

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET



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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product name** Mesurol® Snail and Slug Bait

**Other names** None

**Product code and pack sizes** 4953559 (10 kg)  
4953575 (150 kg)

**Chemical group** Carbamate

**Recommended use** Molluscicide

**Formulation** Ready to use bait (RB)

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE (see Risk phrases below) – NON DANGEROUS GOOD**  
Cholinesterase inhibitor. Harmful to aquatic organisms. Dangerous to domestic animals and wildlife.

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

**Risk phrases** R22 – Harmful if swallowed.

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

**ADG classification** Not “Dangerous goods” for transport by road or rail according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

**SUSDP classification** Schedule 5 (Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons)

## 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients	CAS Number	Concentration (g/kg)
Methiocarb (mercaptodimetur)	[2032-65-7]	20
Calcium sulphate	[7778-18-9]	75
Butylated hydroxy toluene	[128-37-0]	2
Other ingredients, non hazardous	----	To 100%

This product contains BITREX™ which is a deterrent designed to prevent animals eating the bait pellets.

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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 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 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** Mesurol Snail and Slug Bait contains methiocarb, which is a carbamate insecticide, 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, muscular twitching, spasms, miosis 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. Atropine should not be given to a cyanosed patient. Oximes are contraindicated. Monitor respiratory, cardiac and central nervous system functions. 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.
- Veterinary** Dogs find this bait attractive and if ingested it may kill them. If a dog eats pellets take it to a veterinarian immediately. Do not give dogs Ipecac Syrup.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Extinguishing media</b>	Waterspray, foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, sand.
<b>Hazards from combustion products</b>	In a fire, hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide, methyl isocyanate, sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides may be formed.
<b>Precautions for fire fighters</b>	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. 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.
<b>Hazchem code</b>	Not applicable

## 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 protective clothing and equipment as described in Section 8 – PERSONAL PROTECTION. Keep people and animals away. 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 a damp cloth and place it in the recovery 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.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>Handling</b>	Keep out of reach of children. Product is poisonous if swallowed. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. 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 filling applicator, clean up spilled pellets so that they are not eaten by animals and birds.
<b>Storage</b>	Store in the closed, original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated, secure area out of direct sunlight. Lock in a safe place preventing access of children, animals, poultry or ducks. Keep away from domestic pets.
<b>Flammability</b>	Not readily combustible.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

<b>Exposure standards</b>	There is no NOHSC Exposure standard for methiocarb.  NOHSC Exposure standard for calcium sulphate: TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (as inspirable dust)
	<u>Definitions:</u> <i>Exposure standard – Time Weighted Average (TWA)</i> means the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION - continued

<b>Biological limit values</b>	None allocated. However, monitoring of manufacturing workers for blood cholinesterase levels is recommended.
<b>Engineering controls</b>	Control process conditions to avoid contact. Use local exhaust ventilation during manufacture. Use this product in a well-ventilated area only.
<b>Personal Protective Equipment</b>	Product is poisonous if absorbed by skin contact, inhaled or swallowed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• During manufacture a respirator or hood with an independent air supply should be worn. If dust is formed in handling the bait pellets, a disposable dust mask should be worn.</li><li>• Wear goggles.</li><li>• Wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist.</li><li>• Wear elbow-length PVC gloves if there is a possibility of skin contact.</li></ul>

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance:</b>	Blue pellets
<b>Odour:</b>	Weak characteristic
<b>pH:</b>	5.5 to 6.5 (10% in water)
<b>Vapour pressure:</b>	0.015 mPa at 20° C (methiocarb)
<b>Vapour density:</b>	Not available
<b>Boiling point:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Freezing/melting point:</b>	119° C (methiocarb)
<b>Solubility:</b>	The bait pellets swell in water. Methiocarb is practically insoluble in water.
<b>Bulk Density:</b>	164 (loose) / 148 (packed) mL/100 g
<b>Flash Point:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (explosive) limits:</b>	Not available
<b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b>	Not available
<b>Partition coefficient (octanol/water):</b>	Methiocarb: Log $P_{ow}$ = 3.08 at 20° C

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions of use. Unstable in highly alkaline media.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Extreme heat, moisture
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Oxidising agents, alkalis
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	In a fire, hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide, methyl isocyanate, sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides may be formed.
<b>Hazardous reactions</b>	None known

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

Methiocarb, the active ingredient in Mesurol Snail and Slug Bait, is a carbamate pesticide which is a cholinesterase inhibitor. 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.

Dogs find this bait attractive and if ingested it may kill them.

<b>Inhalation</b>	Methiocarb is very poisonous by inhalation. Inhalation of the bait pellets containing 2% methiocarb is unlikely, unless dust is created.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Poisonous if absorbed by skin contact, but this route of exposure is unlikely. Not expected to irritate the skin.
<b>Eye contact</b>	May irritate the eyes.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful if swallowed.

### ANIMAL TOXICITY DATA - PRODUCT

#### Acute:

<b>Oral toxicity</b>	LD <sub>50</sub> rat: > 500 to < 1000 mg/kg
<b>Dermal toxicity</b>	LD <sub>50</sub> rat: > 2000 mg/kg
<b>Inhalation toxicity</b>	LC <sub>50</sub> (4 h) rat: > 0.224 mg/L – <i>dustable powder – highest producible concentration</i>
<b>Skin irritation</b>	Non irritant (rabbit)
<b>Irritation to mucous membranes</b>	Non irritant (rabbit)
<b>Sensitisation</b>	Not a skin sensitiser.

#### Chronic:

The main health effects from repeated exposure would be toxic symptoms of cholinesterase inhibition as described above. Methiocarb showed no evidence of oncogenic or carcinogenic potential in animal studies. Methiocarb is not mutagenic, and has shown no teratogenic effects in animal studies. It does not cause delayed neurotoxicity. In the USA methiocarb is considered to be a developmental toxicant.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Harmful to aquatic organisms. This product is dangerous to game, wild birds and animals. Methiocarb has a repellent effect on birds. It is dangerous to bees and dangerous to fish. DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers or waterways with Mesurol Snail and Slug Bait or the used containers.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION - continued

### Ecotoxicity

#### Methiocarb:

#### *Fish toxicity:*

LC<sub>50</sub>: 0.65 mg/L (96 h); bluegill sunfish (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

LC<sub>50</sub>: 1.1 mg/L (96 h); trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

#### *Aquatic invertebrate toxicity:*

EC<sub>50</sub>: 7.7 µg/L (48 h); water flea (*Daphnia magna*)

#### *Algae toxicity:*

#### Growth rate:

IC<sub>50</sub>: 2.2 mg/L (72 h); green algae (*Scenedesmus subspicatus*)

#### *Bird toxicity:*

LD<sub>50</sub>: 5 to 10 mg/kg; Japanese quail

LD<sub>50</sub>: 7.1 to 9.4 mg/kg; male mallard ducks

### Environmental fate, persistence, degradability, mobility

Degradation of methiocarb in soil is rapid. Photodegradation contributes to the overall elimination of methiocarb from the environment - DT<sub>50</sub> = 6 to 16 days.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Ensure plastic bag is completely empty before disposal. Puncture and bury empty bag in a local authority landfill. If no landfill is available, bury the bag below 500 mm in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots. Empty bags and product should not be burnt. Dispose of waste product via a reputable disposal contractor to an approved landfill. Do not discharge into drains or sewers.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN number	Not applicable
Proper shipping name	Not applicable
Class and Subsidiary Risk	Not applicable
Packing Group	Not applicable
EPG	Not applicable
Hazchem code	Not applicable
Marine Pollutant	No

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Registered according to the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act 1988  
National Registration Authority approval number: 33274

See also Section 2.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Trademark information** MesuroI® is a Registered Trademark of Bayer.

**Preparation information** Replaces August 1, 2002 MSDS.  
Reasons for revision: 16 heading format, Risk phrase, Hazard classification, First Aid, Spills, Exposure Standard, Personal Protective Equipment, acute toxicity, government reviews

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.

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