet coverage: A droplet density of 30 to 40 droplets per cm² must be recovered at the target area.
• Droplet size: A droplet spectrum with a VMD of 250 to 280 microns is recommended. Ensure that the production of droplets smaller than 200 microns (high drift/evaporation potential) is restricted to a minimum.

Spray Programme:
The application timing of Dimilin SC48 should be part of a total spray programme to control potato tuber moth. Such a programme should consist of 3 application timings:
• Applications of non-CDI products during the period from first moth infestation until first flowering.
• Applications of Dimilin SC48 (for residual action) during the period from first flowering until foliage desiccation/destruction.
• Application of insecticides to control moths in soil cracks during the period from desiccation to harvest.
• The total number of sprays will depend on the severity of re-infestation.

Do not exceed a total of 4 sprays in a growth season.

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<td>(Phthormiaea opercula)</td>
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<td>Third application: 14 days after the second application.</td>
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<td>Use in not less than 600 ℓ water per hectare.</td>
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<td>If infestations are high, a 4th application can be made 14 days later.</td>
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<td>Aerial application: Apply as above in 30ℓ water/ha.</td>
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