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Chipco Proxy

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Inhibition that typically follows an application of PGRs. "With Chipco Proxy you don't have to trade turf safety for immediate efficacy," said Davis. "It may take a bit longer, but there is no need to add iron and nitrogen to a PGR application to mask the discoloration."

Chipco Proxy will cost around $40 per application.

Davis believes the advantages will allow superintendents to apply PGRs from tree-line to tee-line. "Chipco Proxy is cheap enough to justify spraying the roughs," said Davis. He recommends that the product be applied in mid to late April when the growing season is at its peak. "This way superintendents can focus their early season energy on the fairways and greens," said Davis. "If they miss a mowing in the rough, superintendents won't have a bunch of members crawling on their backs."

While Chipco Proxy is best suited for cool season grasses and the Northern U.S., it also has a promising application for Bermuda grass according to Davis. "We will be targeting the Southern markets because while Chipco Proxy is not effective on Bermuda grass, it is particularly effective on rye grass" said Davis. "This means that it would be perfect for use during the transition between winter and spring. One, it would reduce winter mowing, and two it would help hold the rye back while the Bermuda is releasing."

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According to Agnew, Compass is also safer to use than other fungicides. "Compass will fit into Integrated Pest Management programs, it is an environmentally safe fungicide that requires small applications," he said. Novartis recommends applications of 1/10 to 1/4 of an ounce per 1,000 sq. ft. versus the typical rates of four to 12 ounces for conventional fungicides.

"All of this will give the superintendent another tool and another option for the rotation of chemicals for disease control and fungicide resistance management," said Agnew.

Compass is due to be available from Novartis this summer.

E-Z-Go Textron

lands ISO 9001

AUGUSTA, Ga.—E-Z-Go Textron has become the first golf car and utility vehicle company to receive International Standardization Organization (ISO) 9001 registration. E-Z-GO has been certified to the ANSI/ASQC Q9001-1994 standard.

Bureau Vertias Quality International (BVQI) of Jamestown, NY, the ISO registrar, conducted a final audit of E-Z-GO's Augusta, GA, plant in late last subjecting the company's operations to a rigorous, 20-element inspection. E-Z-GO had to show excellence in operations ranging from design control to inspection and testing.

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