

## TECHNICAL SHEET

### **Rice: Herbicide (Butaforce) for weed control**

#### **Role of the pesticide (Boschetto, 2013)**

Herbicides are products that belong to the family of pesticides, substances developed to control or destroy organisms deemed undesirable (Government of Quebec, 2002a). Whether they are natural or man-made (synthetic molecules), the absorption and metabolism of herbicides by plants cause the death of these organisms (Agra-Ost, 2006).

Since their purpose is to destroy weeds, herbicides also present risks for the environment and human health (Government of Quebec, 2002b). It is therefore important to control their use and marketing.

#### **Herbicide design (Boschetto, 2013)**

Any mode of action of a herbicide is based on the existence of a chemical molecule that will be absorbed, metabolized and interact with the plant to lead to the desired effect (growth inhibition, plant death, etc.). The a priori knowledge of the desired effect is therefore essential for the choice of the active molecule of the herbicide. However, although it is the active molecule that interacts with the plant, several additives must be added for the desired characteristics to be obtained, particularly with regard to the absorption of the molecule by the plants (Agri-réseau, 2012). The nature of the additives have the function of "dressing" the active molecule, in order to make it more effectively absorbable by the examples according to the different modes of application (ground spray, aerial, etc.).

#### **Industrial manufacturing of the herbicide (Boschetto, 2013)**

Once the herbicide is theoretically designed, the industrial manufacture of the herbicide is a five-step process (BASF, 2012):

- ✓ Receipt and control of raw materials.
- ✓ Formulation of the herbicide into its marketing form (solid or liquid).
- ✓ Quality control of the formulated product.
- ✓ Packaging of the herbicide in its marketing package.
- ✓ Final control and marketing.

#### **Characteristics of the technology**

- Yield = 3,6t/ha
- Augmentation des revenus de 111%

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