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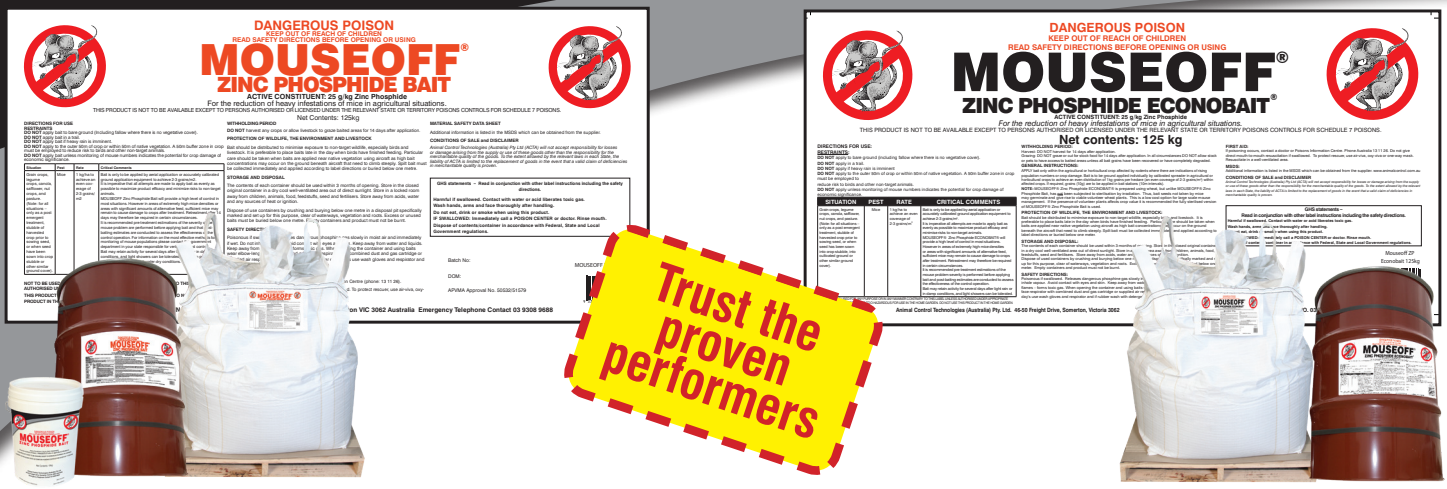

MOUSEOFF® and MOUSEOFF® ECONOBAIT

What are the differences?

- **MOUSEOFF® 25g/kg ZINC PHOSPHIDE** bait was first developed under permit by ACTA in 1997 and was fully registered from 2001. It has been used successfully for 24 years.
- **MOUSEOFF®** uses high grade wheat that is then post-treated with high energy sterilizing radiation to ensure that there is no germination of the wheat, or any viable weed seeds or pathogens in bait.
- While other manufacturers may claim 'sterilisation' this is sometimes by simple heat treatment to deactivate the wheat. This is a lesser standard process. **Beware!**
- Most landholders now require the sterilised premium **MOUSEOFF®** product, when it is available.
- In the last major plague in 2011, the needs for sterilisation far exceeded the capacity of the radiation plants. This limited bait supply and caused delays initially.
- To overcome this ACTA registered a non-sterilised version, called **MOUSEOFF® Econobait®.**
- This is made to the same standard as **MOUSEOFF®** except that the grain is not irradiated.
- However, the grain used for Econobait manufacture is high seed quality. Good wheat is sourced from quality growers via our grain supply network and is then fully screed and cleaned.
- A sample is taken every 30 tonnes to be independently assessed by an accredited testing agency. ONLY wheat that has no DETECTABLE foreign seed is accepted into Econobait production.
- The process avoids the expensive sterilization costs so **MOUSEOFF® Econobait®** is approximately 30% cheaper than normal **MOUSEOFF®**.
- The chemical dosing is the same for both products.
- **MOUSEOFF® Econobait®** is only available in 125kg drums and 500kg Bulka Bags.

	ZP Dose	Seed type	Attractants	Sterilisation	Seed testing	Germination	Relative cost
MOUSEOFF®	25g/kg	High quality wheat (often seed grade)	Yes	Ionising radiation 25kgrey	No	No	Higher
MOUSEOFF® Econobait	25g/kg	Seed graded wheat	Yes	NONE	Yes*	Yes, if not eaten by mice	Lower

We recommend the sterilised product in most situations for maximum biosecurity, but in a major plague we offer the Econobait, so that as many crops can be saved as possible.

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