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GROWTH PRODUCTS ANNOUNCES

COMPANION® BIOLOGICAL FUNGICIDE RECEIVES NEW REGISTRAION FOR USE ON ALL AGRICULTURAL FOOD CROPS



WHITE PLAINS, NY (November 2008) – Companion® Liquid Biological Fungicide (71065-3) has been granted a new EPA registration with expanded uses on all agricultural food crops. Manufactured by Growth Products, Ltd., Companion® prevents, controls and suppresses of a broad range of root and foliar diseases.

Companion®'s GB03 strain of *Bacillus subtilis* has multiple modes of action in preventing and controlling plant diseases. It produces a broad-spectrum antibiotic (Iturin) that disrupts pathogen cell-wall formation. It is a competitive and fast colonizing rhizobacterium that crowds out pathogens and prevents pathogens' growth and antagonistic effects. GB03 also triggers Induced System Resistance (ISR) in plants, by activating a plant's natural immune system to fight many plant diseases. Companion®'s multiple and unique methods of battling disease inhibit pathogens' ability to develop resistance, making Companion® an ideal part of a responsible disease management program.

Growth Products, Ltd., introduced Companion® – the first-ever EPA-labeled liquid biological fungicide – to the market in 2001. The company also manufactures liquid fertilizers, chelated micronutrients, and natural organics. Incorporated in 1984, Growth Products, Ltd., is dedicated to serving the Green Industry by providing agronomically sound and environmentally friendly products.

** Also Registered For Hydroponics, Turf and Horticultural Use*

Applications:

• FOR PREVENTION,
CONTROL AND
SUPPRESSION OF ROOT
AND FOLIAR DISEASES



- ACTIVATES THE PLANT'S DEFENSE / IMMUNE SYSTEM (ISR)
- USE ON FOOD AND FORAGE CROPS

Agricultural Disease List

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| • <i>Alternaria</i> spp. | • <i>Erwinia carotovora</i> | • <i>Phytophthora aerial blight</i> | • <i>Pythium irregulare</i> |
| • <i>Aspergillus</i> spp. | • <i>Erwinia tracheiphila</i> | • <i>Phytophthora</i> spp. | • <i>Pythium</i> spp. |
| • <i>Botrytis cinerea</i> | • <i>Golovinomyces</i> | • <i>Plasmodiophora brassicae</i> | • <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> |
| • <i>Colletotrichum orbiculare</i> | • <i>cichoracearum</i> , formerly called | • <i>Podosphaera xanthii</i> , formerly | • <i>Sclerospora graminicola</i> |
| • <i>Colletotrichum</i> spp. | • <i>Erysiphe cichoracearum</i> | • called <i>Sphaerotheca fuliginea</i> . | • <i>Sclerotinia minor</i> |
| • <i>Didymella bryoniae</i> | • <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> | • <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> | • <i>Sclerotinia minor</i> |
| • <i>Erwinia</i> | • <i>Fusarium solani</i> | • <i>Pythium aphanidermatum</i> | • <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> |

• EPA Registration No. 71065-3

• A Rhizosphere Bacterium

• Quickly Establishes
Beneficial Colonies on Roots
and Leaves

• Improves Nutrient Uptake

• Stimulates Healthier Roots
and Accelerates Plant Growth

The Companion® line of products was first introduced to the Horticultural market in 2001. Growers can now use this powerful, environmentally friendly tool to effectively fight diseases and to trim reliance on chemical fungicides. University studies have shown that Companion® can be used in combination with lower rates of chemical fungicides for improved efficacy and/or in rotation with chemical fungicides, thus reducing chemical applications and lowering chemical costs.

Companion® stimulates healthier roots, accelerates plant growth, and improves yields. It can be used all outdoor field grown food crops including vegetables, herbs, small fruits, berries and fruit and nut trees. Companion® can be applied up to and including the day of harvest.

For more information about Growth Products, Ltd., or any of the other products in our Professional Liquid Line, please call 1-800-648-7626. Visit us on the World Wide Web at <http://www.GrowthProducts.com>.

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