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THE APPLICATION OF A NEW IRANIAN FORMULATION OF DIATOMACEOUS EARTH, A BIOLOGICAL INSECTICIDE, IN PROTECTION OF STORED GRAINS

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Diatomaceous earth (DE), is known as an essential element in Integrated Pest Management (IPM), in stored products. Laboratory studies were performed to evaluate the insecticidal effects of DE on adults of confused flour beetle, *Tribolium confusum* du Val (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae), at 27 ± 1 °C and 55 ± 5 % RH in dark. Bioassay Experiments were carried out with six concentrations (0 or control, 50, 80, 126, 200, 315 and 500 ppm), in a completely randomized design. The results showed that the concentrations 315 and 500 ppm had acceptable effects on *T. confusum* mortality (over 90 percent) after 14 days. The mortality was increased along with increase in Sayan® dose. After 14 days, the LD₅₀ of Sayan® for *T. confusum* adults was estimated to be 183.28 ppm. As a result, Iranian formulation of DE (Sayan®) can be used to protect grains against *T. confusum* adults.

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