



## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### Drexel Foma® 1.88 Herbicide

#### Section 1: Material Identification

**Product Name:** Drexel Foma® 1.88 Herbicide

**EPA Reg No.:** 19713-659

**CAS NO:** 108731-70-0

**Formula:**  $C_{15}H_{10}ClF_3N_2O_6S$

**Company:** Drexel Chemical Company  
1700 Channel Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38106

**Synonyms:** Sodium salt of Fomesafen; 5-(2-chloro- $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluoro-p-tolyloxy)-N-methylsulfonyl-2-nitrobenzamide, sodium salt

**Identifiers:**

**EINECS:** 276-439-9

**RTECS:** TA5950000

**DOT information:** See Section 14 for Transportation Information

**Emergency Telephone Number:**

|                     |                     |
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| CHEMTREC            | Drexel Chemical Co. |
| Tel: 1-800-424-9300 | 901-774-4370        |

This product is an EPA FIFRA registered pesticide. Some of the classifications on this SDS are not the same as the FIFRA label. Certain sections of this SDS are superseded by federal law governed by EPA for a registered pesticide. Please see **Section 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION** for explanation.

#### Section 2: Hazard Identification

(As defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29)

**GHS Classification:**

|                        |                       |             |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Health hazards:</b> | Eye damage/irritation | Category 2A |
|                        | Skin irritation       | Category 2  |
|                        | Sensitization - skin  | Category 1B |

**GHS label elements:**

**Signal word:** Warning

**Hazard statements:**

Causes serious eye damage.  
Causes skin irritation.  
May cause an allergic skin reaction.

**Precautionary statements:****Prevention:**

Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling.  
Use gloves chemically resistant to this material. Examples of preferred glove barrier materials include: Neoprene, Nitrile/butadiene rubber ("nitrile" or "NBR") or Polyvinyl chloride ("PVC" or "vinyl").  
Wear eye protection/face protection.  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/vapor/mist/spray.  
Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

**Response:**

**If in eyes:** Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. **Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.**

**If on skin:** Wash with plenty of water while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. **If skin irritation or rash occurs:** Get medical advice/attention.  
Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

**Storage:**

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated and secure area designated specifically for pesticides and away from heat sources. Do not store in excessive heat. Do not store near children, food, foodstuffs, drugs or potable water supplies.  
Keep in original containers and keep containers closed when not in use.

**Disposal:**

If wastes and/or containers cannot be disposed of according to the product label directions, disposal of this material must be in accordance with your local or area regulatory authorities.

### Section 3: Composition Information

| <u>Components</u>         | <u>CAS No.:</u> | <u>% By Wt.:</u> | <u>OSHA PEL:</u>         | <u>ACGIH TLV:</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Active ingredient:        |                 |                  |                          |                   |
| *Sodium salt of Fomesafen | 108731-70-0     | 22.10%           | 2mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA** | N/Av              |
| Inert ingredients:        | N/A             | 77.90%           | N/Av                     | N/Av              |

\*The product contains a nominal concentration of 22.8% w/w of Fomesafen as its sodium salt which is equivalent to 21.0% w/w Fomesafen (CAS#72178-02-0).

\*\* Based on Fomesafen Technical

### Section 4: First-Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:** Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eyes for at least minutes. Obtain medical attention without delay, preferably from an ophthalmologist.

**If Swallowed:** Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Rinse mouth with water. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Have product label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor.

**Skin Contact:** Immediately flush skin with water while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. Wash clothing before reuse. Destroy contaminated leather items such as shoes, belts, and watchbands.

**If Inhaled:** Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

**Note to Physician:** This product has low oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity. If swallowed, gastric lavage using an endotracheal tube may be preferred to vomiting. This product is a severe eye irritant, and may cause irritation to the skin and respiratory tract.

## Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire Hazards:** Closed containers may rupture if exposed to excess heat or flame due to a build-up of internal pressure. Thermal decomposition during a fire can produce fumes and irritating gases.

**Flammability classification (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200):** Non-combustible

**Flash point:** >100°C (212°F)

**Lower flammable limit (% by volume):** N/Av

**Upper flammable limit (% by volume):** N/Av

**Fire Fighting Procedures:** Keep people away. Isolate fire and deny unnecessary entry. Evacuate the area and fight the fire upwind from a safe distance to avoid hazardous vapors or decomposition products. Dike and collect fire-extinguishing water to prevent environmental damage and excessive waste runoff.

**Firefighting media:** Use foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or water fog when fighting fires involving this product. Do not use water jet, as this may spread burning material. Minimize the use of water to avoid environmental contamination. Contain all runoff.

**Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:** Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective firefighting clothing (includes firefighting helmet, coat, trousers, boots, and gloves). Use full face shield and operate in positive pressure mode. Avoid contact with this material during firefighting operations. If contact is likely, change to full chemical resistant firefighting clothing with self-contained breathing apparatus. If this is not available, wear full chemical resistant clothing with self-contained breathing apparatus and fight fire from a remote location. For protective equipment in post-fire or non-fire clean-up situations, refer to the relevant sections.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Carbon oxides, Sulphur oxides, nitrogen oxides, sodium oxides, halogenated compounds, irritating fumes and smoke.

**NFPA:**    Health: Flammability: Reactivity:

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(Rating: 4-Extreme, 3-High, 2-Moderate, 1-Slight, 0-Insignificant)

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

### Steps to be taken if Material is Released or Spilled:

- Contain spilled material if possible. Small spills: Apply a suitable absorbent and sweep up. Collect in suitable and properly labeled containers. Large spills: Contact Drexel Chemical Company for clean-up assistance. See Section 13, Disposal Considerations, for additional information.

### Personal Precautions:

- Isolate area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering the area. Refer to Section 7, Handling, for additional precautionary measures. Spilled material may cause a slipping hazard. Ventilate area of leak or spill. Use appropriate safety equipment. For additional information, refer to Section 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection.

**Environmental Precautions:** Prevent from entering into soil, ditches, sewers, waterways and/or groundwater. See Section 12, Ecological Information.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

### KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

**Handling:** **General Handling:** Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not swallow. Avoid breathing vapor. Use with adequate ventilation. Wear chemical protective equipment when handling. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. See Section 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection.

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry area designated specifically for pesticides and away from heat sources. Keep in original containers and keep containers closed when not in use. Do not store in excessive heat. Do not store near children, food, foodstuffs, drugs or potable water supplies.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/ Personal Protection

**Exposure Limits:** 8-Hour TWA 2mg/m<sup>3</sup> based on Fomesafen Technical

### Personal Protection:

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear safety glasses with side shields or chemical splash goggles to prevent vapors or mists from entering the eyes. If using a full face shield, always use safety glasses or goggles along with the face shield to ensure adequate protection of the eyes.

**Skin Protection:** Use protective clothing chemically resistant to this material. Selection of specific items such as face shield, boots, apron, or full body suit will depend on the task. Safety shower should be located in immediate work area. Remove contaminated clothing immediately, wash skin area with soap and water, and launder clothing before reuse or dispose of properly. Items which cannot be decontaminated, such as shoes, belts and watchbands, should be removed and disposed of properly.

**Hand protection:** Use gloves chemically resistant to this material. Examples of preferred glove barrier materials include: Neoprene, Nitrile/butadiene rubber ("nitrile" or "NBR") or Polyvinyl chloride ("PVC" or "vinyl"). NOTICE:

**Respiratory Protection:** Respiratory protection should be worn when there is a potential to exceed the exposure

limit requirements or guidelines. When handling in enclosed areas, when large quantities of mists are generated or prolonged exposure is possible in excess of the 8-hour TWA, use a respirator with either an organic vapor-removing cartridge with a prefilter approved for pesticides (MSHA/NIOSH) approval number prefix TC-23C) or a canister approved for pesticides (MSHA/NIOSH approval number prefix TC-14G).

**Ingestion:** Avoid ingestion of even very small amounts; do not consume or store food or tobacco in the work area; wash hands and face before smoking or eating.

#### **Engineering Controls:**

**Ventilation:** When handling this product proper ventilation is required to maintain exposure below the 8-hr TWA. Ventilate all transport vehicles prior to unloading. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and safety shower.

## **Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

|                                           |                                 |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Physical State:</b>                    | Liquid                          |
| <b>Color:</b>                             | Clear yellow                    |
| <b>Odor:</b>                              | None                            |
| <b>Flash Point:</b>                       | >100°C                          |
| <b>Vapor Pressure (mmHg):</b>             | N/Av                            |
| <b>Boiling point:</b>                     | N/Av                            |
| <b>Vapor density (air = 1):</b>           | N/Av                            |
| <b>Bulk density (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1):</b> | 1.109 gms/cc (9.36 Lbs. / gal.) |
| <b>Freezing point:</b>                    | 32°F                            |
| <b>Solubility in water (wt.%):</b>        | 100                             |
| <b>pH:</b>                                | 9.5-10.0 (@ 20°C)               |
| <b>Viscosity:</b>                         | 20 cP (@ 20°C)                  |

## **Section 10: Stability and Reactivity**

**Stability/Instability:** Thermally stable at typical use temperatures and in closed containers.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid heat or open flame. Avoid temperatures above 130°F (54.4°C).

**Incompatible Materials:** Avoid contact with: Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizers.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

**Thermal Decomposition:** Decomposition products can include and are not limited to: Carbon oxides, sulphur oxides, nitrogen oxides, sodium oxides, ammonia and halogenated compounds.

## **Section 11: Toxicological Information**

#### **Acute Toxicity:**

##### **Ingestion:**

- LD50, Rat: >5,000 mg/kg

##### **Dermal (rat):**

- LD50, (rat): >5,000 mg/kg

**Inhalation:**

- LC50, (24h), Aerosol, Rat: >2.02 mg/l

**Eye Irritation (rabbit):**

- Severe eye irritation, clears up 14 days

**Skin Irritation (rabbit):**

- Slight to mild

**Sensitization Skin:**

- A moderate skin sensitizer in animal tests.

**Chronic/Subchronic Toxicity Studies:**

- **Fomesafen Sodium Salt:** Liver effects seen at 10 ppm and 100 ppm in 90 day rat feeding studies and 6-month dog studies at 25 mg/kg/d (based on Fomesafen Technical). No evidence of neurotoxicity from sub-acute or longer-term studies in mammals (based on Technical Fomesafen).

**Carcinogenicity:**

- **Fomesafen Sodium Salt:** Increased rates of malignant liver tumors in a 2-year mouse feeding study (1000ppm), but the results are not considered relevant to man. (Based on Fomesafen Technical).

**Teratogenicity, mutagenicity, and other reproductive effects:**

- Fomesafen Sodium Salt was non-genotoxic in in-vitro and in-vivo assays. Hepatic changes and a small effect on reproductive performance seen in a 3-generation rat study at 1000 ppm dose level (based on Fomesafen Technical).

**Target Organs:** Liver (based on Fomesafen Technical)

## Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicological data:****ENVIRONMENTAL FATE:**

- This product is slightly toxic to birds, fish, aquatic invertebrates and bees. This product may be toxic to non-target terrestrial plant species, primarily dicots. It is non-toxic to aquatic plants.

**Persistence and Degradability:**

- Fomesafen is persistent in soil and aquatic environments (half-life in soils is from 63-525 days and in water from 49-290 days). It degrades rapidly under anaerobic conditions (half-life is less than 20 days). Fomesafen is mobile in soil and has a potential to move into groundwater and to be transported off-site via runoff into surface waters. Studies indicate that Fomesafen has a very low potential for bioaccumulation.

**Aquatic Toxicity:**

- Rainbow Trout, 96 hour, LC50: 680 mg/L
- Bluegill, 96 hour, LC50: 1,500 ppm
- Daphnia magna, 48 hour, EC50: 294 ppm

**Arthropod Toxicity:**

- Bees: 100 µg/bee

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

If wastes and/or containers cannot be disposed of according to the product label directions, disposal of this material must be in accordance with your local or area regulatory authorities. This information presented below only applies to the material as supplied. The identification based on characteristic(s) or listing may not apply if the material has been used or otherwise contaminated. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste identification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations. If the material as supplied becomes a waste, follow all applicable regional, national and local laws.

## Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT:** Not regulated

**IATA:** Not regulated

**IMDG:** Not regulated

**Freight Description:** Agricultural Herbicide, liquid, n.o.s.

**ERG Guide No.:** 171

This information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory or operational requirements/information relating to this product. Additional transportation system information can be obtained through an authorized sales or customer service representative. It is the responsibility of the transporting organization to follow all applicable laws, regulations and rules relating to the transportation of the material.

## Section 15: Regulatory Information

**OSHA Hazard Communication Standard:**

- This product is a “Hazardous Chemical” as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.
- **EPA FIFRA INFORMATION:**  
This chemical is a pesticide product registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and is subject to certain labeling requirements under federal pesticide law. These requirements differ from the classification criteria and hazard information required for safety data sheets (SDS), and for workplace labels of non-pesticide chemical. The hazard information required on the pesticide label is listed out below. The pesticide label also includes other important information, including directions for use.
- **EPA/CERCLA Reportable Quantity:** None known

**SARA/TITLE III:**

- **Section 302. Extremely Hazardous Substance Notification:** This material is not known to contain any Extremely Hazardous Substances.
- **Section 311/312. Hazard Categories:** Acute health hazard; Chronic health hazard
- **Section 313. Toxic Chemical(s):** This material is not known to contain any Toxic Chemical constituents.
- **RCRA Waste Code:** Not applicable

**California Proposition 65 (Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986):**

- This product contains no listed substances known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, at levels which would require a warning under the statute.

**Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA):**

- All components of this product are on the TSCA Inventory or are exempt from TSCA Inventory requirements under 40 CFR 720.30

## Section 16: Other Information

*Drexel Chemical Company recommends that each customer or recipient of this SDS to study it carefully and consult appropriate expertise, as necessary or appropriate, to become aware of and understand the data contained in this SDS and any hazards associated with the product. The information herein is provided in good faith and believed to be accurate as of the effective date shown below. However, no warranty, express or implied, is given. Regulatory requirements are subject to change and may differ between various locations. It is the buyer's/user's responsibility to ensure that his activities comply with all federal, state, provincial or local laws. The information presented here pertains only to the product as shipped. Since conditions for use of the product are not under the control of the manufacturer, it is the buyer's/user's duty to determine the conditions necessary for the safe use of this product. Due to the proliferation of sources for information such as manufacturer-specific SDSs, we are not and cannot be responsible for SDSs obtained from any source other than ourselves. If you have obtained an SDS from another source or if you are not sure that the SDS you have is current, please contact us for the most current version.*

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