

AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS

(packaged products only)

Liquids or wettable powders, dusts or granules; various chemical types.

Excludes gaseous fumigants (Class 2), flammable liquids (Class 3 primary or subsidiary risk), solid fumigants such as aluminium phosphide (Class 4.3), oxidizers such as ammonium nitrate and chlorates (Class 5.1) and acrolein, each of which require special storage and handling conditions.

Refer to container labels for specific safety information and directions for safe handling. Refer to MSDS for specific hazard information and precautions.

HAZARDS

Contents can burn, producing harmful smoke and vapour. Containers can rupture or explode when heated. Keep away from heat and naked flames.

Poisoning can result from the chemical coming into contact with skin or eyes, from inhaling vapours or smoke, or swallowing the chemical. Skin contact presents the greatest risk of exposure.

Chemicals can be corrosive.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD—CONTAIN SPILLAGE

SAFETY INFORMATION

Storage

CHECK THAT ALL CONTAINERS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED.

Store in a cool, well-ventilated area, away from naked flames and ignition sources.

Store different types of agricultural and veterinary chemicals away from each other, to prevent cross-contamination if there is a leak.

Store away from foodstuffs and other goods that could absorb chemicals.

Periodically check all containers for leaks or other damage.

Ensure that 'NO SMOKING' and restricted entry signs are displayed.

Display a list of phone numbers for Poisons Information Centre, ambulance, hospital/doctor and fire brigade.

Regularly check that protective clothing and safety equipment and clean-up gear are clean and in good working order.

Keep access to exits and emergency equipment clear.

Keep the area around the store clear of rubbish and any dry vegetation that could be a fire hazard.

Handling

Do not use any chemical that cannot be identified. Consult possible suppliers for advice.

Wear PVC gloves, overalls and safety footwear when handling intact containers.

Wash your hands before eating, smoking, drinking or using the toilet, and immediately after loading, unloading or transferring any chemicals.

Do not eat, drink or smoke in the storage area.

Do not touch contaminated protective equipment. Do not wipe your face on protective clothing.

Do not pour chemicals from one product container to another product container.

Inspect vehicles for spills before and after unloading. Do not allow a contaminated vehicle to leave the area without being cleaned.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADE: DIAL 000
POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE: DIAL 13 11 26

EMERGENCY CONTACTS (include area code if necessary)

Organisation	Location	Telephone number*	Ask for

* Include area code in brackets

DOCTOR HOSPITAL AMBULANCE	FIRE BRIGADE SUPPLIER ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITY
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First aid

FIRST AID MATERIALS AND ANY ANTIDOTES FOR THE CHEMICALS MUST BE KEPT ON-HAND AND UNDER SUPERVISION.

FIRST AID STATEMENTS APPEAR ON PRODUCT LABELS AND MSDS.

CALL THE POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE ON 131 126 FOR MORE ADVICE.

In the absence of any specific first aid instructions, the following procedures should be followed:

General: In all cases of poisoning, speed is essential. Speedy removal of the source of contamination, rapid implementation of first aid procedures and transport to a hospital or doctor may save a life. If a person becomes ill or drowsy, or vomits or loses consciousness, or shows unusual behaviour, you should assume that they have been poisoned.

Remove the patient to fresh air and away from any source of contamination. Remove any contaminated clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) from the patient. Take precautions not to be contaminated or poisoned yourself.

Carry out first aid procedures immediately. These can be found on the product label or MSDS, or can be recommended by the Poisons Information Centre.

ARTIFICIAL RESUSCITATION SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER FIRST AID.

Apply resuscitation if the patient is not breathing. Transport to a doctor or hospital.

Eyes: Hold the eye open and flush continuously with a gentle stream of clean running water for at least 15 minutes. Do not add any chemicals or drugs to the wash water as they could increase the extent of any injury. Get medical attention at the nearest hospital or doctor's surgery.

Skin: Remove any contaminated clothing and footwear. Wash all affected areas thoroughly with soap and water. Treat any cuts or abrasions immediately.

Swallowed or inhaled: Carry out first aid measures as specified on the product label. Call the Poisons Information Centre for advice.

Burns: Immerse any burnt area in cold water for 10 to 15 minutes. Bandage lightly with a sterile dressing.

Treat for shock if required. Keep the victim warm and quiet. Get immediate medical attention.