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Wood preservatives - Determination of preventive action against Reticulitermes species (European termites) (Laboratory method)

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