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# SAFETY DATA SHEET

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA OF SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA

# SECTION 1 - IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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**PRODUCT NAME** RECOMMENDED USE: Richgro Lawn Feed & Weed for All Lawns Including Buffalo Hose-On Organically based herbicide spray.

#### SECTION 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA OF SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA NOT CLASIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD. SCHEDULED S6 POISON.

PHYSICAL HAZARDS: Not Classified

**HEALTH HAZARDS**: Harmful. Acute Toxicity Inhalation Category 4 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS: Hazardous to aquatic environment Short

term/Acute Category 3

Label elements

**GHS Signal Word: WARNING** 



#### **HAZARD STATEMENT:**

H332: Harmful if inhaled.

H402: Harmful to aquatic life.

### **PREVENTION**

P102: Keep out of reach of children.

P261: Avoid breathing fumes, mists, vapours or spray.

P262: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling.

P271: Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area.

P273: Avoid release to the environment.

P281: Use personal protective equipment as required.

#### **RESPONSE**

P352: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P301+P330+P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P370+P378: In case of fire, use carbon dioxide, dry chemical, foam, water fog.

#### **STORAGE**

P410: Protect from sunlight.

P404: Store in a closed container.

P403+P235: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

#### **DISPOSAL**

P501: Dispose of small quantities and empty containers by wrapping with paper and putting in household waste for landfill. For larger quantities that cannot be recycled, dispose of contents and container to approved landfill (see Section 13 of this SDS).



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### **SECTION 3 - COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Name CAS Number Concentration

MCPA (potassium salt) 5221-16-9 6g/L
Bromoxynil (potassium salt) 1689-84-5 6g/L
Non-hazardous ingredients Not available balance

# SECTION 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

**GENERAL INFORMATION**: If in doubt, get medical attention promptly. Show this Safety Data Sheet to medical personnel. Spray mists may be irritating to the respiratory system and may result in headache and nausea, though this is considered unlikely for normal use of this product.

**EYES**: Hold eyelids open and rinse the eye continuously with a gentle stream of clean running water for at least fifteen minutes. Seek medical attention if any irritation persists.

**SKIN**: Remove contaminated clothing and wash thoroughly with soap and water. Use water alone, if soap is unavailable. Apply a moisturising hand cream, if available. Seek medical attention if any soreness or inflammation of the skin persists or develops later. Launder affected clothing before re-use.

**INGESTION**: Rinse mouth out with water ensuring that mouth wash is not swallowed. Give about 250mL (2 glasses) of water to drink. DO NOT attempt to induce vomiting. Seek medical attention as a precautionary measure.

**INHALATION**: Vapour inhalation is unlikely but spray mists may cause irritation. If symptoms occur, remove to fresh air. Keep warm and at rest. Seek medical attention.

**Additional Information:** 

First Aid Facilities: Not required.

**Advice to Doctor:** Treat symptomatically.

### **SECTION 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**SUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Non-combustible liquid. Extinguish fire using whatever is suitable for the primary cause of the fire. Carbon dioxide, dry chemical, foam or water fog are all suitable.

**HAZARDS FROM COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:** This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating. Combustion forms oxides of carbon and nitrogen.

**PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** Fire fighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Keep containers as cool as possible by spraying with water from a protected position.

#### SECTION 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: Wear protective equipment as specified for handling (See Section 8).

**SPILLS**: Minor spills do not normally need any special clean-up measures. In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. Cover with an absorbent such as sand, earth or a commercial oil absorbent such as vermiculite. Sweep up and collect into labelled containers for recycling or disposal. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services.

### SECTION 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

**SAFE HANDLING PRECAUTIONS:** Avoid inhalation of spray mists, eye contact and prolonged or repeated skin contact.

**SAFE STORAGE PRECAUTIONS:** Keep out of reach of children. Protect the product from light. Keep closed, in the original container, in a cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight.



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### SECTION 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **EXPOSURE STANDARDS:**

None established for the ingredients in this product

Exposure standards represent the airborne concentration of a particular substance in the worker's breathing zone, exposure to which, according to current knowledge, should not cause adverse health effects nor cause undue discomfort to nearly all workers. The exposure standard can be of three forms; time-weighted average (TWA), peak, or short-term exposure limit (STEL).

**BIOLOGICAL LIMIT VALUES:** None allocated

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS**: Product is intended for use in outdoor areas. Avoid spraying in windy conditions.

**PERSONAL PROTECTION**: Requirements depend on working conditions, method of application and quantity of product in use. No special equipment is required for handling small quantities, but safety glasses or goggles should be worn if necessary to prevent eye contact. Nitrile, neoprene, PVC or natural rubber gloves should be worn if necessary to prevent skin contact. Respiratory protection is unlikely to be required for normal use of this product. Avoid inhaling spray mists.

### **SECTION 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:**

Physical Description & colour: Clear liquid

Odour: Mild characteristic odour
Boiling Point: Approximately 100°C
Melting Point: Approximately 0°C
Volatiles: Water component only.

Vapour Pressure: 17.7 mmHg at 20°C or 2.37 kPa at 20°C

Vapour Density: Slightly heavier than air

Specific Gravity: 1.00 at 25°C

Water Solubility: Completely miscible

**pH:** 9.

Volatility:

Evaporation Rate:

Auto ignition temp:

Flash point:

Upper Flammability Limit:

Lower Flammability Limit:

Negligible.

Negligible.

None

None

None

# **SECTION 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

CHEMICAL STABILITY: Stable under normal conditions of use and storage

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID**: Keep out of reach of children. Avoid exposure to light. Keep in the original container in a, cool, well-ventilated area.

**INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS**: Oxidising agents, strong acids and alkalis.

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS**: May evolve toxic fumes if heated to decomposition after the water content has evaporated.

**HAZARDOUS REACTIONS**: None known. **POLYMERISATION**: Will not occur.

### **SECTION 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

MCPA is harmful via inhalation and ingestion, with reported oral LD50 values for the technical product in rats ranging from 700 mg/kg to 1160 mg/kg and in mice from 550 to 800 mg/kg. It is harmful via the dermal route as well, with reported dermal LD50 values ranging from greater than 1000 mg/kg in rats to greater than 4000 mg/kg in rabbits. Symptoms in humans from very high acute exposure could include slurred speech, twitching, jerking and spasms, drooling, low blood pressure, and unconsciousness.

Bromoxynil LD50 Oral - Rat - 190 mg/kg LC50 Inhalation - Rat - female - 150 mg/m3 LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 3,660 mg/kg



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**ACUTE - SWALLOWED**: Irritating. Large does may cause nausea and vomiting. However, concentration of the active ingredients which gives rise to these symptoms is below the concentration at which effects would be expected. **ACUTE - EYE**: This product is an eye irritant. Symptoms may include stinging and reddening of eyes and watering which may become copious. Other symptoms may also become evident. If exposure is brief, symptoms should disappear once exposure has ceased.

ACUTE - SKIN: No symptoms are expected as a result of brief contact, not expected to be irritating.

**ACUTE – INHALED**: Spray mists may be irritating.

**CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS** 

**CHRONIC OVEREXPOSURE:** Weight loss and damage to liver and kidneys may be expected if exposure is excessive.

Not listed as a carcinogen by Safe Work Australia, the National Toxicology Program (NTP), the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), or the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA).

No additional data available

#### **SECTION 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Product is toxic to fish and some birds.

**BIODEGRADABILITY**: This product is biodegradable. It will not accumulate in the soil or water or cause long term harm.

**BIOACCUMULATION**: Potential for bio concentration in aquatic organisms is low.

**MOBILITY** Bromoxynil has low persistence in soil. In sandy soil the half-life is about 10 days and in clay about 2 weeks. MCPA is also rapidly degraded with half-life ranging from 14 to 30 days.

# **SECTION 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Dispose of small quantities and empty containers by wrapping with paper and putting in household waste for landfill. For larger quantities that cannot be recycled, dispose of contents and container to approved landfill.

### **SECTION 14 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

This product is not a dangerous good according to the Australian Code for the Transportation of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code), the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG) nor the International Air Transport Association (IATA) criteria.

UN Number:
Proper shipping name:
DG Class:
HazChem code:
Packing group:
None allocated
None allocated
None allocated
None allocated

#### **SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Under the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP), this product is a schedule 6 poison

All ingredients in this formulation are listed in the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances and National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS).



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### **SECTION 16 - OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **REFERENCES**

- 1. National Code of Practice: Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Chemicals, 2011
- 2. Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC: 1003(1995)] and subsequent amendments
- 3. Australian Code for the Transportation of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code), 7.7<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2020
- 4. Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons No. 32, February 2021 and subsequent amendments

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

BOD Biological oxygen demand

CAS number Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number

Hazchem Code Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency

services especially firefighters

LC50 Lethal Dose for 50% of test population by inhalation

LD50 Lethal Dose for 50% of test population (ingestion or skin contact)

mmHg Millimetres of mercury UN Number United Nations Number

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