

HAZARD CLASSIFICATION: 6.8B, 6.9B, 9.1D**HANDLING AND PRECAUTIONS****STORAGE:**

Keep out of reach of children. Store in the closed original container in a locked, dry, cool, well ventilated area, out of direct sunlight and away from foodstuffs, domestic animals and poultry. Store away from food, feedstuff, seed and fertilisers.

Storage must be in accordance with NZS 8409 Management of Agrichemicals.

Stores containing more than 10000 kg of Metarex are subject to signage and more than 10000 kg requires an emergency response plan.

When stored appropriately, this product should show no significant degradation for 2 years from the date of manufacture. Contact your supplier for further information about the use of any product that is older than this.

PERSONAL PROTECTION:

Avoid skin contact. Wash hands, face and exposed skin before meals and after work. Wear gloves if handling the pellets.

DISPOSAL:

Ensure container is completely empty by emptying into application equipment or other use. Burn empty container in an appropriate incinerator if permitted and circumstances, such as wind direction permit. Otherwise bury in a suitable landfill. Dispose of unused product only by using in accordance with label directions or at an approved landfill.

SPILLAGE:

Sweep up spilled pellets and dispose of safely. (Use according to label or in an approved landfill).

Protection of Animals

Store safely away from animals as accidental poisoning may be fatal. Keep poultry and pets, particularly cats and dogs, off treated areas. Metarex contains a bittering agent which should deter most cats and dogs. However, some animals are inquisitive and may not be deterred. If animals are poisoned, contact a veterinarian.

Exclusion of Liability: Please Read

To the extent permitted by law, buyers and/or users of the goods accept that neither the manufacturer, Elliott Technologies Limited as distributor, nor any other distributor have any liability or responsibility whatsoever for any loss, damage or injury whether in contract or tort, whether direct, indirect or consequential howsoever arising in connection with the supply of these goods.

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

METAREX Snail and Slug Bait kills slugs and snails by irreversibly destroying the mucus producing cells that are essential for movement.

Where the attack is heavy it may be necessary to repeat the application. Best results are achieved by application during mild damp weather when slugs and snails are most active but when rain is not imminent.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Scatter baits evenly using an appropriate applicator by ground or direct drill with seed for slug control. DO NOT place in heaps. Clean up any spilled baits, including any from after filling the applicator.

TIMING: Apply baits when crops are most vulnerable. For broadacre crops this is likely to be at or immediately after drilling and emergence. For other crops time the application to protect the sensitive growth stages. For seedlings best results may be achieved by applying 5-10 days prior to planting. See your distributor for further advice.

DO NOT apply to edible plant parts or to crops where baits may be collected with harvested commodities or in animal fodder

DO NOT heap baits

RECOMMENDATIONS

Use higher rates where infestation levels are high or under heavy rainfall conditions. By law, the maximum application rate must not be exceeded.

For the control of Snails and Slugs

Crops	Rate	Remarks
Cereals, Fodder crops and other field crops	Broadcast: Apply 4 – 8 kg/ha	Broadcast evenly over soil surface or within the band of the area to be treated. Apply baits when crops are most vulnerable. For broadacre crops this is likely to be at or immediately after drilling and emergence. Use higher rates where infestation levels are high or under heavy rainfall conditions. Use of a granule / bait spreader is recommended.
	In furrow treatment: Apply 4 kg/ha	Use only in situations where slugs have access to the seed through the open drilling slot (eg Direct drilling). If pressure is high, a broadcast application may also be required to protect emerging crop.
Vegetable crops	Broadcast: Apply 4 – 8 kg/ha	Broadcast evenly over the soil surface of the area to be treated. Do not apply to edible parts of crops. For short rotation crops such as lettuce, it is preferable to apply pre-sowing or transplanting, during periods when crops are likely to be affected by slugs and snails (Early spring through to late Autumn and during warm winters). Application before a crop is present will optimise control and minimise the potential for baits to lodge on edible foliage. Use higher rates where infestation levels are high or under heavy rainfall conditions.
Newly Renovated Pastures	Apply 4 – 8 kg/ha	Broadcast evenly over soil surface or within the band of the area to be treated. Use higher rates where infestation levels are high or under heavy rainfall conditions. Use of a granule / bait spreader is recommended.
Ornamentals	Apply 5 kg/ha or use 20 grams / 10 square metres	Apply evenly over infested area.

WITHHOLDING PERIOD:

Do not apply to plant parts for human consumption or plant parts that will be grazed or fed to animals. Withhold stock from treated areas for 7 days.

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