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COMPANION® BIOLOGICAL FUNGICIDE RECEIVES NEW EPA LABEL FOR ALL TURF AND PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE USE



WHITE PLAINS, NY (November 2008) – Companion® Liquid Biological Fungicide (71065-3) received a new EPA label for all turfgrass and landscape use. Manufactured by Growth Products, Ltd., Companion® effectively prevents, controls and suppresses a broad range of root and foliar diseases.

Turf & Landscape Disease List

- ***Anthracnose***
- ***Brown Patch***
- ***Dollar Spot***
- ***Summer Patch***
- ***Fusarium Patch***
- ***Pythium***
- ***Phytophthora***

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 preventing their growth and antagonistic effects. In addition, GB03 triggers Induced Systemic Resistance (ISR) in plants, by activating a plant's natural immune system to fight disease. Companion®'s multiple and unique methods of battling pathogens are environmentally friendly and inhibit pathogens' ability to develop resistance to fungicides.

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 and Agriculture Use*

Applications:

USE ON GREENS, TEES,
FAIRWAYS AND ROUGHS,
SPORTS TURF, PARKS,
CEMETERIES, (RESIDENTIAL) LAWNS, NEW SEEDING,
OVERSEEDING, HYDROSEEDING, SOD FARMS, AND SEED
PRODUCTION GRASSES



USE ON ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, WOODY ORNAMENTALS, FLOWERING
SHRUBS, TROPICALS, PALMS, HERBS, FRUIT AND NUT TREES, ALL
INTERIORESCAPE PLANTINGS

- For Prevention, Control and Suppression of Soil and Foliar Diseases
- Activates ISR (Induced Systemic Resistance) in Plants
- 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

Several years of trials at Rutgers and the University of Massachusetts have also shown that Companion® can be used in combination with lower rates of chemical fungicides for improved efficacy and/or in rotation with chemical fungicides, thereby reducing chemical applications and total chemical costs.

The Companion® line of products was first introduced to the horticultural market in 2001. With its new label, turf and landscape professionals can now use this powerful biofungicide as part of a sound disease management program.

Companion® can be used on all varieties of turfgrass, shrubs and other landscape materials. Companion® has excellent stability and it does not require any special equipment, handling or storage.

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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