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This label has been updated according to the re-evaluation decision of difenoconazole RVD2022-05. While users are encouraged to follow this updated label immediately, the previously approved label is valid until 21/04/2024 in accordance with the phase out period set out in RVD2022-05. This previously approved label will be provided upon request by emailing [hc.pmra.info-arla.sc@canada.ca](mailto:hc.pmra.info-arla.sc@canada.ca). In your email please include the product name and Registration number of the label you are requesting.

## **INTEREST FORTE**

FUNGICIDE

AGRICULTURAL  
Suspension

Seed Treatment for control or suppression of certain diseases of cereal crops including barley, buckwheat, corn, millet (pearl and proso), oats, rye, sorghum, triticale, and wheat

**ACTIVE INGREDIENT:**

Difenoconazole.....3.37 %  
Metalaxyl-M and S-isomer .....0.27 %

Contains 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one at 0.000074% and 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one at 0.000226% as preservatives.

**READ THE LABEL AND BOOKLET BEFORE USING  
KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN**

REGISTRATION NUMBER: 34196  
PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS ACT

NET CONTENTS: 10 L to 1000 L

**ALL SEED TREATED WITH THIS PRODUCT MUST BE CONSPICUOUSLY COLOURED**

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## **TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Treat symptomatically.

## **PRECAUTIONS**

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Apply only when the potential for drift beyond the area to be treated is minimal. Take into consideration wind speed, wind direction, temperature inversions, application equipment, and sprayer settings.

When applied as a tank-mix combination, read and observe all label directions, including rates, personal protective equipment, restrictions and precautions for each product used in the tank-mix. Always use in accordance with the most restrictive label restrictions and precautions.

## **For use on Corn:**

When treating corn, for use in commercial seed treatment (facilities and mobile treaters) with closed transfer including closed mixing, loading, calibrating, and closed treatment equipment only. No open transfer of corn in commercial facilities is permitted. Open transfer is permitted for on-farm treatment of corn.

Use closed transfer for commercial seed treatment (facilities and mobile treaters). Closed transfer includes closed mixing, loading, calibrating and closed treatment equipment. No open transfer is permitted for commercial seed treatment of corn.

When treating, handling, or planting treated seed, wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes plus socks, and chemical-resistant gloves.

### **For use on Cereals:**

When cleaning seed treatment equipment, wear chemical-resistant coveralls over long-sleeved shirt, long pants, chemical-resistant footwear, socks, and chemical-resistant gloves.

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## **DISPOSAL**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Interest Forte is a ready-to-use water-based systemic seed dressing which controls or suppresses certain seed- and soil-borne diseases of cereal crops, as listed below. The formulation contains a colouring agent which will colour the treated seed.

**Note:** Treatment of highly mechanically scarred or damaged seed, or seed known to be of low vigour and poor quality, except for the purpose of curative control of existing disease pests, may result in reduced germination and/or reduction of seed and seedling vigour. Treat a small quantity of seed using equipment similar to that planned for treating the total seed lot. Conduct germination tests on a small portion of the seed before committing the total seed lot to a selected seed treatment. Due to seed quality and seed storage conditions beyond the control of Sharda Cropchem Limited, no claims are made to guarantee the germination of carry-over seed.

**Note:** Experience has shown that strains of fungus resistant to metalaxyl-M and S-isomer may develop. Failure to control the disease will result in crop damage and/or yield losses. Since the occurrence of the resistance cannot be foreseen, Sharda Cropchem Limited accepts no responsibility for any loss of, or damage to, crops resulting from the failure of Interest Forte to

control the resistant fungus strains. If disease appears in a treated field, consult the government extension specialist immediately.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

As this product is not registered for the control of pests in aquatic systems, DO NOT use to control aquatic pests.

DO NOT contaminate irrigation or drinking water supplies or aquatic habitats by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes.

Interest Forte is a ready-to-use water-based formulation for use in commercial seed treatment plants, and for on-farm treatment using standard gravity flow or mist type seed treatment equipment which accurately meters and mixes a flowable seed treatment. Interest Forte may also be used in a treat-on-the-go air seeder. The equipment must provide uniform coverage of Interest Forte on the seed. Uneven seed coverage may not give the desired level of disease control.

This product does not require the addition of water for application. Consult the manufacturer of the application equipment planned to be used for suitability for this application and for instructions on operation and calibration of the equipment.

USE RATES FOR CEREALS: Use the lower rate under normal field conditions. Use the higher rate if: (a) there is a history of high disease pressures in the field, (b) where field conditions favour seed-borne and soil-borne pathogens, or (c) when controlling seed-borne Septoria or early season Septoria leaf blotch.

Crops	Use Rate per 100 kg seed
<b>BARLEY – Diseases Controlled</b>	
Seed rots caused by saprophytic organisms <i>Fusarium</i> spp., <i>Pythium</i> spp., <i>Penicillium</i> spp. and <i>Aspergillus</i> spp. Common root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by seed- and soil-borne <i>Fusarium</i> spp. Pythium root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by soil-borne <i>Pythium</i> spp. Septoria leaf blotch caused by seed-borne <i>Septoria passerinni</i> <sup>1</sup> Covered smut ( <i>Ustilago hordei</i> ) False loose smut ( <i>Ustilago avenae</i> )	325 - 650 mL
<b>BARLEY – Diseases Suppressed<sup>2</sup></b>	
Common root rot caused by <i>Cochliobolus sativus</i> Fusarium crown and foot rot ( <i>Fusarium</i> spp.) Take-all ( <i>Gaeumannomyces graminis</i> var. <i>tritici</i> )	325 - 650 mL
<b>CORN – Diseases Controlled</b>	

Seed rots caused by saprophytic organisms <i>Fusarium</i> spp., <i>Pythium</i> spp., <i>Penicillium</i> spp. and <i>Aspergillus</i> spp. Fusarium root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by seed- and soil-borne <i>Fusarium</i> spp. Pythium root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by soil-borne <i>Pythium</i> spp.	325 - 650 mL
<b>OATS – Diseases Controlled</b>	
Seed rots caused by saprophytic organisms <i>Fusarium</i> spp., <i>Pythium</i> spp., <i>Penicillium</i> spp. and <i>Aspergillus</i> spp. Fusarium root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by seed- and soil-borne <i>Fusarium</i> spp. Pythium root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by soil-borne <i>Pythium</i> spp. Covered smut ( <i>Ustilago kollerii</i> ) Loose smut ( <i>Ustilago avenae</i> )	325 - 650 mL
<b>OATS – Diseases Suppressed<sup>2</sup></b>	
Common root rot caused by <i>Cochliobolus sativus</i>	325 - 650 mL
<b>RYE – Diseases Controlled</b>	
Seed rots caused by saprophytic organisms <i>Fusarium</i> spp., <i>Pythium</i> spp., <i>Penicillium</i> spp. and <i>Aspergillus</i> spp. Common root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by seed- and soil-borne <i>Fusarium</i> spp. Pythium root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by soil-borne <i>Pythium</i> spp. Septoria leaf blotch caused by seed-borne <i>Septoria secalis</i> <sup>1</sup> Common and dwarf bunt caused by seed- and soil-borne <i>Tilletia</i> spp.	325 - 650 mL
<b>RYE – Diseases Suppressed<sup>2</sup></b>	
Common root rot caused by <i>Cochliobolus</i> spp. Fusarium crown and foot rot ( <i>Fusarium</i> spp.) Take-all ( <i>Gaeumannomyces graminis</i> var. <i>tritici</i> )	325 - 650 mL
<b>TRITICALE – Diseases Controlled</b>	
Seed rots caused by saprophytic organisms <i>Fusarium</i> spp., <i>Pythium</i> spp., <i>Penicillium</i> spp. and <i>Aspergillus</i> spp. Common root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by seed- and soil-borne <i>Fusarium</i> spp. Pythium root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by soil-borne <i>Pythium</i> spp. Loose smut ( <i>Ustilago tritici</i> )	325 - 650 mL
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<b>WINTER WHEAT – Diseases Controlled</b>	

Seed rots caused by saprophytic organisms <i>Fusarium</i> spp., <i>Pythium</i> spp., <i>Penicillium</i> spp. and <i>Aspergillus</i> spp. Common root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by seed- and soil-borne <i>Fusarium</i> spp. Pythium root rot, damping-off and seedling blight caused by soil-borne <i>Pythium</i> spp. Septoria leaf blotch caused by seed-borne <i>Septoria tritici</i> <sup>1</sup> <i>Septoria</i> leaf blotch ( <i>Septoria tritici</i> ) <sup>1, 3</sup> Common and dwarf bunt caused by seed- and soil-borne <i>Tilletia</i> spp. Loose smut ( <i>Ustilago tritici</i> )	325 - 650 mL
<b>WINTER WHEAT – Diseases Supressed<sup>2</sup></b>	
Common root rot caused by <i>Cochliobolus sativus</i> Fusarium crown and foot rot ( <i>Fusarium</i> spp.) Take-all ( <i>Gaeumannomyces graminis</i> var. <i>tritici</i> )	325 - 650 mL
<b>SPRING WHEAT – Diseases Controlled</b>	
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1. Use the 650 mL rate for control of these diseases.
2. Suppression means consistent control at a level which is not optimal but is still of commercial benefit.
3. Early season foliar disease control for first 4 weeks after planting. For full season control apply a foliar fungicide according to label directions.

#### TANK MIXTURES:

For the control of true loose smut (*Ustilago nuda*) in barley, mix Interest Forte with either Charter, Raxil 250FL or Baytan 30. Consult each product label for registered use rates and follow all label use instructions. Read the label directions for each product and follow the most restrictive label precautions and limitations.

Where use rate ranges are given, use the higher rate where conditions favour seed-borne or soil-borne pathogens.

#### USE LIMITATIONS:

1. Do not use treated seed for food, feed or oil purposes.

2. Do not graze, feed green forage or cut for hay within 35 days of planting treated cereal grain seeds.
3. Do not plant any crop other than cereal grains, listed on this label, within 30 days to fields in which treated seeds were planted.

**NOTICE TO USER: READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT FOR THE INDICATED SPECIAL USE APPLICATIONS:**

The DIRECTIONS FOR USE for the uses described in this section of the label were developed by persons other than Sharda Cropchem Limited under the User Requested Minor Use Label Expansion program. For these uses, Sharda Cropchem Limited has not fully assessed performance (efficacy) and/or crop tolerance (phytotoxicity) under all environmental conditions or for all crop varieties when used in accordance with the label. The user should test the product on a small area first, under local conditions and using standard practices, to confirm the product is suitable for widespread application.

Crops	Use Rate per 100 kg seed	Notes
<b>SWEET AND SEED CORN – Diseases Controlled</b>		One application as a seed treatment
Penicillium three-leaf dieback ( <i>Penicillium</i> spp.)	325 mL	
<b>BUCKWHEAT, MILLET (PEARL AND PROSO), SORGHUM – Disease Controlled</b>		Use the lower rate under normal field conditions. Use the higher rate if: a) there is a history of high disease pressures in the field or b) where field conditions favour seed-borne and soil-borne pathogens. Do not graze or feed livestock on seeded area for 35 days after application.
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**RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

For resistance management, please note that Interest Forte contains Group 3 and Group 4 fungicides. Any fungal population may contain individuals naturally resistant to Interest Forte and other Group 3 and Group 4 fungicides. A gradual or total loss of pest control may occur over time if these fungicides are used repeatedly in the same fields. Other resistance mechanisms that are not linked to site of action but specific for individual chemicals, such as enhanced metabolism, may also exist. Appropriate resistance management strategies should be followed.

**To delay fungicide resistance:**

Where possible, rotate the use of Interest Forte or other Group 3 and Group 4 fungicides with different groups that control the same pathogens.

Use tank mixtures with fungicides from a different group that is effective on the target pathogen when such use is permitted.

Fungicide use should be based on an integrated disease management program that includes scouting, historical information related to pesticide use and crop rotation and considers host plant resistance, impact of environmental conditions on disease development, disease thresholds, as well as cultural, biological and other chemical control practices.

Where possible, make use of predictive disease models to effectively time fungicide applications.

Monitor treated fungal populations for resistance development. Notify Sharda Cropchem Limited if reduced sensitivity of the pathogen to Interest Forte is suspected. If disease continues to progress after treatment with this product, do not increase the use rate. Discontinue use of this product, and switch to another fungicide with a different site of action, if available.

Contact your local extension specialist or certified crop advisors for any additional pesticide resistance-management and/or IPM recommendations for specific crops and pathogens.

For further information or to report suspected resistance, contact Sharda Cropchem Limited at 1-844-810-5720.