Pennant improvements approved

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Several improvements to Ciba-Geigy’s Pennant liquid herbicide label have been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, increasing the number of desirable plants on which it can be used and weeds it controls.

Last year, EPA approved Pennant’s first federal turf label, for control of yellow nutsedge and Mexican sprangletop on warm-season turf. This label allowed product use on commercial bahiagrass, Bermudagrass, centipede grass and St. Augustinegrass.

The revised label allows the herbicide to be used on zoysiagrass, an important turf species in much of the southern United States. In addition, annual sedges, smooth and large crabgrass, and bearded sprangletop now are on its list of weeds controlled.

Pennant has provided broad-spectrum weed control in landscape plantings, ornamentals, conifers, non-bearing fruits and non-bearing citrus in nurseries for more than three years.

The product’s new label includes more than 50 desirable plants not previously labeled, such as bulbs, bedding plants and annual flowers, as well as ground covers and woody ornamentals.

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Hunter names Kesterton to Australian post

Phil Kesterton, an irrigation industry professional with more than 20 years' experience in international sales and service, has been appointed the Hunter Industries managing director for Australia and New Zealand. He is based in Sydney, Australia. Kesterton will be responsible for the sales and technical support of all Hunter product lines, including residential and commercial sprinklers and golf irrigation systems.

His association with Hunter Industries founder Ed Hunter goes back more than 30 years. In the 1960s, Hunter headed the Hoist-0-Matic sprinkler company, and Kesterton distributed Hoist-0-Matic products in Australia. Kesterton also was managing director for Toro Australia from 1974 to 1987.

Fisher promoted to head Toro N’East district

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Mike Fisher has been appointed district sales and specification manager for Toro Irrigation’s northeast district. Fisher served five years as sales and operations manager for Turf Products. He has also won Toro’s rookie and salesman of the year awards.

Fisher will oversee accounts for Grasslands, Philadelphia Turf, Storr Tractor and the Turf Products Corporation.