

SAFETY DATA SHEET

SPEARHEAD

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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND COMPANY

Trade Name	SPEARHEAD
Product (Specification) Code	2556
Aventis CropScience Product Code	None known.
Usage	Suspension Concentrate (water based) Herbicide
Appearance	Opaque brown / grey liquid
Manufacturer/Supplier	Bayer Environmental Science
Address	Durkan House 214-224 High Street Waltham Cross Hertfordshire EN8 7DP
Phone Number	01992 784270
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Emergency Phone Number	0800 220876 (24 hr UK) +44 1603 242424 (24 hr Overseas)

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Hazardous Components in Product for EC

Component Name	CAS No	Conc. %w/w	R Phrases	Classification
1. MCPA potassium salt	5221-16-9	25.90 as free acid	R20/21/22	Xn
2. Clopyralid	1702-17-6	1.70	R41, R51/53	Xi, N
3. Diflufenican	83164-33-4	1.50	R52/53	N
4. Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	5.00 < 25.00	R22, R35	C
5. Alkyl/naphthalene sulfonic acid-formaldehyde condensate sodium salt		1.00 < 5.00	R36/38	Xi

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Main Hazards	Irritating to eyes and skin.
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4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	Rinse immediately with clean water for at least 15 minutes and obtain medical aid.
Skin	Carefully remove contaminated clothing. Wash affected area with soap and water. Seek medical aid if at all worried.
Ingestion	Wash out mouth with water. Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. Keep patient at rest and seek medical advice.
Inhalation	If inhaled, remove to fresh air and keep at rest. Obtain medical aid if at all worried.
Advice to Physicians	<p>Brief Summary of Symptoms and Signs:</p> <p>Local Contamination: May cause skin and eye irritation.</p> <p>Systemic Poisoning: None documented to-date but, possibility of myotonic spasms, ataxia, inco-ordination and over-heating following ingestion.</p> <p>Treatment:</p> <p>Local Contamination: Symptomatic after decontamination. Treat as documented above under 'First-Aid Measures'. For eye contamination consider instillation of local anaesthetic (e.g. 1 % Amethocaine Hydrochloride) eye drops.</p> <p>Systemic Poisoning: Initial treatment should be symptomatic and supportive. In the event of a large amount being ingested the following measures should be considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Carry out gastric lavage and charcoal administration. Cathartics may also help.2. Promote alkaline diuresis and maintain fluid balance. Monitor E.C.G. in severe cases.3. Control spasms with Diazepam. Quinidine may also be useful for muscle tremors and cardiac arrhythmias.

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4. FIRST-AID MEASURES (continued)

4. Do not use Adrenalin or its analogues.
Recovery is expected to be spontaneous.
Further advice is available from;
Bayer Environmental Science via the emergency telephone number above or
from the nearest Poisons Unit.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media	Product is not combustible. If product is involved in a fire, use waterspray, foam, dry powder, carbon dioxide or sand.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	None.
Special Exposure Hazards	May give off toxic fumes if heated to decomposition.
Protective Equipment for Fire-Fighting	Do not breathe fumes. Wear self contained breathing apparatus.
Fire Fighting Guidance	If possible and without risk, remove intact containers from exposure to fire. Otherwise, spray unopened containers with water to keep cool. Whenever possible, contain fire-fighting water by bunding area with sand or earth.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions	Avoid contact with spilled material or contaminated surfaces. If ordinary clothing becomes contaminated remove it immediately. When dealing with the spillage do not eat, drink or smoke and wear personal protective clothing as detailed in Section 8.
Environmental Precautions	Keep people and animals away. Prevent entry into drains, sewers and watercourses. In the UK if spillage enters drains leading to sewage works inform local water company plc immediately. If spillage enters rivers or watercourses, inform the Environment Agency (emergency telephone number 0800 807060). Overseas, inform the appropriate authority immediately.
Spillages	Contain/absorb spillage in sand/earth or in a suitable inert material. Transfer collected material to heavy duty plastic drums and keep safe for disposal.
Note	Check also for any local site procedures in force.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling	No specific precautions required when handling unopened containers; follow any relevant manual handling guidance. Refer to Section 8 if exposure to product is possible. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking or smoking.
Storage	Store in original packs/containers in a dry secure area designated for pesticides with access for authorised staff only. Store away from seeds, fertilizers and animal feedstuffs.
Technical Storage Measures	Protect from frost.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational Exposure Standards	
1. Product	None assigned.
Engineering Control Measures	Refer to any applicable COSHH assessments. Engineering controls should be used where practicable in preference to personal protection.
Respiratory Protection	None required when handling the product.
Hand Protection	Wear chemical resistant PVC or nitrile gloves.
Eye Protection	Wear safety goggles with unperforated side shield or goggles (conforming to BS EN 166 or BS 2092 for older goggles).
Other	Wear PVC or chemical resistant disposable overalls and PVC boots.

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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION (continued)

Other Information	If feasible, decontaminate protective clothing before removal. Where decontamination is not feasible (before or after removal) dispose of as contaminated waste.
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9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State	Liquid.
Colour	Brown. Grey.
Odour	No data.
pH	Range between 9 to 11.
Boiling Range/Point (deg C)	Not determined.
Melting Point/Freezing Point (deg C)	Not determined.
Flash Point (deg C)	Non-combustible.
Explosion Limits (%)	None.
Solubility in Water	Miscible.
Vapour Pressure	Not determined.
Density (g/ml)	1.17 at 20 °C.
Flammability	Not combustible
Auto-flammability (deg C)	Not applicable
Explosive Properties	None.
Oxidising Properties	None.
Vapour Density (Air = 1)	As for water
Dust Explosion Data	Not applicable
Summary/Other Data	A non-combustible liquid.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability	Stable at ambient conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	None.
Materials to Avoid	None under normal conditions of use.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Inhalation	Low toxicity
Skin and Eye Contact	Low toxicity. Irritating to the skin and eyes.
Ingestion	Low toxicity.
Carcinogenicity	MCPA; Not carcinogenic. Clopyralid; Not carcinogenic. Diflufenican; No data.
Genotoxicity	MCPA; No data. Clopyralid; Not mutagenic.
Reproductive Toxicity	Diflufenican; Not mutagenic in the Ames assay. MCPA; Not teratogenic in the rat or rabbit. Clopyralid; Not teratogenic. Diflufenican; No data.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION (continued)

Mobility	No data.
Persistence/Degradability	MCPA; Soil DT50 < 7 days. Clopyralid; Soil DT50 14 to 56 days (BBA guidelines), 2 to 94 days (USA guidelines). Diflufenican; Soil DT50 15 to 30 weeks. Stable to hydrolysis (25 deg. C) at pH 5, pH 7 and pH 9. Fairly stable to photolysis.
Bio-accumulation	MCPA; Log Pow = 2.75 (pH 1.0, 25 deg. C), 0.46 (pH 5.0, 25 deg. C). Clopyralid; Log P = -1.81 (pH 5.0), -2.63 (pH 7.0), -2.55 (pH 9.0). Diflufenican; Log P = 4.9.
Aquatic Toxicity	MCPA; 96 hr LC50 rainbow trout 232 mg/l, 48 hr EC50 daphnia > 100 mg/l. Clopyralid; 96 hr LC50 rainbow trout 103.5 mg/l, bluegill sunfish 125.4 mg/l, 48 hr EC50 daphnia 225 mg/l. Diflufenican; 96 hr LC50 rainbow trout 56 to 100 mg/l, carp 105 mg/l, 48 hr EC50 daphnia > 10 mg/l, 96 hr EC50 algae > 10 mg/l.
Other Toxicity	MCPA; Acute oral LD50 bobwhite quail 377 mg/kg. Clopyralid; Acute oral LD50 mallard duck 1465 mg/kg, bobwhite quail > 2000 mg/kg. Low toxicity to the following species; bees . Diflufenican; Acute oral LD50 mallard duck > 2150 mg/kg, quail > 4000 mg/kg. Low toxicity to the following species; bees and earthworms .


13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product Disposal	Disposal of product would usually be by incineration in an appropriately licensed commercial incinerator. Small quantities may be accepted in licensed landfill sites. Advice may be obtained from the local waste regulation authority (part of the Environment Agency in the UK). In the UK disposal arrangements should be in accordance with the Duty of Care Regulations and, where applicable, with the Special Waste Regulations.
Container Disposal	Lightly contaminated packaging may be acceptable for landfill, otherwise incineration will be required. See above for advice.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Number	Not dangerous for transport
UN Proper Shipping Name	Not dangerous for transport
UN Class	Not dangerous for transport
UN Packaging Group	Not dangerous for transport
ADR/RID - Description	Not dangerous for transport
CDG(CPL) - Description	Not dangerous for transport
IMDG - Proper Shipping Name	Not dangerous for transport
IMDG - Ems Number	None.
IMDG - MFAG Table Number	None.
ICAO - Proper Shipping Name	Not dangerous for transport

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Risk symbol	 Irritant
Hazard Classification	Xi - Irritant
Designated Name	Spearhead (contains MCPA 300g/l, clopyralid 20 g/l , diflufenican 15.9 g/l and potassium hydroxide)

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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION (continued)

R phrases	36/38-Irritating to eyes and skin.
S phrases	26-In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. 36/37-Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves. 45-In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).
Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986: Precautions	<p>WEAR SUITABLE PROTECTIVE GLOVES AND FACE PROTECTION (FACESHIELD) when handling the concentrate.</p> <p>WASH CONCENTRATE from skin or eyes immediately.</p> <p>WHEN USING DO NOT EAT, DRINK OR SMOKE.</p> <p>WASH ALL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING thoroughly after use, especially the inside of gloves.</p> <p>DO NOT BREATHE SPRAY</p> <p>WASH HANDS AND EXPOSED SKIN before meals and after work.</p> <p>KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.</p> <p>KEEP AWAY FROM FOOD, DRINK AND ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS.</p> <p>KEEP LIVESTOCK out of treated areas.</p> <p>EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO FISH OR OTHER AQUATIC LIFE. Do not contaminate surface waters or ditches with chemical or used container.</p> <p>DO NOT ALLOW DIRECT SPRAY from ground crop sprayers to fall within 5m of the top of the bank of a static or flowing water body, unless a Local Environmental Risk Assessment for Pesticides (LERAP) permits a narrower buffer zone, or within 1m of the top of a ditch which is dry at the time of application. DO NOT ALLOW DIRECT SPRAY from hand held sprayers to fall within 1 m of the top of a bank of a static or flowing water body. Direct spray away from water.</p> <p>KEEP IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER, tightly closed in a safe place.</p> <p>WASH OUT CONTAINER THOROUGHLY, empty washings into spray tank and dispose of safely.</p>

16. OTHER INFORMATION

MSDS first issued	18 December 2000
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Footnote	This Safety Data Sheet was prepared in compliance with Commission Directive 93/112/EC, 67/548/EEC and 88/379/EEC as well as their relevant amendments, on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relative to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances and preparations.

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