1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE

Product Name: DICHLORVOS 1000 EC
Insecticide

Common Name: Dichlorvos

Chemical Name: O,O-diethyl S-ethylthiomethyl phosphorodithioate (IUPAC)

CAS No.: 62-73-7
Chemical family: Organophosphate

Chemical formula: C₄H₇Cl₂O₄P (Mol. wt.: 221.0)
Use: Systemic insecticide and acaricide with respiratory, contact and stomach action.

Formulation: Dichlorvos 1000 g/l Emulsifiable Concentrate
UN No.: 3017

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2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Hazardous Component: Dichlorvos
Symbols: T+, F
Risk-Phrases: R 27/28

3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Toxicity class:
WHO Ib; EPA I

Dichlorvos is a compound, which inhibits cholinesterase enzyme activity in the nervous tissue. It is of very high toxicity. Contact with skin, inhalation of dust or spray, or swallowing may be fatal. Slightly toxic to fish. Highly toxic to birds and bees.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES AND PRECAUTIONS

Symptoms of exposure to the product include: nausea, headache, tiredness, giddiness, blurred vision and pupillary constriction. Depending on severity of poisoning these symptoms become worse with the onset of vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, sweating and salivation. Confusion, ataxia, slurred speech, loss of reflexes are some of the central nervous system effects may lead to misdiagnosis of acute alcoholism.

Overexposure effects:
After inhalation of vapours or aerosols effects appear within minutes: ocular and respiratory effects generally appear first. This includes marked miosis, ocular pain, conjunctival congestion, diminished vision, ciliary spasm and brow ache.

With acute systemic absorption, miosis may not be evident due to sympathetic discharge in response to the hypotension. In addition to rhinorrhea and hyperemia of the upper respiratory tract, respiratory effects consist of “tightness” in the chest and wheezing respiration, caused by the combination of broncho-constriction and increased bronchial secretion. Gastrointestinal symptoms occur earliest after ingestion, and include anorexia, nausea and vomiting, abdominal cramps, and diarrhoea.

With percutaneous absorption of liquid, localized sweating and muscular fasciculation in the immediate vicinity are generally the earliest manifestations.

Severe intoxication is manifested by extreme salivation, involuntary defecation and urination, sweating, lacrimation, penile erection, bradycardia and hypotension. The airway should be kept clear to maintain respiration, particularly when the patient is unconscious or has vomited. The mouth and pharynx should be cleared and dentures removed. The jaw should be supported and the patient placed in a face down position with the head down and turned to one side, with the tongue drawn forward. First aid
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In charcoal.

stomach lavage using bicarbonate solution and activated charcoal.

unconscious that have swallowed this product, perform washing skin. To prevent gastrointestinal absorption in the stomach.

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employed in medical practice. The therapeutic objective is to achieve atropinisation, as evidenced by dilation of the pupils.

administration should be reduced to a schedule that will maintain full atropinisation for at least 24 hours. Over dosage with atropine is rarely serious, but under dosage may be fatal in poisoning with organophosphorous compounds. In any severe progressive case of poisoning a cholinesterase reactivator e.g. pralidoxime (2PAM), if available, should be administered, preferably within 8h after intoxication. An average dose is 1 g for an adult (up to 50 mg/kg for children), usually given half as a single intramuscular or intravenous injection and the other half as an intravenous infusion with glucose and or saline. In severe cases this treatment may be repeated in 1 to 2 hours, then at 10 to 12 hour intervals if needed, but not beyond 24 hour, or 48 hour at the most. Pralidoxime should be administered very slowly. If respiration is depressed during or after injection, pulmonary ventilation should be assisted mechanically.

Toxogonin is a more recent cholinesterase reactivator. It can be administered instead of 2PAM at a dose of 250 mg intramuscularly for adults (4 to 8 mg/kg for children) and, if necessary, repeat after 1 to 2 hours. Diazepam should be included in the therapy of severe cases and whenever convulsions appear. Doses of 5 to 10 mg for adults (2 to 5 mg for children) can be administered intravenously or subcutaneously or per rectum, and repeated as required.

EXTRACT:

IMPORTANT

Because of their respiratory-depressant effects, morphine and similar drugs are contra-indicated for patients poisoned with organophosphorous compounds. Avoid aminoglycosides and succinylcholine, which have a blocking effect on the neuromuscular junction. Phenothiazines, reserpine and theophylline are contra-indicated in organophosphorous poisoning.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Fire and explosion hazard:

Flammable. May evolve toxic fumes in a fire.

Extinguishing agents:

Extinguish small fires with carbon dioxide, dry powder, or alcohol-resistant foam. For larger fires, use water spray, fog or standard foam.

Fire fighting:

Move containers from fire area if possible. Fight fire from maximum distance. Stay away from storage tank ends. Contain fire control water for later disposal. Do not scatter material, extinguish only if flow can be stopped. Use flooding amounts of water as a fog; solid streams may be ineffective. Cool containers with flooding amounts of water as far as distance as possible. Use water spray to absorb toxic vapours. Avoid breathing toxic vapours. Keep upwind. Consider evacuation of downwind area if material is leaking.

Personal protective equipment:

Fire may produce irritating or poisonous vapours, mists or other products of combustion. Fire fighters and others that may be exposed should wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.
6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES (SPILLAGE)

Personal precautions:
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe in dust or fumes. For personal protection see Section 8.

Environmental precautions:
Do not allow entering drains or watercourses. When the product contaminates public waters, inform appropriate authorities immediately in accordance with local regulations.

Occupational spill:
Do not touch spilled material. Stop leak if you can do so without risk. Use water spray to reduce vapours (contain any water used). Neutralise with sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, calcium hydroxide, lime or limewater. For small spills, sweep up with sand or other suitable absorbent material, and place into containers for later disposal. Move containers from spill area. For larger spills, contain material far ahead of spill for later disposal. Keep spectators away. Isolate hazard area and deny entry. Ventilate closed spaces before entering. Use protective clothing and self-containing breathing apparatus.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Handling:
Highly toxic by absorption or if swallowed. Avoid contact with eyes, prolonged contact with skin, and inhalation of dust and vapour. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, smoking, or using the toilet. Remove clothing immediately if the insecticide gets inside. Then wash skin thoroughly using a non-abrasive soap and put on clean clothing. Do not apply directly to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Water used to clean equipment must be disposed of correctly to avoid contamination.

Storage:
The product must be kept under lock and key. Keep out of reach of unauthorized persons, children and animals. Store in its original labeled container in shaded, well-ventilated area, away from heat, sparks and other sources of ignition. Not to be stored next to foodstuffs and water supplies. Local regulations should be complied with.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROL / PERSONAL PROTECTION

It is essential to provide adequate ventilation. The measures appropriate for a particular work site depend on how this material is used and on the extent of exposure. Ensure that control systems are properly designed and maintained. Comply with occupational safety, environmental, fire, and other applicable regulations.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:
If engineering controls and work practices are not effective in controlling exposure to this material, then wear suitable personal protective equipment including approved respiratory protection.

Respirator:
An approved respirator suitable for protection from dusts and mists of pesticides is adequate. Limitations of respirator use specified by the approving agency and the manufacturer must be observed.

Clothing:
Employee must wear appropriate protective (impervious) clothing and equipment to prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact with the substance.

Gloves:
Employee must wear appropriate synthetic protective gloves to prevent contact with this substance.

Eye protection:
The use of full-face protection is recommended. Emergency eyewash: Where there is any possibility that an employee’s eyes may be exposed to this substance; the employer should provide an eye wash fountain or appropriate alternative within the immediate work area for emergency use.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:
Light yellow to clear liquid with mild chemical odour.

Explosive properties:
Not explosive.

Oxidizing properties:
Corrosive to iron and mild steel. Non-corrosive to stainless steel, aluminum, nickel and Teflon, in the absence of water.

pH:
(Technical) 1.21 to 1.44

Viscosity:
(Technical) 0.52 to 0.62 mPa s.

Relative density:
(Technical) 1.298 g/cm³.

Storage stability:
Considered stable for a period of 2 years in normal air, warehouse and light conditions.

Solubility in water:
Emulsifiable in water.

Solubility in organic solvents:
(All solubility figures in g/L at 20°C for technical) Miscible in most organic solvents.
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Partition-coefficient in n-octanol/water:
Not available.

Flashpoint:
23 °C (Flammable).

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:
Considered stable for a period of 2 years in normal air, warehouse and light conditions.
Slowly decomposed in water. Stable to hydrolysis at pH 5 to 7.

Incompatibility:
Incompatible with alkaline materials, chinomethionat and dichlofluanid.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute oral LD₅₀:
56 mg/kg (rats.)

Acute dermal LD₅₀:
75 mg/kg in rabbits.

Acute inhalation LC₅₀:
LC₅₀ (4h) for rats 83-mg/m³ air.

Acute skin/eye irritation:
Non-irritating to skin and eyes (rabbits), but highly toxic.

Carcinogenicity, Teratogenicity, Mutagenicity
No information available.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Degradability:
Non-persistent in the environment, with rapid decomposition in the atmosphere. Undergoes hydrolysis in damp media, with the formation of phosphoric acid and CO₂. Half-life <1 day in biologically active soils and water systems.

ECOTOXICOLOGY: Data for technical material:

Birds:
Slightly toxic.
Japanese Quail: LD₅₀: 5.2 mg/kg body weight.

Fish:
Slightly toxic.

Bees:
Toxic to bees.
Honey bee: LC₅₀: 0.207 ppm

Daphnia:
LC₅₀ (48 hours): 0.19 µg/l

Earthworms:
Not available.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION

Open dumping or burning of this pesticide is prohibited. Waste resulting from the use of this product cannot be reused or reprocessed. Never pour untreated waste or surplus products into public sewers or where there is any danger of run-off or seepage into water systems. Do not contaminate rivers, dams or any other water sources with the product or used containers. Comply with local legislation applying to waste disposal.

Container disposal:
Emptied containers retain vapour and product residues. Observe all labeled safeguards until container is destroyed. TRIPLE RINSE empty containers in the following manner: Invert the empty container over the spray or mixing tank and allow draining for at least 30 seconds after the flow has slowed down to a drip. Thereafter rinse the container three times with a volume of water equal to a minimum of 10 % of that of the container. Add the rinsing to the contents of the spray tank before destroying the container in the prescribed manner.

Do not re-use the empty container for any other purpose but destroy it by perforation and flattening and bury in an approved dump site. Prevent contamination of food, feedstuffs, drinking water and eating utensils. Comply with local legislation applying to waste disposal.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN NUMBER:
3017

ADR/IRD:
6.1

IMDG/IMO:
6.1

ICAO/IATA:
6.1

PACKAGING GROUP:
II

ROAD/RAIL:
Organophosphorous pesticide. liquid, toxic, Flammable (Dichlorvos).

AIR/IATA:
619, Y619

Organophosphorous pesticide. liquid, toxic, Flammable (Dichlorvos).

SEA:
Organophosphorous pesticide. liquid, toxic, Flammable (Dichlorvos).

Considered a marine pollutant.
15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Symbol: T+, F
Very toxic flammable substance

Risk phrases: R 27/28
Very toxic in contact skin and if swallowed.

Safety phrases:
S 1/2
Keep locked up and out of reach children.

S 28
After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty water.

S 36/37
Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

S 45
In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

16. PACKING AND LABELLING

Packed in fluorinated 5, 10, 20, 25 and 100 litres fluorinated plastic containers/drums and labeled according to South African regulations and guidelines.

17. OTHER INFORMATION

All information and instructions provided in this Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) are based on the current state of scientific and technical knowledge at the date indicated on the present MSDS and are presented in good faith and believed to be correct. This information applies to the PRODUCT AS SUCH. In case of new formulations or mixes, it is necessary to ascertain that a new danger will not appear.

It is the responsibility of persons in receipt of this MSDS to ensure that the information contained herein is properly read and understood by all people who may use, handle, dispose or in any way come in contact with the product. If the recipient subsequently produces formulations(s) containing this product, it is the recipient’s sole responsibility to ensure the transfer of all relevant information from this MSDS to their own MSDS.

18. REFERENCES

- Applicable own physical and chemical, toxicity and ecotoxicity research studies.
- Agriculture and Public Health; Guide to the Treatment of Poisoning by Chemicals, 1993