

# Section 1 - Identification of the Material and Supplier

Chemical nature:	Calcium source
Trade Name:	Gypsum
Other names:	Natural Gypsum
Product Use:	Fertiliser, soil amendment, soil conditioner
Supplier:	Amgrow Pty Ltd
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# Section 2 - Hazards Identification

#### Statement of Hazardous Nature

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA OF SWA.

NOT A DANGEROUS GOOD ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN DANGEROUS GOODS (ADG) CODE, IATA OR IMDG/IMSBC CRITERIA.

Risk Phrases: Not Hazardous - No criteria found.

Safety Phrases: S23, S36, S24/25. Do not breathe dusts. Wear suitable protective clothing. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

SUSMP Classification: None allocated.

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: NONE. Not hazardous.

PREVENTION

P102: Keep out of reach of children.

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

P281: Use personal protective equipment as required.

#### RESPONSE

P353: Rinse skin or shower with water.

P301+P330+P331: if swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P370+P378: Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials.

#### STORAGE

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

DISPOSAL

P501: Dispose of small quantities and empty containers by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage. For larger quantities, if recycling or reclaiming is not possible, use a commercial waste disposal service.

#### **Emergency Overview**

Physical Description & Colour: Cream to light brown powder and granules Odour: Mild Odour.

Major Health Hazards: no significant risk factors have been found for this product.

Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients							
Ingredients	CAS No	Conc,%	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			
Gypsum (Calcium Sulfate Dihydrate)	10101-41-4	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.

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# 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:** 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:** A small amount of skin contact is not normally harmful. 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 product is swallowed or gets in mouth, do NOT induce vomiting; wash mouth with water and give some water to drink. If symptoms develop, or 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.

May evolve carbon dioxide when heated to decomposition.

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

Fire Fighting: If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade.

Flash point: Does not burn.

Upper Flammability Limit: Does not burn.

Lower Flammability Limit: Does not burn.

Autoignition temperature: Not applicable - does not burn.

Flammability Class: Does not burn.

# Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Accidental release:** If spilt, wear dust proof goggles, gloves and respirator (where dust inhalation risk exists) and ventilate spillage area. Collect and place in sealable containers for disposal. Avoid generating dust. For minor spills, clean up, rinsing to sewer and put empty container in garbage. In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses and call emergency services.

# 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. 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. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas. **Storage:** Store in cool, dry area removed from foodstuffs. Ensure containers are labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use. Do not allow to come into contact with water either from rain, condensation or the surface on which it is stored. Bagged fertilisers should be stored under cover and out of direct sunlight. Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Incompatibilities" in Section 10. 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/m<sup>3</sup>)

STEL (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

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Exposure limits have not been established by SWA for any of the significant ingredients in this product.

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:** No special ventilation requirements are normally necessary for this product. However make sure that the work environment remains clean and that dusts are minimised.

**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: cotton, rubber, PVC.

**Respirator:** If there is a significant chance that dusts are likely to build up in the area where this product is being used, we recommend that you use a suitable Dust Mask. 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:	Cream to light brown powder and granules
Odour:	Mild Odour
Boiling Point:	Not relevant
Freezing/Melting Point:	No data.
Volatiles:	No specific data. Expected to be low at 100°C.
Vapour Pressure:	Negligible at normal ambient temperatures.
Vapour Density:	Not applicable.
Specific Gravity:	No data
Water Solubility:	Immiscible
pH:	No data.
Volatility:	Negligible at normal ambient temperatures.
Odour Threshold:	No data.
Evaporation Rate:	Not applicable.
Coeff Oil/water Distribution:	No data
Viscosity:	Not applicable.
Autoignition temp:	Not applicable - does not burn.

# 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, avoid heat & flames. **Incompatibilities:** Strong mineral acids

Fire Decomposition: Carbon dioxide.

**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.

**Potential Health Effects** 

Inhalation: The dust is irritating to the upper respiratory tract

Skin Contact: Mildly irritating to the skin if exposed to frequent and prolonged contact

Eye Contact: The dust is abrasive to the eyes

Ingestion: Ingestion of very large quantities may result in internal obstruction, nausea

Health Hazard Summary: Low toxicity. This product may only present a hazard with eye contact, prolonged and repeated skin contact or with dust inhalation at high levels

**Toxicity Data:** No LD50 data available for this product.

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#### 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.

#### Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

Ingredient Risk Phrases No ingredient mentioned in the HSIS Database is present in this product at hazardous concentrations.

# Section 12 - Ecological Information

Avoid contamination of waterways. Not expected to be a danger to the environment due to the nature of the product (naturally occurring)

# Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

**Disposal:** Dispose of small quantities and empty containers by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage. For larger quantities, if recycling or reclaiming is not possible, use a commercial waste disposal service. This product can usually be used for its intended purpose unless contaminated

# 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.

# 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	IMSBC	International Maritime Solid Bulk Code		
AICS	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances	NOHSC	National Occupational Health and Safety Commission		
ASCC	Australian Safety & Compensation Council	NTP	National Toxicology Program (USA)		
CAS number	Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number	R-Phrase	Risk Phrase		
Hazchem Number	Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services	SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines & Poisons		
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SWA	Safe Work Australia (formerly ASCC and NOHSC)		
ΙΑΤΑ	International Air Transport Authority	UN Number	United Nations Number		
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Good				

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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