

METAREX

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1. SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Chemical name of active ingredient(s): Metaldehyde

Recommended use: Molluscicide

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard Classification: 6.1E, 6.1D, 6.8B, 6.9B, 9.1C, 9.3C

Required identification Details: Toxic in the aquatic environment.
Suspected Reproductive toxin.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance/preparation Information on hazardous ingredients

Common name	CAS No	%
Metaldehyde	108-62-3	5%

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Description of necessary first aid measures: Provide washing facilities in the workplace

Effects and symptoms

First-aid measures

Inhalation: Harmful if inhaled. Remove victim from area of exposure. Seek medical advice if effects persist.

Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed. Consult a physician and show him the package or label.

Skin contact: Avoid skin contact. Wash hands, face and exposed skin before meals and after work. Remove contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly with soap and water.

Eye contact: Immediately flush eyes with water for 15 minutes. Seek medical advice.

Notes to a physician:

Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

HAZCHEM Code:

3X

Extinguishing media :

Dry powder or foam. Avoid, if possible, using a water spray fire extinguisher if there is a risk of polluting sewers and ground water.

Hazardous thermal (de)composition products:

On burning may emit toxic fumes.

Protection of fire-fighters:

Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to vapour or products of combustion.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions:

Wear Gloves when handling the Granules.

Environmental precautions:

Prevent spillage into drains and waterways

Methods for cleaning up:

Small Spill: Wear protective clothing to prevent skin and eye contact. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers for disposal or re-use.

Large Spill: Wear protective clothing to prevent skin and eye contact. Cover with damp absorbent (inert material, sand or soil.) Sweep or vacuum up, but avoid generating dust. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers, bags or drums for disposal or re-use. If contamination of crops or waterways has occurred advise emergency services or State Department of Agriculture.

Dispose of packaging carefully. Shake bag empty into application equipment.

DO NOT dispose of unused product on site. Puncture or shred and bury empty bags in a local authority landfill. If no landfill is available, bury the containers below 500mm in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose, clear of waterways desirable vegetation and tree roots. Empty containers and products should not be burnt.

Observe government regulations.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling:

Handling Precautions

Harmful if swallowed. Harmful if inhaled. Do not inhale dust. Wash hands after use. When opening the container, preparing product for use (loading) and if applying by hand, wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist (or equivalent clothing) and elbow-length rubber gloves and disposable dust mask. After each day's use, wash gloves and contaminated clothing.

Other Precautions:

Do not use human flaggers/markers unless they are protected by engineering controls such as enclosed cabs.

Storage:	Store in the closed, original container in a dry, cool, well ventilated area out of direct sunlight. Store in a locked room or place out of the reach of children, animals, food, feedstuff, seed and fertilisers.
Packaging materials:	Multiwall Paper bags

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Workplace Exposure Guidelines

Workplace exposure standards:

TEL:	Not Set
EEL:	Not Set
	None Set

Exposure Standards outside:

The workplace:

Engineering measures

Exposure control measures:

Use in well ventilated areas. Keep containers closed when not in use.

Personal Protective Equipment

Detail specifications for equipment:

Respiratory system:

Wear elbow-length rubber gloves

Skin and body:

When opening the container, preparing product for use (loading) and if applying by hand, wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist (or equivalent clothing).

Hands:

Wear disposable dust mask.

Eyes:

Wear eye protection if dust has been generated

General hygiene:

After each day's use, wash gloves and contaminated clothing. Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State, odour & colour:	Green Pellets with no distinguishing odour.
pH: active ingredient	5.86
Vapour Pressure: active ingredient	6.6 X 10 ³ mPa (25°C)
Boiling Point: active ingredient	112 - 115 °C
Freezing/melting point:	N/A
Solubility: active ingredient	222 mg/litre @ 20°C
Specific gravity or density:	0.834 g/cm ³
Flashpoint:	Not Flammable
Octanol/water partition coefficient:	K _{ow} Log P = 0.12
Explosion properties:	Not Explosive
Oxidation properties:	Not an Oxidiser

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Product is stable for at least 2 years under ambient storage conditions.

Conditions to avoid: Heat and Moisture

Materials to avoid:

Hazardous decomposition Products:	May produce toxic gasses in a fire.
Hazardous polymerization:	Not subject to polymerization
Specific Data:	
Hazardous reactions :	Not reactive

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity – Oral :	LD ₅₀ Oral (ingestion) Rat = > 2000 mg/kg
Acute toxicity - Dermal :	LD ₅₀ Dermal (skin contact) Rat > 2000 mg/kg
Acute toxicity – Inhalation:	
Active ingredient only	LC ₅₀ (4h) Rats >15mg/litre of air
Skin irritation :	Not a skin irritant
Eye irritation:	Not an eye irritant
Sensitization :	Not a sensitizer
Chronic toxicity	
Carcinogenicity:	Not carcinogenic.
Mutagenicity:	No data available
Reproduction toxicity:	Suspected Reproductive toxin
Other information :	Target Organ Toxin.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity – Active ingredient pure	
Birds	LD ₅₀ Oral Quail 170 mg/kg. Dietary LD ₅₀ (8day) 3460 ppm
Fish	LC ₅₀ (96h) Rainbow Trout 75mg/litre
Daphnia	EC ₅₀ (48h) >90 mg/litre
Algae	EC ₅₀ (96h) 73.5 mg/litre
Bees	ED ₅₀ oral >87µg / bee

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Methods of disposal :	See 6 above. Dispose of packaging carefully. Shake bag empty into application equipment. DO NOT dispose of unused product on site. Puncture or shred and bury empty bags in a local authority landfill. If no landfill is available, bury the containers below 500mm in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose, clear of waterways desirable vegetation and tree roots. Empty containers and products should not be burnt.
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14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION - International transport regulations

UN number:	N.A.
Class or Division:	Not classified
Sub Class:	N.A.
Packing Group:	N.A.
Marine Pollutant:	Not a Marine Pollutant
Proper shipping name :	N.A.

Other Information:

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

ACVM Registered Number: P7708
HSNO Approval Code: HSR 007794

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional information: **Original Issue Date:** 6th August 2007
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