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Protecting Cylinder Label Integrity

Pesticide regulations require cylinder labels and supplemental booklets be securely attached to the container and be protected so that they remain readable and intact. There are two conditions that can affect this, (1) damage during transportation and (2) damage to cylinder labels during storage, usually by adverse weather conditions.

Great Lakes palletize cylinders using many layers of stretch-wrap to hold the cylinders together on the pallet. This method of securing cylinders to the pallet in an upright position minimizes damage to the cylinder labels during transportation. Distributors or customers occasionally re-palletize these cylinders using metal bands or other types of bands. The bands can cut into the label causing scuffing and scraping of the label. If bands are used, cardboard spacers should also be used at the "corners" of the group of cylinders to keep the metal band from coming in contact with the surface of the cylinder and the cylinder label. If multiple bands are used at the top and bottom of the cylinders, then spacers should be used with each band. If spacers are not used, the metal bands will most likely scuff and rip the cylinder label during transportation and band removal. The damaged label may be a cause of concern with regulatory agents who make routine inspections of your facility.

Weather will also cause damage to the labels. Cylinders should be stored upright in a location protected from rain and direct sunlight, so the labels remain readable and intact.

When labels become scuffed or weather damaged, Great Lakes cannot send you a replacement label. Labeling and relabeling activities are considered a "producing" or "packaging" activity under the pesticide regulations. As such, only an authorized Great Lakes repackager can re-label the product. Re-labeling of the container must be performed at facility that has been assigned an Establishment Number by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Therefore, there are not many options available to re-label a container when it is located at an applicator or distributor location. It is better to prevent the labels from being damaged. We recommend that if you re-palletize our cylinders, you should make sure the cylinders are in an upright position and either use stretch-wrapping or bands with cardboard (corner) spacers. Cylinder should also be stored upright in a safe and secure location protected from the weather.

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS



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