

ERAZE WEED KILLER

Section 1 - Identification of Chemical Product and Company

Statement of Hazardous Nature

This product is classified as: Not classified as hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC Australia.
Not a Dangerous Good according to the Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code.

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Substance: Glyphosate is a glycine (amino acid) derivative.
Trade Name: Garden King Erazo Weed Killer
Product Use: Weed killer.
Creation Date: October 2006
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Section 2 – Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc, %	TWA (mg/m ³)	STEL (mg/m ³)
Glyphosate *	1071-83-6	36	not set	not set
Other non hazardous ingredients	secret	5-15	not set	not set
Water	7732-18-5	to 100	not set	not set

* Glyphosate is present as the isopropylamine and mono-ammonium salts.

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

The 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 should not be exceeded for more than 15 minutes and should not be repeated for 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 3 - Hazards Identification

Risk Phrases: Not Hazardous - No criteria found.

Safety Phrases: Not Hazardous - No criteria found.

SUSDP Classification: S5

ADG Classification: None allocated. Not a Dangerous Good.

UN Number: None allocated

Emergency Overview

Physical Description & colour: Clear, amber coloured liquid.

Odour: Mild amine odour.

Major Health Hazards: Glyphosate is practically nontoxic by ingestion, with a reported acute oral LD₅₀ of 5600 mg/kg in the rat. The toxicities of the technical acid (Glyphosate) and the formulated product are nearly the same.

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation

Short term exposure: Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. Product is also unlikely to cause any discomfort or irritation.

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. Product is also unlikely to cause any discomfort in normal use.

Long Term exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term skin exposure. Eye Contact:

Short term exposure: Available data shows that this product is not harmful. However product may be mildly irritating to eyes, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild discomfort which should disappear once product is removed.

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

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Ingestion:

Short term exposure: Available data shows that this product is not harmful. However, this product may be mildly irritating to mucous membranes but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

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

Carcinogen Status:

ASCC: No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by ASCC.

NTP: No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by NTP.

IARC: No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by IARC.

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 and is available at all times. Have this MSDS with you when you call.

Inhalation: First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

Skin Contact: No specific health data is available for this product. If any unusual symptoms become evident, or if in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

Eye Contact: 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.

Ingestion: First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

Section 5 – Fire Fighting Measures

Fire and Explosion Hazards: There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire.

Fire decomposition products from this product are likely to be irritating if inhaled.

This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating.

Extinguishing Media: Not Combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials.

Fire Fighting:

Flash point: Does not burn.

Upper Flammability Limit: Does not burn.

Lower Flammability Limit: Does not burn.

Auto ignition temperature: Not applicable - does not burn.

Flammability Class: Does not burn.

Section 6 – Accidental Release Measures

Accidental release: In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. As a minimum, wear overalls, goggles and gloves. Suitable materials for protective clothing include rubber, PVC. Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Absorb onto sand, vermiculite or other suitable absorbent material. If spill is too large or if absorbent material is not available, try to create a dike to stop material spreading or going into drains or waterways. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. Recycle containers wherever possible after careful cleaning. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. This material may be suitable for approved landfill. Ensure legality of disposal by consulting regulations prior to disposal. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Advise laundry of nature of contamination when sending contaminated clothing to laundry.

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 MSDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. 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.

Section 11 – Toxicological Information

Acute toxicity: Glyphosate is practically non toxic by ingestion, with a reported acute oral LD₅₀ of 5600 mg/kg in the rat. The toxicities of the technical acid (Glyphosate) and the formulated product are nearly the same. The oral LD₅₀ for the trimethylsulfonium salt is reported to be approximately 750 mg/kg in rats, which indicates moderate toxicity. Formulations may show moderate toxicity as well (LD₅₀ values between 1000 mg/kg and 5000 mg/kg). Oral LD₅₀ values for Glyphosate are greater than 10,000 mg/kg in mice, rabbits, and goats. It is practically non toxic by skin exposure, with reported dermal LD₅₀ values of greater than 5000 mg/kg for the acid and isopropylamine salt. The trimethylsulfonium salt has a reported dermal LD₅₀ of greater than 2000 mg/kg. It is reportedly not irritating to the skin of rabbits, and does not induce skin sensitization in guinea pigs. It does cause eye irritation in rabbits. Some formulations may cause much more extreme irritation of the skin or eyes. In a number of human volunteers, patch tests produced no visible skin changes or sensitization. The reported 4-hour rat inhalation LC₅₀ values for the technical acid and salts were 5 to 12 mg/L, indicating moderate toxicity via this route. Some formulations may show high acute inhalation toxicity. While it does contain a phosphatyl functional group, it is not structurally similar to organophosphate pesticides which contain organophosphate esters, and it does not significantly inhibit cholinesterase activity.

Chronic toxicity: Studies of Glyphosate lasting up to 2 years, have been conducted with rats, dogs, mice, and rabbits, and with few exceptions no effects were observed. For example, in a chronic feeding study with rats, no toxic effects were observed in rats given doses as high as 400 mg/kg/day. Also, no toxic effects were observed in a chronic feeding study with dogs fed up to 500 mg/kg/day, the highest dose tested.

Reproductive effects: Laboratory studies show that Glyphosate produces reproductive changes in test animals very rarely and then only at very high doses (over 150 mg/kg/day). It is unlikely that the compound would produce reproductive effects in humans.

Teratogenic effects: In a teratology study with rabbits, no developmental toxicity was observed in the fetuses at the highest dose tested (350 mg/kg/day). Rats given doses up to 175 mg/kg/day on days 6 to 19 of pregnancy had offspring with no teratogenic effects, but other toxic effects were observed in both the mothers and the fetuses. No toxic effects to the fetuses occurred at 50 mg/kg/day. Glyphosate does not appear to be teratogenic.

Mutagenic effects: Glyphosate mutagenicity and Genotoxicity assays have been negative. These included the Ames test, other bacterial assays, and the Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell culture, rat bone marrow cell culture, and mouse dominant lethal assays. It appears that Glyphosate is not mutagenic.

Carcinogenic effects: Rats given oral doses of up to 400 mg/kg/day did not show any signs of cancer, nor did dogs given oral doses of up to 500 mg/kg/day or mice fed Glyphosate at doses of up to 4500 mg/kg/day. It appears that Glyphosate is not carcinogenic.

Organ toxicity: Some microscopic liver and kidney changes, but no observable differences in function or toxic effects, have been seen after lifetime administration of Glyphosate to test animals.

Fate in humans and animals: Glyphosate is poorly absorbed from the digestive tract and is largely excreted unchanged by mammals. At 10 days after treatment, there were only minute amounts in the tissues of rats fed Glyphosate for 3 weeks. Cows, chickens, and pigs fed small amounts of Glyphosate had undetectable levels (less than 0.05 ppm) in muscle tissue and fat. Levels in milk and eggs were also undetectable (less than 0.025 ppm). Glyphosate has no significant potential to accumulate in animal tissue.

Section 12 – Ecological Information

Effects on birds: Glyphosate is slightly toxic to wild birds. The dietary LC₅₀ in both mallards and bobwhite quail is greater than 4500 ppm.

Effects on aquatic organisms: Technical Glyphosate acid is practically non toxic to fish and may be slightly toxic to aquatic invertebrates. The 96-hour LC₅₀ is 120 mg/L in bluegill sunfish, 168 mg/L in harlequin, and 86 mg/L in rainbow trout. The reported 96-hour LC₅₀ values for other aquatic species include greater than 10 mg/L in Atlantic oysters, 934 mg/L in fiddler crab, and 281 mg/L in shrimp. The 48-hour LC₅₀ for Glyphosate in Daphnia (water flea), an important food source for freshwater fish, is 780 mg/L. Some formulations may be more toxic to fish and aquatic species due to differences in toxicity between the salts and the parent acid or to surfactants used in the formulation. There is a very low potential for the compound to build up in the tissues of aquatic invertebrates or other aquatic organisms.

Effects on other organisms: Glyphosate is non toxic to honeybees. Its oral and dermal LD₅₀ is greater

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than 0.1 mg/ bee. The reported contact LC₅₀ values for earthworms in soil are greater than 5000 ppm for both the Glyphosate trimethylsulfonium salt and formulated product.

Environmental Fate:

Breakdown in soil and groundwater: Glyphosate is moderately persistent in soil, with an estimated average half-life of 47 days. Reported field half-lives range from 1 to 174 days. It is strongly adsorbed to most soils, even those with lower organic and clay content. Thus, even though it is highly soluble in water, field and laboratory studies show it does not leach appreciably, and has low potential for runoff (except as adsorbed to colloidal matter). One estimate indicated that less than 2% of the applied chemical is lost to runoff. Microbes are primarily responsible for the breakdown of the product, and volatilization or photo degradation losses will be negligible.

Breakdown in water: In water, Glyphosate is strongly adsorbed to suspended organic and mineral matter and is broken down primarily by micro-organisms. Its half-life in pond water ranges from 12 days to 10 weeks.

Breakdown in vegetation: Glyphosate may be translocated throughout the plant, including to the roots. It is extensively metabolized by some plants, while remaining intact in others.

Section 13 – Disposal Considerations

Disposal: Containers should be emptied as completely as practical before disposal. If possible, recycle containers either in-house or send to recycle company. If this is not practical, send to a commercial waste disposal site. This product should be suitable for landfill. However, check with local Waste Disposal Authority before sending there. Please do NOT dispose into sewers or waterways.

Section 14 – Transport Information

ADG Code: This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good. 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 to be found in the public AICS Database.

Section 16 – Other Information

This MSDS 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
AICS	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
ASCC	Australian Safety & Compensation Council
CAS number	Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
Hazchem Number	Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services especially fire-fighters
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
NOS	Not otherwise specified
NTP	National Toxicology Program (USA)
R-Phrase	Risk Phrase
SUSDP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs & Poisons
UN Number	United Nations Number

THIS MSDS 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 MSDS 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.

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