Jacobsen has become one of the first to meet new EC Directive noise tests with their comprehensive mower range. Introduced to the statute books earlier this year, the directive calls for sound levels of 100dB(A) maximum at 4 way and Turfcat mowers to the recently announced Pedestrian Rotary, through their range of Greens King, Fair-machines. The maximum permissible sound pressure level metres for machines with cutting widths of 0.5 to 1.2 range. Introduced to the statute books earlier this year, the big day - and that's where 'Tournament' comes in". One can't be a greenkeeper who hasn't at some time felt appre-
cation and protection against wear and corrosion. It is also water-resistant and highly stable. This new biodegradable grease is mainly used to lubricate axles and wheels, gear casings and drive shafts, and three-point hitches or front PTOs. First-time users are advised to contact a service specialist to ensure the lubricant is approved for the proposed application. Bio-Grease-Gard is available in 400g cartridges, price £1.65. Details - tel: 0949 60491.

Rhône Poulenc's DATACHEM Version 2 is now available. The computer software programme designed to assist the amenity spray operator with the safe accurate and efficient use of pesticides was initially launched in 1991. In addition to the features of the original package, DATACHEM Version 2 has the facility to add details on any manufacturers' products for use within the system. Also new is a Spray Operator Record System, allowing the user to store spray application details electronically. DATACHEM Version 2 reduces paperwork and administrative time whilst increasing accuracy, efficiency and safety in the use of pesticides. Details and a free demo disk - tel: Mr Sion Price on 0277 301115.

On the 10th anniversary of the launch of their trenching machine Shelton have announced the Shelton Supertrencr MK Va. With a number of design changes, the discharge conveyor has been lengthened to enable bigger trailers to be loaded and a new belt with moulded chevrons is now fitted to enhance soil flow. Primary drive is by hydraulic motor with secondary drive by chain, enabling the belt speed to be altered. Made as a self-con-tained unit, it may be carried in the vertical position on the machine or may be slid off its retaining lugs and carried separately. A bigger discharge port incorporates a deflecting plate of stainless steel and the conveyor fits more closely to the base to reduce the chance of soil spillage. The redesigned crumber follows the arc of the cutting wheel with minimum gap and is protected with a shear pin. The bottom shoe is quickly changed to cater for differing trench widths. Pipe laying crumbers for laying pipes from 35-110mm diam. are available. The mini gravel hopper (optional) allows simultaneous placing of permeable fill. Details - tel: 0507 578288.

Following extensive research Farmura Environmental Products are launching Foresight Flowable Wetting Agent - specially formulated and developed for use on turf. Foresight has been tested at the STRI for safety in use and the product is packed in award winning recycled plastic containers with an integrated easy-view measuring strip and pouring device for accurate measurement and dispensing. Half a litre to 500m2 makes the product economical in use. Each 2x5 litre pack contains a free litre of Blazon Spray Pattern Indicator. Details - tel: 023376 241/581

More proud possessors of BS5750 quality assurance certificates include Hayter Beaver, Fisons Horticulture UK (part 1), Rhône Poulenc Agriculture Ltd., D&E Turf Maintenance Ltd., and Elsoms Seeds.

Sports Turf Services of Newbridge, Midlothian have announced an agreement with Neptune Scotland Ltd to become sole distributors for the entire Neptune range. The manufacturers are able to tailor make batches of conditioner to meet specific soil problems. Details - tel: 031 3332345.

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