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## Section 1 - Identification of The Material and Supplier



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Combo® SC Herbicide **Trade Name:** 

**APVMA Code:** 51814

Chemical nature: Water based suspension of ingredients.

**Product Use:** Agricultural herbicide for use as described on the product label.

**Creation Date:** March, 2009

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### Section 2 - Hazards Identification

#### **Statement of Hazardous Nature**

This product is classified as: Xi, Irritating, T, Toxic, N, Dangerous to the environment. Hazardous according to the criteria of SWA.

Not a Dangerous Good according to the Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code.

Risk Phrases: R22, R36, R43, R48/22, R50/53. Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes. May cause sensitisation by skin contact. Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure if swallowed. Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects to the aquatic environment.

**Safety Phrases:** S2, S23, S28, S45, S60, S61, S62, S24/25, S36/37. Keep out of reach of children. Do not breathe vapours or mists. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water. In case of accident or if you feel unwell, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre immediately (show this MSDS where possible). This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/Safety Data Sheets. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: seek medical advice immediately and show this MSDS. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

**SUSMP Classification: S5** 

ADG Classification: None allocated. Not a Dangerous Good under the ADG Code.

**UN Number:** None allocated







# GHS Signal word: WARNING.

#### **HAZARD STATEMENT:**

H302: Harmful if swallowed.

H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H320: Causes eye irritation.

H373: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

#### **PREVENTION**

P102: Keep out of reach of children.

P261: Avoid breathing fumes, mists, vapours or spray.

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

P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling.

P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P272: Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

P273: Avoid release to the environment.

P280: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye or face protection.

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#### **RESPONSE**

P363: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P301+P312: IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.

P301+P330+P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P302+P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P333+P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice.

P337+P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice.

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

#### **STORAGE**

P410: Protect from sunlight.

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

P403+P235: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

#### DISPOSAL

P501: Dispose of contents and containers as specified on the registered label.

#### **Emergency Overview**

Physical Description & colour: Light green coloured flowable suspension.

Odour: Mild odour.

**Major Health Hazards:** Atrazine may be harmful to humans and to animals. It can be absorbed orally, dermally, and by inhalation. Symptoms of poisoning include abdominal pain, diarrhoea and vomiting, eye irritation, irritation of mucous membranes, and skin reactions. Product may cause serious damage to health by prolonged exposure, harmful if swallowed, eye irritant, possible skin sensitiser.

#### **Potential Health Effects**

#### Inhalation:

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

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

#### Skin Contact:

**Short term exposure:** Classified as a potential sensitiser by skin contact. Exposure to a skin sensitiser, once sensitisation has occurred, may manifest itself as skin rash or inflammation, and in some individuals this reaction can be severe. In addition product may be irritating, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**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 an eye irritant. Symptoms may include stinging and reddening of eyes and watering which may become copious. Other symptoms may also become evident. If exposure is brief, symptoms should disappear once exposure has ceased. However, lengthy exposure or delayed treatment may cause permanent damage.

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

#### Ingestion

**Short term exposure:** Significant oral exposure is considered to be unlikely. Available data shows that this product is harmful, but symptoms are not available. However, this product may be irritating to mucous membranes but is unlikely to cause anything more than transient discomfort.

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

#### **Carcinogen Status:**

**SWA:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by SWA.

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

IARC: Atrazine is Class 3 - unclassifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

See the IARC website for further details. A web address has not been provided as addresses frequently change.

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## **Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients**

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc,%	TWA (mg/m³)	STEL (mg/m³)
Atrazine	1912-24-9	250g/L	5	not set
Ametryn	834-12-8	250g/L	not set	not set
Other non hazardous ingredients	secret	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.

### **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 MSDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** No first aid measures normally required. However, if 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:** Wash gently and thoroughly with water (use non-abrasive soap if necessary) for 5 minutes or until chemical is removed.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 20 minutes or until the product is removed, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face. Obtain medical attention immediately. Take special care if exposed person is wearing contact lenses.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth with water and contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call 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.

This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating. Fire decomposition products from this product may be toxic if inhaled. Take appropriate protective measures.

**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:

Upper Flammability Limit:

Lower Flammability Limit:

Does not burn.

Does not burn.

**Autoignition 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. Wear full protective clothing including eye/face protection. All skin areas should be covered. See below under Personal Protection regarding Australian Standards relating to personal protective equipment. No special recommendations for clothing materials. Eye/face protective equipment should comprise as a minimum, protective goggles. If there is a significant chance that vapours or mists are likely to build up in the cleanup area, we recommend that you use a respirator. Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned below (section 8). Otherwise, not normally necessary.

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. Can be slippery on floors, especially when wet. Recycle containers wherever possible after careful cleaning. Refer to product label for specific instructions. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. Full details regarding disposal of

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used containers, spillage and unused material may be found on the label. If there is any conflict between this MSDS and the label, instructions on the label prevail. 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.

**Storage:** This product is a Scheduled Poison. Observe all relevant regulations regarding sale, transport and storage of this schedule of poison. Store in the closed original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Incompatibilities" in Section 10. Some liquid preparations settle or separate on standing and may require stirring before use. 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/m³) STEL (mg/m³)
Atrazine 5 not set

The ADI for Atrazine is set at 0.005mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL is set at 0.5mg/kg/day.

The ADI for Ametryn is set at 0.02mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL is set at 2mg/kg/day. ADI means Acceptable Daily Intake and NOEL means No-observable-effect-level. Values taken from Australian ADI List, June 2014.

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 vapours and mists are minimised.

**Eye Protection:** Protective glasses or goggles should be worn when this product is being used. Failure to protect your eyes may cause them harm. Emergency eye wash facilities are also recommended in an area close to where this product is being used.

**Skin Protection:** If you believe you may have a sensitisation to this product or any of its declared ingredients, you should prevent skin contact by wearing impervious gloves, clothes and, preferably, apron. Make sure that all skin areas are covered. See below for suitable material types.

**Protective Material Types:** We suggest that protective clothing be made from the following materials: PVC.

**Respirator:** Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned above. Otherwise, not normally necessary.

Eyebaths or eyewash stations and safety deluge showers should be provided near to where this product is being used.

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

**Physical Description & colour**: Light green coloured flowable suspension.

Odour: Mild odour.

**Boiling Point:** Above 100°C at 100kPa.

Freezing/Melting Point: Below 0°C.
Volatiles: Water component.

**Vapour Pressure:** 2.37 kPa at 20°C (water vapour pressure).

**Vapour Density:** No data. Specific Gravity: 1.10 at 20°C Water Solubility: Dispersible. pH: No data. Volatility: No data. **Odour Threshold:** No data. **Evaporation Rate:** No data. Coeff Oil/water distribution: No data

**Autoignition temp:** Not applicable - does not burn.

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## 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:** Store in the closed original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. **Incompatibilities:** strong acids, strong bases, strong oxidising agents.

**Fire Decomposition:** This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating. Carbon dioxide, and if combustion is incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Nitrogen and its compounds, and under some circumstances, oxides of nitrogen. Occasionally hydrogen cyanide gas in reducing atmospheres. Oxides of sulfur (sulfur dioxide is a respiratory hazard) and other sulfur compounds. Most will have a foul odour. Hydrogen chloride gas, other compounds of chlorine. Water. Carbon monoxide poisoning produces headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, dimness of vision, disturbance of judgment, and unconsciousness followed by coma and death.

**Polymerisation:** This product will not undergo polymerisation reactions.

## **Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

Atrazine is Classed by SWA as a potential sensitiser by skin contact.

Toxicity: An information profile for Atrazine is available at http://extoxnet.orst.edu/pips/ghindex.html

**Acute toxicity:** Atrazine may be harmful to humans and to animals. It can be absorbed orally, dermally, and by inhalation. Symptoms of poisoning include abdominal pain, diarrhoea and vomiting, eye irritation, irritation of mucous membranes, and skin reactions. The oral  $LD_{50}$  for atrazine is 3090 mg/kg in rats, 1750 mg/kg in mice, 750 mg/kg in rabbits, and 1000 mg/kg in hamsters. The dermal  $LD_{50}$  in rabbits is 7500 mg/kg and greater than 3000 mg/kg in rats. The 1-hour inhalation  $LC_{50}$  is greater than 0.7 mg/L in rats. The 4-hour inhalation  $LC_{50}$  is 5.2 mg/L in rats.

**Chronic toxicity:** Some 40% of rats receiving oral doses of 20 mg/kg/day for 6 months died with signs of respiratory distress and paralysis of the limbs. Structural and chemical changes in the brain, heart, liver, lungs, kidney, ovaries, and endocrine organs were observed. Rats fed 5 or 25 mg/kg/day of atrazine for 6 months exhibited growth retardation. In a 2-year study with dogs, 7.5 mg/kg/day caused decreased food intake and increased heart and liver weights. At 75 mg/kg/day, there were decreases in food intake and body weight gain, increased adrenal weight, lowered blood cell counts, and occasional tremors or stiffness in the rear limbs.

**Reproductive effects:** Dietary doses of atrazine given to rats on days 3, 6 and 9 of gestation up to about 50 mg/kg/day caused no adverse reproductive effects.

**Teratogenic effects:** Atrazine does not appear to be teratogenic.

**Mutagenic effects:** The weight of evidence from more than 50 studies indicates that atrazine is not mutagenic. **Carcinogenic effects:** Atrazine did not cause tumours when mice were given oral doses of 21.5 mg/kg/day from age 1 to 4 weeks, followed by dietary doses of 82 mg/kg for an additional 17 months. However, mammary tumours were observed in rats after lifetime administration of high doses of atrazine. Thus, available data regarding atrazine's carcinogenic potential are inconclusive.

**Organ toxicity:** Lethal doses of atrazine in test animals have caused congestion and/or haemorrhaging to the lungs, kidneys, liver, spleen, brain, and heart. Long-term consumption of high levels of atrazine has caused tremors, changes in organ weights, and damage to the liver and heart.

**Fate in humans and animals:** Atrazine is readily absorbed through the gastrointestinal tract. When a single dose of 0.53 mg atrazine was administered to rats by gavage, 20% of the dose was excreted in the faeces within 72 hours. The other 80% was absorbed across the lining of the gastrointestinal tract into the bloodstream. After 72 hours, 65% was eliminated in the urine and 15% was retained in body tissues, mainly in the liver, kidneys, and lungs.

### **Classification of Hazardous Ingredients**

Ingredient Risk Phrases

Atrazine Conc>=10%: Xn; R48/22; R43
Ametryn Conc>=25%: Xn; R22

**Atrazine:** LD<sub>50</sub> Oral, Rat 1869-3080mg/kg LD<sub>50</sub> Dermal, Rat = >3100mg/kg

## **Section 12 - Ecological Information**

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects to the aquatic environment. This product is biodegradable. It will not accumulate in the soil or water or cause long term problems.

Effects on birds: Atrazine is practically nontoxic to birds.

**Effects on aquatic organisms:** Atrazine is slightly toxic to fish and other aquatic life. Atrazine has a low level of bioaccumulation in fish. In whitefish, atrazine accumulates in the brain, gall bladder, liver, and gut.

Effects on other organisms: Atrazine is not toxic to bees.

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#### **Environmental Fate:**

**Breakdown in soil and groundwater:** Atrazine is highly persistent in soil. Chemical hydrolysis, followed by degradation by soil microorganisms, accounts for most of the breakdown of atrazine. Hydrolysis is rapid in acidic or basic environments, but is slower at neutral pHs. Addition of organic material increases the rate of hydrolysis.

**Breakdown in water:** Atrazine is moderately soluble in water. Chemical hydrolysis, followed by biodegradation, may be the most important route of disappearance from aquatic environments. Hydrolysis is rapid under acidic or basic conditions, but is slower at neutral pHs. Atrazine is not expected to strongly adsorb to sediments.

**Breakdown in vegetation:** Atrazine is absorbed by plants mainly through the roots, but also through the foliage. Once absorbed, it is translocated upward and accumulates in the growing tips and the new leaves of the plant. In susceptible plant species, atrazine inhibits photosynthesis. In tolerant plants, it is metabolized.

**Fish:** LC<sub>50</sub> rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): 4.5-11mg/L

**Bees:**  $LD_{50} > 97 \mu g/bee$  **Daphnia:**  $EC_{50} 6.9 mg/L$ 

## **Section 13 - Disposal Considerations**

**Disposal:** Special help is available for the disposal of Agricultural Chemicals. The product label will give general advice regarding disposal of small quantities, and how to cleanse containers. However, for help with the collection of unwanted rural chemicals, contact ChemClear 1800 008 182 http://www.chemclear.com.au/ and for help with the disposal of empty drums, contact DrumMuster http://www.drummuster.com.au/ where you will find contact details for your area.

## **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 compliant with NICNAS regulations. The following ingredients: Atrazine, Ametryn, are mentioned in the SUSMP.

#### **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 (7<sup>th</sup> edition)

AICS

Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

SWA

Safe Work Australia, formerly ASCC and NOHSC

CAS number

Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number

**Hazchem Code** Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency

services especially firefighters

IARC International Agency for Research on Cancer

NOS Not otherwise specified

NTP National Toxicology Program (USA)

**R-Phrase** Risk Phrase

SUSMP Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines & Poisons

**UN Number** United Nations Number

Contact Points: AUSTRALIA

Police and Fire Brigade: Dial 000

If ineffective: Dial 1100 (Exchange)
For emergency response: Dial 1800 033 111

National Poisons Information Centre: Dial 13 1126 (from anywhere in Australia)

### Please read all labels carefully before using product.

The Safety Data Sheet (SDS) augments the label and should not be used in place of regulatory approved product labels which are attached to or accompanying the product container. This SDS provides important health, safety and environmental information for personnel that are manufacturing, distributing, transporting and storing the product, including emergency responders and other product handlers. The label provides information specifically for product users.

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