



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

Classified as hazardous according to the criteria of Worksafe Australia.

COMPANY DETAILS

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IDENTIFICATION

Product Name **FERTICOTE PLUS CONTROLLED RELEASE FERTILISER**
Other Names
Manufacturers Product Code 180280, 180290
UN Number None allocated
Dangerous Goods Class Not a Dangerous Good according to Australian ADG Code
Sub-Risk Class Not applicable
Packaging Group Not applicable
Hazchem Code Not applicable
Poisons Schedule Not scheduled as a poison
Uses Controlled release NPK based fertiliser with added trace elements.

Physical Description /Properties

Appearance & Odour Light brown granules with low odour paraffin wax coating.
Melting point/softening point
Boiling Point
Vapour Pressure
Flashpoint Not flammable
Flammability Limits Not applicable
Solubility in Water Partly soluble
pH
Incompatibility
Specific Gravity
Bulk density
Volatile Proportion Not volatile
Corrosiveness

Ingredients

Ingredient	Chemical Name	CAS Number	Proportion g/kg
Active ingredients	This product contains a mixture of ingredients determined not to be hazardous according to Worksafe criteria.		
Inerts			

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HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

Health Effects

Acute

Swallowed This product has low toxicity but in large amounts may cause nausea, vomiting, gastric irritation and diarrhea.

Eye May cause eye irritation.

Skin Prolonged exposure may cause irritation.

Inhaled The product is formulated as a granule, however inhalation of degraded product in dust form may cause irritation of nose and throat and cause coughing.

Chronic

The product has low chronic toxicity.

First Aid

Swallowed Rinse mouth with water. Give a glass of water to drink. If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre [phone 131126]. If large amounts are ingested induce vomiting.

Eyes Flush with water holding eyelids open. Get medical attention if irritation occurs and persists.

Skin Wash thoroughly with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation occurs and persists.

Inhaled Remove patient to fresh air. Get medical attention if irritation occurs and persists.

First Aid Facilities Eye wash, water, soap

Advice to Doctor Not hazardous according to NOHSC criteria. Provide symptomatic and supportive care.

Medical conditions which may be aggravated by contact Skin abrasions and sores. Inhalation of dust may aggravate asthma

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

Exposure Standards Exposure limits for the constituents of this product are as follows:

Constituent	OSHA	ACGIH
	PEL	TLV
Nuisance dust	15 mg/m ³ (total dust)	10 mg/m ³ (respirable)

The nature of the product suggests these limits are unlikely to be reached under normal use.

Engineering Controls Ensure ventilation is adequate and that air concentrations are controlled below quoted Exposure Standards. Avoid generating and inhaling dusts. Keep containers closed when not in use.

Personal Protection Precautionary Measures:
Eye Protection: Protective eye wear is normally not required when handling this product but is suggested to avoid eye contact.
Skin Protection: Although this material does not present a significant skin concern, minimise skin contamination by following good industrial practice. Wash hands and contaminated skin thoroughly after handling. Wear gloves if in regular contact.
Respiratory Protection: Respiratory protection should not be required for normal use/handling. Avoid breathing dust. If airborne dust levels are high, a dust mask is recommended to avoid inhalation. The respirator use limitations specified by the manufacturer must be observed. Respirators must be in compliance with AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716.

Flammability The product is not flammable.

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SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION

Storage and Transport	Not classified as a Dangerous Good by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code [ADG Code] or the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code [IMDG Code] or by the International Air Transport Association [IATA]. Avoid container breakage. Keep away from food, feed or feedstuffs. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wash after handling. Keep out of reach of children.
Spills and Disposal	Sweep up spills and return to original container if product usable. If not usable dispose of at an approved waste disposal site.
Fire/Explosion Hazard	<p><u>Stability:</u> This product is stable under normal conditions.</p> <p><u>Hazardous polymerisation:</u> Will not occur.</p> <p><u>Conditions to avoid:</u> Extreme heat. Contact with strong alkalis, oxidisers and reducing agents. Contact with fuels and other organic or combustible materials. Active metals such as aluminium and magnesium. Strong reducing agents.</p> <p><u>Hazardous decomposition products:</u> In a fire, ammonia and oxides of nitrogen, phosphorous, sulphur, potassium, zinc, magnesium and carbon may be released.</p> <p><u>Chemical incompatibilities:</u> Strong alkalies and reducing agents. Active metals such as aluminium and magnesium. Ammonia and organic materials.</p> <p><u>Unusual fire, explosion and reactivity hazards:</u> This product is comprised of materials which are oxidisers of materials in their pure, unmixed forms. It will not burn but can provide oxygen for existing fires and cause combustible materials to ignite explosively. Product may smoulder.</p> <p><u>In case of fires:</u> Do not breathe fumes. Cool exposed containers with waterspray. Use self-contained air supply.</p> <p><u>Extinguishing media:</u> Water, waterspray</p>

OTHER INFORMATION

Environmental Protection	Keep out of lakes, streams, ponds and other waterways.
Animal Toxicity Data	None available.
Bioaccumulation	Will not bioaccumulate.
Degradation	Will degrade over time on contact with soil.
APVMA registration no.	Not relevant for this product

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