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[BOTTLE LABEL]

**FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY  
FOR SALE AND USE IN ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN  
UNTIL NOVEMBER 1, 2027**

**2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE CONCENTRATE  
(TO BE MIXED WITH FARM AVAILABLE GRAIN  
TO FORMULATE 0.4% STRYCHNINE BAIT.)**

**RESTRICTED**

**SALE OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE CONCENTRATE  
BY AGROMAX DISTRIBUTORS INC.**

**FOR SALE ONLY TO PEST CONTROL OPERATORS, AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCERS, AND PERSONS AUTHORIZED IN GOVERNMENT APPROVED PEST  
CONTROL PROGRAMS WHERE THE VENDOR MAINTAINS A RECORD OF SALES  
INCLUDING THE NAME, ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE OF THE PURCHASER  
ALONG WITH THE QUANTITY OF PRODUCT PURCHASED.**

**ALL SALES & USE ARE LIMITED UNTIL NOVEMBER 1, 2027.**

**TO BE USED ONLY IN THOSE RURAL MUNICIPALITIES IDENTIFIED BY ALBERTA AGRICULTURE  
AND IRRIGATION AND SASKATCHEWAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AS HAVING A SEVERE  
INFESTATION OF RICHARDSON'S GROUND SQUIRRELS. DO NOT USE IN RESIDENTIAL OR PUBLIC  
AREAS (SUCH AS PARKS, PLAYING FIELDS), OR ANY OTHER SITES THAT ARE OR WILL BE OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC (FOR EXAMPLE, PICK-YOUR-OWN SITES).**

**READ THE LABEL AND ACCOMPANYING BROCHURE BEFORE USE.  
PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING, INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCT  
STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM DEVELOPED AS PART OF THIS EMERGENCY USE BY THE  
PROVINCES OF ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN ARE REQUIRED**

**REGISTRATION NO. 28751 PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS ACT  
STORE PRODUCT UNDER LOCK AND KEY**

**ACTIVE INGREDIENT: STRYCHNINE.....2.0%**

**DANGER**



**POISON**

**CORROSIVE TO THE EYES  
Net Content: 250 mL**

**Agromax Distributors Inc.  
1305 Halifax Street  
Regina, Saskatchewan S4R 1T9  
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**NATURE OF RESTRICTION:**

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**RESTRICTED USE:** To formulate 0.4% strychnine bait for control of Richardson's ground squirrels (*Urocitellus richardsonii*).

**DIRECTIONS FOR RESTRICTED USE:** Refer to the accompanying brochure.

**Refer to provincial stewardship guidelines for a detailed description of responsibilities and requirements.**

**PRECAUTIONS: KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN, DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.**

Fatal if swallowed or absorbed through the eyes. May be fatal if dust from treated bait is inhaled. Corrosive to the eyes. DO NOT get in the eyes. All unopened, empty or partially empty concentrate bottles and treated grain must be locked and stored away from food or feed.

Wear coveralls over a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, chemical resistant gloves, socks and shoes, protective eyewear and a respirator with a NIOSH-approved organic-vapour-removing cartridge (with a prefilter) approved for pesticides OR a NIOSH-approved canister approved for pesticides when handling the concentrate, preparing the treated bait, placing treated bait and during clean-up activities and disposal of treated bait. Wash the outside of the gloves before removal and wash your hands thoroughly after handling the concentrate or prepared bait and before eating, drinking and smoking. DO NOT contaminate feed and foodstuffs or any water supply. Treated grain should be placed in areas inaccessible to children, pets, wildlife and domestic animals. Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, chemical resistant gloves, socks and shoes when retrieving and disposing of poisoned carcasses.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS.**

This product is toxic to wildlife. Treated grain exposed on soil surface and poisoned carcasses may be hazardous to birds and other wildlife. All treated grain and poisoned carcasses exposed on soil surface must be collected and disposed of by incineration or burial in a pit no less than 46 cm (approximately 18 inches) deep and then covered to prevent non-target poisonings. Toxic to all forms of life.

Species at risk, including the burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*) and the swift fox (*Vulpes velox*), are known to frequent habitat occupied by Richardson's ground squirrels. **DO NOT APPLY THIS PRODUCT IF THESE OR OTHER SPECIES AT RISK ARE PRESENT IN YOUR AREA.** For information on species at risk in your area, contact your local provincial or federal wildlife officials.

**FIRST AID:**

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**TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:**

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**DISPOSAL:** See **PRECAUTIONS** section for information on the required personal protective equipment when performing disposal activities.

2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate: All unopened, empty or partially empty bottles of 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate and contaminated equipment (e.g. buckets, containers) must be stored in a locked compartment.

Bucket of 0.4% Strychnine Bait: Prepare only enough bait that can be used during the time of the planned application. Any unused bait must be stored in its original container and, for optimal results, used as soon as possible.

2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate and Bucket of 0.4% Strychnine Bait: DO NOT reuse the empty container. Dispose of any unused or spoiled bait in accordance with provincial requirements. Follow provincial instructions for any required cleaning of the container prior to its disposal. Make the empty container unsuitable for further use. Dispose of the container in accordance with provincial requirements. For more information on the disposal of unused product and the clean-up of spills, contact the provincial regulatory agency or the manufacturer.

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[BROCHURE]

THE FOLLOWING BROCHURE MUST BE DISTRIBUTED WITH THE SALE OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE CONCENTRATE TO EACH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER OR PEST CONTROL OFFICER PURCHASING THE 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE CONCENTRATE TO FORMULATE THE 0.4% STRYCHNINE BAIT.

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Non-target animals can be poisoned by eating Richardson's ground squirrels that have consumed 0.4% strychnine bait. Therefore, daily monitoring of control area is vital and needs to occur to prevent secondary poisoning. Applicators must be vigilant with monitoring and disposal through burial or incineration of any Richardson's ground squirrels or non-target organisms that die above ground. Species at risk, including the burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*) and the swift fox (*Vulpes velox*), are known to frequent habitat occupied by Richardson's ground squirrels. DO NOT apply this product if these or other species at risk that may feed on strychnine bait, small rodents, or Richardson's ground squirrels are present in your area. For information on species at risk in your area, contact your local provincial or federal wildlife officials.

**RESTRICTED USE:** To formulate 0.4% strychnine bait for control of Richardson's ground squirrels (*Urocyon richardsonii*).

**DIRECTIONS FOR RESTRICTED USE:** To purchase the 2% strychnine concentrate agricultural producers must provide their name, telephone number and land description where they will apply the product and agree to complete an evaluation form on the product. SHAKE THOROUGHLY BEFORE USE. Keep from freezing. Pour the content of this 250 mL bottle over 1 kg of clean (hulled or hullless) oats or wheat to create a 0.4% strychnine bait concentrate. Where oats are sown, use wheat for bait. Mix well to ensure that each kernel is coated with poison. It dries quickly and is ready for use at once. Pest control officers or agricultural producers must use appropriately sized and labelled containers in which to mix the concentrate with the grain. The pest control officer or agricultural producer is responsible for ensuring that appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is worn (Refer to the label under PRECAUTIONS for the required PPE requirements) and safe mixing procedures are followed (e.g. the mixing paddle is used in a manner that minimizes dust stir-up, contamination of surfaces is avoided). Product must be mixed in facilities where pest control officers or agricultural producers can wash the outside of protective gloves before removal, rinse protective goggles and thoroughly wash their hands after all protective equipment has been removed.

**Containers of treated grain must be affixed with the 0.4% strychnine bait label issued under this registration.** All unopened, empty or partially empty concentrate bottles must be locked and stored away from food or feed. The vendors are responsible for ensuring that each pest control officer or agricultural producer purchasing the concentrate product has a copy of this label (brochure) to ensure proper placement of the product in the field. Care must be taken to avoid spilling bait on soil surface. All spilled bait must be collected and disposed of by incineration or burial in a pit no less than 46 cm (approximately 18 inches) deep and then covered to prevent non-target poisonings. Toxic to all forms of life.

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**BURROW USE:** Prior to treatment, burrows should be pre-baited to precondition acceptance. To achieve the most effective control, baiting should be carried out before the birth of the young mid-April to late-May, and before alternative green vegetation is available, as a good quality bait may be more attractive at this time. Baiting after this time may result in reduced efficacy and increased costs (i.e., labour and material) since the availability of alternative foods may reduce the consumption of the bait and affect the levels of control. Application mid-July to August can also be effective, once food plants have dried down. Place 5-15 g (1-3 teaspoons) of strychnine-treated grain deep in the burrow in such a manner that the bait is not visible from the surface. Following the bait application, the burrow entrance must be covered. **DO NOT SCATTER THE BAIT OUTSIDE THE BURROW**

At the time of application, the applicator must post warning signs at all normal access points to and where poisoned bait is placed. Signs must include as a minimum the following information:

- The signal word DANGER,
- The statement “TOXIC BAITING IN PROGRESS. Keep children, dogs and other domestic animals out of the area.”,
- The date and time baiting began,
- The product name, active ingredient, registration number, registrant name, and;
- The contact information for the responsible applicator

Signs must remain in place for the entire duration that the bait is being placed in the treatment area. Signs are to be removed only at the end of the treatment period.

**MONITORING:** Monitoring requirements have been updated. Monitoring and carcass removal are very important to protect non-target wildlife.

Users must follow monitoring instructions provided by the Provincial authorities.

All areas baited must be regularly monitored for dead animals (including non-target species) and uneaten bait, with findings recorded. In areas of high Richardson’s ground squirrels concentrations, monitoring must be done at least twice per day in daylight. In lower concentration areas, monitoring must be done at least once per day in daylight hours for the first week and on a weekly basis for several weeks thereafter. All carcasses and uneaten bait must be disposed of by incineration or burial in a pit no less than 46 cm (approx. 18 inches) deep then covered to prevent scavengers from unearthing them.

**IPM RECOMMENDATIONS:** The use of 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate should be used in an integrated pest management (IPM) program that includes monitoring and record keeping and considers cultural, biological, and other chemical control practices. Strychnine should only be used when IPM strategy have failed to lower the Richardson’s ground squirrels population below the action threshold. Consult with provincial extension specialists for further guidance.

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### **FIRST AID:**

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### **TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:**

Central nervous system stimulant. Convulsions may occur within 5 to 10 minutes if ingestion. If the person is fully conscious and not convulsing a few moments after the ingestion, immediate ingestion of activated charcoal has been proven beneficial. Keep the patient in a warm, dark room with minimal sensory stimulation. Postpone gastric lavage until the patient is fully premedicated to control further convulsions or seizures. Artificial respiration may become necessary. Keep patient under continual observation until convulsions and reflex irritability have been suppressed and gastric lavage can be performed safely.

**DISPOSAL: See PRECAUTIONS section for information on the required personal protective equipment when performing disposal activities.**

2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate: All unopened, empty or partially empty bottles of 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate and contaminated equipment (e.g. buckets, containers) must be stored in a locked compartment. Dispose of the container in accordance with provincial requirements. For more information on the disposal of unused product, contact the provincial regulatory agency or the manufacturer.

Bucket of 0.4% Strychnine Bait: Prepare only enough bait to be used during the time of the planned application. Any unused bait must be stored in its original container and, for optimal results, used as soon as possible.

2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate and Bucket of 0.4% Strychnine Bait: DO NOT reuse the empty container. Dispose of any unused or spoiled bait in accordance with provincial requirements. Follow provincial instructions for any required cleaning of the container prior to its disposal. Make the empty container unsuitable for further use. Dispose of the container in accordance with provincial requirements. For more information on the disposal of unused product and the clean-up of spills, contact the provincial regulatory agency or the manufacturer.

Carcass Disposal (Richardson's ground squirrels and non-target species): All carcasses must be disposed of by incineration or burial in a pit no less than 46 cm (approx. 18 inches) deep and then covered to prevent scavengers from unearthing the carcasses.

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[MIXED GRAIN CONTAINER LABEL]

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**0.4% STRYCHNINE BAIT**

RESTRICTED

CONTAINS GRAIN THAT HAS BEEN MIXED WITH  
2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE CONCENTRATE  
BY AGROMAX DISTRIBUTORS INC.

REGISTRATION NO. 28751 PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS ACT

IN A RATIO OF 250 ML OF STRYCHNINE CONCENTRATE TO 1 KG OF GRAIN  
TO YIELD A GRAIN BAIT CONTAINING 0.4% STRYCHNINE

USE IS LIMITED UNTIL NOVEMBER 1, 2027

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CORROSIVE TO THE EYES

**DO NOT USE FOR FOOD OR FEED**  
THIS SEED HAS BEEN TREATED WITH STRYCHNINE  
STORE PRODUCT UNDER LOCK AND KEY

**RESTRICTED USE:** For control of Richardson's ground squirrels (*Urocitellus richardsonii*).

**DIRECTIONS FOR RESTRICTED USE:**

**Containers of treated grain must be affixed with this 0.4% strychnine bait label.**

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**TREATMENT OF BURROWS:** Prior to treatment, burrows should be pre-baited to precondition acceptance. To achieve the most effective control, baiting should be carried out before the birth of the young in mid-April to late-May, and before alternative green vegetation is available, as a good quality bait may be more attractive at this time. Baiting after this time may result in reduced efficacy and increased costs (i.e., labour and material) since the availability of alternative foods may reduce the consumption of the bait and affect the levels of control. Application mid-July to August can also be effective, once food plants have dried down. Place 5-15 g (1-3 teaspoons) of strychnine treated grain deep in the burrow in such a manner that the bait is not visible from the surface. Following the bait application, the burrow entrance must be covered. Care must be taken to avoid spilling bait on soil surface. All spilled bait must be collected and disposed of by incineration or burial in a pit no less than 46 cm (approximately 18 inches) deep and then covered to prevent non-target poisonings. Toxic to all forms of life. **DO NOT SCATTER BAIT OUTSIDE BURROW.**

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