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# Section 1 - Identification of The Material and Supplier

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**Chemical nature:** Zinc Phosphide in a suitable medium.

Trade Name: Surefire Zinc Phosphide Mouse Bait
Product Use: For the control of mice in agricultural situations

Creation Date: June, 2016

This version issued: June, 2021 and is valid for 5 years from this date.

Poisons Information Centre: Phone 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia

# Section 2 - Hazards Identification

### Statement of Hazardous Nature

This product is classified as: T, Toxic. N, Dangerous to the environment. Hazardous according to the criteria of SWA.

Not a Dangerous Good according to Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code, IATA or IMDG/IMSBC criteria.

**SUSMP Classification:** S7

ADG Classification: None allocated. Not a Dangerous Good according to Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG)

Code, IATA or IMDG/IMSBC criteria. **UN Number:** None allocated



# **GHS Signal word: DANGER**

Substances and mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases Category 1

Acute Toxicity Oral Category 3

Hazardous to aquatic environment Short term/Chronic Category 1

### **HAZARD STATEMENT:**

H260: In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.

H301: Toxic if swallowed.

H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

# **PREVENTION**

P102: Keep out of reach of children.

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

P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling.

P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P273: Avoid release to the environment.

P280: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye or face protection.

### **RESPONSE**

P352: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P301+P310: IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor. P301+P330+P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P391: Collect spillage.

P370+P378: In case of fire, use carbon dioxide, dry chemical, dry sand. DO NOT USE WATER.

### **STORAGE**

P405: Store locked up.

P402+P404: Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.

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

### DISPOSAL

P501: Dispose of small quantities and empty containers as indicated in Section 13 of this SDS.

# **Emergency Overview**

Physical Description & Colour: Dark grey to black coloured wheat.

**Odour:** Distinct characteristic odour of garlic.

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Major Health Hazards: toxic if swallowed.

Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients				
Ingredients	CAS No	Conc,%	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m³)
Zinc phosphide	1314-84-7	25g/kg	not set	not set
Other non hazardous ingredients	secret	to 100%	not set	not set

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary slightly. Minor quantities of other non hazardous ingredients are also possible.

The SWA TWA exposure value is the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for a 5 day working week. The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that may be equalled (but should not be exceeded) for no longer than 15 minutes and should not be repeated more than 4 times per day. There should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The term "peak "is used when the TWA limit, because of the rapid action of the substance, should never be exceeded, even briefly.

### **Section 4 - First Aid Measures**

#### General Information:

You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this SDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** No first aid measures normally required. However, if inhalation has occurred, and irritation has developed, remove to fresh air and observe until recovered. If irritation becomes painful or persists more than about 30 minutes, seek medical advice.

**Skin Contact:** Gently brush away excess particles. Wash gently and thoroughly with water (use non-abrasive soap if necessary) for 5 minutes or until chemical is removed.

**Eye Contact:** Quickly and gently brush particles from eyes. No effects expected. If irritation does occur, flush contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes or until the product is removed. Obtain medical advice if irritation becomes painful or lasts more than a few minutes. Take special care if exposed person is wearing contact lenses.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting; rinse mouth thoroughly with water and contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call a doctor at once. Give activated charcoal if instructed.

# **Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures**

**Fire and Explosion Hazards**: Special hazards caused by the material- its by-products of combustion and /or resulting gases. In case of fire, the following can be released: Hydrogen phosphide (Phosphine) Phosphorus oxides. Fire decomposition products from this product may be toxic if inhaled. Take appropriate protective measures.

Extinguishing Media: In case of fire, use carbon dioxide, dry chemical, dry sand. Avoid the use of water.

**Fire Fighting:** If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Wear fully protective impervious suit.

Flash point:

Upper Flammability Limit:

No data.

Lower Flammability Limit:

No data.

Autoignition temperature:

Flammability Class:

No data.

#### Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Accidental release:** Spills: Dealing with spills has the potential to increase the risk of personal exposure- during such operations, ensure that protective clothing is worn as detailed below. Avoid contact with spilled material or contaminated surfaces. Keep people and animals away. Prevent spillage from entering drains, sewers or watercourses. If contamination thereof is unavoidable, warn the local water authority. Spills of bait may be cleaned up by sweeping grain into dry containers for disposal.

Contaminated areas may be made safe, after removal of grain, by washing with copious quantities of soapy water. Staff involved in clean-up should wear gloves and protective clothing and ensure that there is adequate fresh air ventilation. If in confined spaces and the bait is in contact with moisture or acids, may cause the release of phosphine gas- in this situation, staff involved in clean up must wear protective full face gas masks and filter cartridges that protect against toxic gas or wear supplied air respirators. **Do not burn empty containers or product.** 

# Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Keep exposure to this product to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. Check Section 8 of this SDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed.

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The measures detailed below under "Storage" should be followed during handling in order to minimise risks to persons using the product in the workplace. Also, avoid contact or contamination of product with incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

**Storage:** This product is a Scheduled Poison. Observe all relevant regulations regarding sale, transport and storage of this schedule of poison. Make sure that containers of this product are kept tightly closed. Keep containers dry and away from water. Keep containers of this product in a well ventilated area. Do not store with oxidising agents. Do not store in buildings inhabited by humans or animals. Only open containers in the open air. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

# **Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection**

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment:

Respiratory equipment: **AS/NZS 1715**, Protective Gloves: **AS 2161**, Occupational Protective Clothing: AS/NZS 4501 set 2008, Industrial Eye Protection: **AS1336** and **AS/NZS 1337**, Occupational Protective Footwear: **AS/NZS2210**.

SWA Exposure Limits TWA (mg/m³) STEL (mg/m³)

Phosphine 0.42 1.4

Note: Phosphine is not an ingredient, but is liberated by this product in the presence of water or moisture in the air.

No special equipment is usually needed when occasionally handling small quantities. The following instructions are for bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs without proper containment systems.

**Ventilation:** This product should only be used in a well ventilated area. If natural ventilation is inadequate, use of a fan is suggested.

**Eye Protection:** Eye protection such as protective glasses or goggles is recommended when this product is being used

**Skin Protection:** You should avoid contact even with mild skin irritants. Therefore you should wear suitable impervious elbow-length gloves and facial protection when handling this product. See below for suitable material types.

**Protective Material Types:** We suggest that protective clothing be made from the following materials: PVC. **Respirator:** When opening the container and using the product wear PVC gloves. If handling large quantities of bait in confined areas, wear a full face-piece respirator with combined dust and gas cartridge or supplied air respirator. For help in selecting a suitable mask consult AS/NZS 1715. After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. After each day's use, wash gloves and respirator and if rubber wash with detergent and warm water.

Safety deluge showers should, if practical, be provided near to where this product is being handled commercially.

### **Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:**

**Physical Description & colour**: Dark grey to black coloured wheat. **Odour:** Distinct characteristic odour of garlic.

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Freezing/Melting Point:** No specific data. Solid at normal temperatures.

Volatiles:
Vapour Pressure:
No data.
Vapour Density:
Not applicable.
Specific Gravity:
No data.

Water Solubility: Decomposes in water to liberate toxic and flammable phosphine gas.

pH: No data.

Volatility: No data.

Odour Threshold: No data.

Evaporation Rate: Not applicable.

Coeff Oil/water Distribution: No data

Viscosity: Not applicable.

Autoignition temp: No data.

### Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity:** This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions. However, if you have any doubts, contact the supplier for advice on shelf life properties.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Keep containers tightly closed. Containers should be kept dry. Keep containers and surrounding areas well ventilated.

**Incompatibilities:** water, any substance containing water.

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**Fire Decomposition:** Combustion forms carbon dioxide, and if incomplete, carbon monoxide and possibly smoke. Water is also formed. May form oxides of phosphorus and other phosphorus compounds. Carbon monoxide poisoning produces headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, dimness of vision, disturbance of judgment, and unconsciousness followed by coma and death.

**Polymerisation:** This product will not undergo polymerisation reactions.

# **Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

**Local Effects:** 

**Target Organs:** There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

# **Classification of Hazardous Ingredients**

Ingredient Risk Phrases

Zinc Phosphide >=1%Conc<7%: T; R25

- Substance or mixture which in contact with water emits Flammable gas category 1
- Acute toxicity category 2
- Hazardous to the aquatic environment (acute) category 1
- Hazardous to the aquatic environment (chronic) category 1

### Phosphine

- Flammable gas category 1
- Gas under pressure
- Acute toxicity category 2
- Skin corrosion category 1B
- Hazardous to the aquatic environment (acute) category 1

### **Potential Health Effects**

#### Inhalation:

**Short Term Exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful, however, it emits toxic gases in the presence of water. Product may be mildly irritating, although unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term inhalation.

#### **Skin Contact:**

**Short Term Exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. It should present no hazards in normal use. However product may be irritating, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort. **Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term skin exposure.

# **Eye Contact:**

**Short Term Exposure:** This product may be irritating to eyes, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

Long Term Exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term eye exposure.

### Ingestion:

**Short Term Exposure:** Significant oral exposure is considered to be unlikely. Available data shows that this product is toxic, but further symptoms are not available. However, this product may be irritating to mucous membranes but is unlikely to cause anything more than transient discomfort.

Long Term Exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term ingestion.

## Carcinogen Status:

**SWA:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by SWA. **NTP:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by NTP. **IARC:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by IARC.

### **Section 12 - Ecological Information**

**Ecotoxicity Effects:** Dangerous for the Environment: Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. Do not contaminate streams, rivers or waterways with the chemical or used containers.

**Persistence and degradability:** The bait grains degrade over time in the environment due to the effects of sunlight and rainfall. Zinc phosphide degrades in atmospheric moisture due to the dissolution of carbon monoxide to form weak carbonic acid which releases phosphine gas. The product is expected to degrade completely after rain, leaving no environmental residues.

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Mobility Not applicable.

Additional information Does not bioaccumulate. Low risk of secondary poisoning.

# **Section 13 - Disposal Considerations**

Disposal: Dispose of empty containers by crushing and burying below one metre in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots. Excess or unused baits must be buried below one metre.

Empty containers and product must not be burnt.

# **Section 14 - Transport Information**

**UN Number:** This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good by ADG, IATA or IMDG/IMSBC criteria. No special transport conditions are necessary unless required by other regulations.

# Section 15 - Regulatory Information

**AICS:** All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are compliant with NICNAS regulations. The following ingredient: Zinc phosphide, is mentioned in the SUSMP.

### **Section 16 - Other Information**

This SDS contains only safety-related information. For other data see product literature.

**Acronyms:** 

**ADG Code** Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (7<sup>th</sup> edition)

AUCS

SWA

Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

Safe Work Australia, formerly ASCC and NOHSC

CAS number

Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number

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

services especially firefighters

IARC International Agency for Research on Cancer

NOS Not otherwise specified

NTP National Toxicology Program (USA)

R-Phrase Risk Phrase

SUSMP Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines & Poisons

UN Number United Nations Number

THIS SDS SUMMARISES OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD INFORMATION OF THE PRODUCT AND HOW TO SAFELY HANDLE AND USE THE PRODUCT IN THE WORKPLACE. EACH USER MUST REVIEW THIS SDS IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THE PRODUCT WILL BE HANDLED AND USED IN THE WORKPLACE.

IF CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE RISK ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE, THE USER SHOULD CONTACT THIS COMPANY SO WE CAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OUR SUPPLIERS OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IS SUBJECT TO OUR STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, A COPY OF WHICH IS SENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Please read all labels carefully before using product.

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