

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET



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1. IDENTIFICATION OF MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product name **Nemacur® 100 G Nematicide**

Other names None

Product code and pack sizes 4953648 (20 kg)

Chemical group Organophosphorus

Recommended use Agricultural nematicide

Formulation Granule (GR)

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE (see Risk phrases below) - DANGEROUS GOOD
Very poisonous. Cholinesterase inhibitor. Toxic to fish and wildlife.

Hazard classification Hazardous (National Occupational Health and Safety Commission - NOHSC)

Risk phrases R28 – Very toxic if swallowed.
R21 – Harmful in contact with skin.
R49 – May cause cancer by inhalation - Silica Crystalline (Quartz)

Safety phrases See Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13

ADG classification “Dangerous good” for transport by road or rail according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail – ORGANOPHOSPHORUS PESTICIDE, SOLID, TOXIC (contains fenamiphos), Division 6.1, Packing Group II, UN 2783.

SUSDP classification (Poisons Schedule) Schedule 7 (Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons)

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients	CAS Number	Concentration (g/kg)
Fenamiphos	[22224-92-6]	100
Silica, quartz	[14808-60-7]	< 75
Other ingredients, non hazardous	----	To 825

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

If poisoning occurs, immediately contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26), and follow the advice given. Show this Material Safety Data Sheet to the doctor.

Inhalation If inhaled, remove to fresh air and keep at rest. Obtain **urgent** medical advice. If breathing stops or shows signs of failing, start artificial respiration. If advised by doctor or Poisons Information Centre, atropine tablets may be administered.

Skin contact Immediately remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin with soap and water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops or persists. If signs of poisoning occur get medical attention immediately. Persons assisting the patient should protect themselves from contamination. If advised by doctor or Poisons Information Centre, atropine tablets may be administered.

Eye contact Rinse eyes immediately with clean water for at least 15 minutes and obtain **urgent** medical aid, preferably from an eye specialist.

Ingestion Wash out mouth with water. Keep patient at rest and seek **urgent** medical advice as above. **Transport patient to doctor or hospital quickly.** If advised by doctor or Poisons Information Centre, atropine tablets may be administered. DO NOT attempt to give anything by mouth to a semi-conscious or unconscious person.

First Aid Facilities Provide eyewash and safety shower facilities in the workplace. Obtain an emergency supply of atropine tablets 0.6 mg.

Medical attention Nemaicur 100 G contains fenamiphos, which is an organophosphorus compound, and as such it is a cholinesterase inhibitor.

Symptoms of poisoning

Mild intoxication causes headache, blurred vision, weakness, sweating, mild chest pain, nausea and vomiting. Severe intoxication causes cyanosis (blueness of the skin, as from lack of oxygen), muscular twitching, spasms, miosis (pinpoint pupils) and respiratory paralysis.

Onset of symptoms may be delayed. Cholinesterase inhibition sometimes persists for several weeks.

Treatment

Basic aid, decontamination, symptomatic treatment and if necessary administration of antidote.

Antidote: Atropine sulphate. In severe cases pralidoxime may be administered as well, if given within 24 hours after exposure. Atropine should not be given to a cyanosed patient.

Against convulsions: Diazepam.

Monitor respiratory, cardiac and central nervous system function. Monitor red blood cell and plasma cholinesterase levels. Administer oxygen if necessary. Watch for pulmonary oedema and delayed neurological symptoms.

Contraindications

Adrenergic derivatives. Never give patient morphine, theophylline or theophylline-ethylenediamine. Large amounts of intravenous fluids are generally contraindicated because of the threat of pulmonary oedema.

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5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media	Waterspray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical, foam.
Hazards from combustion products	In a fire, hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide, oxides of phosphorus, sulphur oxides and nitrogen oxides may be formed.
Precautions for fire fighters	Fire fighters should wear full protective gear, including self-contained breathing apparatus (AS/NZS 1715/1716). Keep unnecessary people away and move all other personnel to windward side of fire. Isolate hazard area and deny entry. Consider evacuation, taking all relevant factors into account. In case of doubt, evacuate immediate vicinity and request emergency services assistance. Use water spray to cool fire-exposed containers. Bund area with sand or earth to prevent contamination of drains or waterways. Dispose of fire control water or other extinguishing agent and spillage safely later.
Hazchem code	2X

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Avoid contact with the spilled material or contaminated surfaces. Do not smoke, eat or drink during the cleanup process. Personnel involved in cleanup should wear full body protective clothing and equipment as described in Section 8 – PERSONAL PROTECTION. Keep people and animals away. Consider evacuation and obtain assistance from emergency services if needed. Prevent spilled material from entering drains or watercourses. Contain spill and sweep up carefully. Avoid creating dust. Collect and store in recovery drums. Clean floor with detergent and water, absorbing wash water with clay granules and transfer this to the drum. Seal and label drums for safe disposal. Deal with all spillages immediately. If contamination of drains, streams, watercourses, etc. is unavoidable, warn the local water authority. Decontaminate tools, equipment and clothing used in the cleanup. Dispose of any heavily soiled clothing, placing it in disposal drum.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling	Keep out of reach of children. Very dangerous. Poisonous if absorbed by skin contact, inhaled or swallowed. Repeated minor exposures may have a cumulative poisoning effect. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Do not inhale dust. Obtain an emergency supply of atropine tablets 0.6 mg. If product on skin, immediately wash area with soap and water. After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. After each day's use, wash gloves, respirator and contaminated clothing with detergent and warm water.
Storage	Store in the closed, original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. Store in a locked room or place away from children, animals, food, feedstuffs, seed and fertilisers.
Flammability	Not flammable

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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure standards NOHSC Exposure standard for fenamiphos: TWA: 0.1 mg/m³. Skin notation.
NOHSC Exposure standard for silica, quartz: TWA: 0.1 mg/m³.

Definitions:

Exposure standard – Time Weighted Average (TWA) means the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

Skin notation – Absorption through the skin may be a significant source of exposure.

Biological limit values Production workers and agricultural workers handling this product should be monitored for cholinesterase levels. A baseline level should be established prior to any potential exposure. See Guidelines for Health Surveillance [NOHSC:7039(1995)]
Production workers and agricultural workers handling this product regularly should be monitored for the effects of crystalline silica. A baseline level should be established prior to any potential exposure. See Guidelines for Health Surveillance [NOHSC:7039(1995)].

Engineering controls Control process conditions to avoid contact. Use local exhaust ventilation during manufacture. Use this product in a well-ventilated area only.

Personal Protective Equipment Product is very dangerous – poisonous if absorbed by skin contact, inhaled or swallowed.

- Wear full-face respirator with combined dust and gas cartridge - AS/NZS 1715/1716 approved. In enclosed spaces a respirator or hood with an independent air supply should be worn.
- Wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist, a washable hat and impervious footwear.
- Wear elbow-length PVC gloves.
- Keep working clothes separate. Remove soiled clothing immediately and wash separately from other laundry.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Beige to brown granules
Odour: Weak characteristic
pH: 8.0 (10% in water)
Vapour pressure: 1.2 x 10⁻⁶ hPa at 20° C (fenamiphos)
Vapour density: Not available
Boiling point: Not applicable
Freezing/melting point: 42 - 45° C (fenamiphos)
Solubility: Practically insoluble in water
Bulk Density: 155 – 144 mL/100 g
Flash Point: Not applicable
Flammability (explosive) limits: Not available
Auto-ignition temperature: Not available
Partition coefficient (octanol/water): Fenamiphos: Log P_{ow} = 3.30 at 20° C

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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions of use.
Conditions to avoid	Extreme heat
Incompatible materials	Oxidising agents, bases
Hazardous decomposition products	In a fire, hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide, oxides of phosphorus, sulphur oxides and nitrogen oxides may be formed.
Hazardous reactions	None

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

Fenamiphos, the active ingredient in Nemacur 100 G, is an anticholinesterase compound. Symptoms typical of cholinesterase inhibition (for all routes of entry):

Mild cases

Headache, blurred vision, weakness, sweating, mild chest pain, nausea and vomiting.

Severe cases

Cyanosis (blueness of the skin, as from lack of oxygen), muscular twitching, spasms, miosis (pinpoint pupils) and respiratory paralysis. These symptoms commence from one to three hours after excessive exposure.

Inhalation	Very poisonous by inhalation.
Skin contact	Poisonous if absorbed by skin contact.
Eye contact	May irritate the eyes.
Ingestion	Very poisonous if swallowed.

ANIMAL TOXICITY DATA - Product

Acute:

Oral toxicity	LD ₅₀ rat: 26 mg/kg
Dermal toxicity	LD ₅₀ rat: > 5000 mg/kg
Inhalation toxicity	LC ₅₀ (4 h) rat: > 44 mg/m ³ (dust) Maximum producible concentration, tolerated without clinical effect.
Skin irritation	Non irritant (rabbit)
Irritation to mucous membranes	Slightly irritating (rabbit)
Sensitisation	Fenamiphos is not a skin sensitiser.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION - continued

Chronic:

The main health effects from repeated exposure would be toxic symptoms of cholinesterase inhibition as described above. Fenamiphos was not carcinogenic in animal studies. Fenamiphos is not mutagenic, not a reproductive toxin and not teratogenic. Fenamiphos gave no evidence of delayed neurotoxicity. This product contains crystalline silica. Excessive long-term exposure to respirable crystalline silica may cause silicosis, a form of progressive pulmonary fibrosis (scarring). Severe and permanent lung damage may result. Respirable crystalline silica has been classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1).

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Very toxic to aquatic organisms and may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. Highly toxic to birds.

DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers or waterways with Nematicur 100 G or the used containers.

Ecotoxicity

Fenamiphos:

Fish toxicity:

LC₅₀: 0.0093 mg/L (96 h); bluegill sunfish (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

LC₅₀: 0.0721 mg/L (96 h); trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Aquatic invertebrate toxicity:

EC₅₀: 0.0019 mg/L (48 h); *Daphnia magna*

Algae toxicity:

Growth rate:

IC₅₀: > 10 mg/L (72 h); green algae (*Scenedesmus subspicatus*)

Bacteria toxicity:

EC₅₀: 2030 mg/L; activated sludge

Bird toxicity:

LD₅₀: 0.7 to 1.6 mg/kg; bobwhite quail

LD₅₀: 0.9 to 1.2 mg/kg; mallard ducks

Environmental fate, persistence, degradability, mobility

Fenamiphos is not easily biodegradable. Bioconcentration factor: 110
Fenamiphos has low mobility in soil. Its half-life in soil is several weeks.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

When disposing, ensure plastic bag is empty. Puncture and bury it in a local authority landfill. If no landfill is available, bury below 500 mm in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots. Empty containers and product should not be burnt.

Dispose of waste product as hazardous waste via a licensed disposal contractor to an approved landfill. Do not discharge into drains or sewers.

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14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN number	2783
Proper shipping name	ORGANOPHOSPHORUS PESTICIDE, SOLID, TOXIC (contains fenamiphos)
Class/Division and Subsidiary Risk	6.1
Packing Group	II
EPG	Guide 35 – Dangerous Goods - Initial Emergency Response Guide
Hazchem code	2X
Marine Pollutant	Yes (Fenamiphos is a Marine Pollutant Class "P")

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Registered according to the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act 1988
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority approval number: 33293

See also Section 2.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Training in the use of farm chemicals is recommended before handling this product.

Trademark information Namacur® is a Registered Trademark of Bayer.

Preparation information Replaces July 21, 2003 MSDS.
Reasons for revision: Inclusion of R49 due to the presence of silica, quartz (carcinogen); ADG classification to include Division rather than Class; Medical Attention to include Diazepam against convulsion; Hazards from combustion products and hazardous decomposition products updated; Updated handling information; Update Silica, Quartz exposure standard ; Biological limit Value information for Silica, Quartz included; inhalation toxicity; chronic tox for Silica, Quartz; Updated regulatory information from NRA to APVMA.

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 should read this MSDS and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used in the workplace including in conjunction with other products.

If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate risk assessment can be made, the user should contact this company.

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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