

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE:

Hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC

### COMPANY DETAILS:

Syngenta Crop Protection Pty Limited  
ABN 33 002 933 717  
140-150 Bungaree Rd.,  
PENDLE HILL, NSW, 2145

Telephone No.: (02) 9688 0444  
24 Hours Emergency No.: 1 800 033 111

## IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT NAME:** Flowable GESAPRIM® 500 SC Liquid Herbicide

<b>Formulation type:</b>	suspension concentrate (ie flowable aqueous suspension)	<b>Dangerous Goods Class/ and Subsidiary Risk (ADG):</b>	none allocated
<b>Active Ingredient:</b>	Atrazine	<b>Hazchem Code:</b>	none allocated
<b>Product Code No.:</b>	R-433/145/5	<b>Packing Group:</b>	none allocated
<b>Chemical type:</b>	Triazine	<b>Poisons Schedule:</b>	5
<b>UN Number:</b>	none allocated		

**USE:** Herbicide for the control of weeds and grasses in sorghum, maize, sugarcane, and lupins in non-agricultural areas and other crops as per the Directions for Use table on the container label leaflet.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION/PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance:</b>	Blue	<b>Flash Point:</b>	>61°C (closed cup)
<b>Odour:</b>	Non-specific	<b>Flammability:</b>	Non-flammable
<b>Specific gravity:</b>	1.09 (20°C)	<b>Combustibility:</b>	Non-combustible
<b>Behaviour in water:</b>	Suspensible	<b>Volatility:</b>	Not available
<b>Viscosity:</b>	400-800 cps	<b>Corrosiveness:</b>	Non-corrosive

### INGREDIENTS

	CAS No.	Content (%w/v)
atrazine (technical grade)		>50
to give atrazine	1912-24-9	50
other ingredients determined not to be hazardous		<60

## HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

### HEALTH EFFECTS

#### ACUTE

**Toxicity** - This product is slightly hazardous (WHO Class III)

Swallowed:

#### LOW TOXICITY

Tests on rats indicate a low toxicity following single doses of a similar product containing 500 g/L. atrazine.  
(LD<sub>50</sub> = approx. 2800 mg/kg)

Dermal absorption:

#### LOW TOXICITY

Tests on rats indicate a low toxicity following single doses of a similar product containing 500 g/L. atrazine.  
(LD<sub>50</sub> <5000 mg/kg)

Inhaled:

#### LOW TOXICITY

Tests on rats indicate a low toxicity following single doses of a similar product containing 500 g/L. atrazine.  
(LC<sub>50</sub> (1 h) >406 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, highest attainable concentration)

**Irritation** (based on studies with rabbits)Eye: **NON-IRRITANT**Skin: **NON-IRRITANT****Sensitisation** - (based on results of a comparable 500 SC formulation on guinea pigs).Skin: **NOT A SENSITISER****Poisoning symptoms:**

No case of human poisoning due to this product is on record. The poisoning symptoms observed for laboratory mammals were non-specific.

**CHRONIC** (Active Ingredient)

**Atrazine technical** has been extensively tested on laboratory mammals and in test-tube systems. No evidence of mutagenic, teratogenic or reproductive effects was obtained. After long-term administration (ie, close to 2 years of continuous feeding) a slight increase in the incidence of mammary tumours was reported in one species (rat), one sex (female) and one strain (Sprague-Dawley) in one study at higher doses. A more recent study (1992) using Sprague-Dawley rats showed no significant difference between rats fed normal diet and those fed on a diet containing atrazine with regard to the incidence of tumours. Recent studies with the Fischer rat strain have shown no evidence of tumour producing potential. The relevance of the mammary tumour finding to humans is doubted as epidemiological studies of workers involved in the production of atrazine for up to 30 years have shown no evidence of health problems associated with atrazine exposure. Atrazine has been listed by IARC as a Class 3, not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

**FIRST AID**

Swallowed: If poisoning occurs contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre.  
Eye: Flush with large quantities of clean tap water for at least 15 minutes.  
Skin: Remove contaminated clothing and wash affected areas thoroughly with soap and water.  
Inhaled: Move affected person to fresh air and keep at rest until recovered.

**ADVICE TO DOCTOR**

No specific antidote exists. Treat symptomatically.

**PRECAUTIONS FOR USE****ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW THE LABEL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS****EXPOSURE STANDARDS**

Ingredient: **Occupational Exposure Standard (NOHSC)**  
**atrazine** 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> of air (8 h time weighted average)

**Exposure Potential** - Swallowing is unlikely under normal conditions of usage. Significant skin uptake does not occur. Inhalation is a possible route of exposure. This product is diluted with water prior to use as a spray. This diluted form is less toxic by all routes of exposure.

**Re-entry Period** - Do not enter treated areas without protective clothing until the spray has dried.

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

No special requirements. Product is used outdoors.

**PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Do not inhale dust. When opening the container and preparing the spray, wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist (or equivalent clothing) a washable hat, elbow-length PVC gloves and face shield or goggles. Wear a half-face respirator if the level of **atrazine** in the air is likely to exceed the occupational exposure standard. If product gets in eyes, wash it out immediately with 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, face shield or goggles and contaminated clothing. Use only protective clothing bearing the mark of the Standards Association of Australia.

**FLAMMABILITY**

This product is NON-FLAMMABLE and non-combustible.

## SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION

### STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

Store in the closed, original container in a cool, well ventilated area. DO NOT store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Keep out of reach of children, unauthorised persons and animals.

### SPILLS AND DISPOSAL

In case of spillage it is important to take all steps necessary to:

- Avoid eye and skin contact.
- Avoid contamination of waterways.

#### *Procedure for spill:*

- (1) Keep all bystanders away.
- (2) Wear full length clothing and PVC gloves.
- (3) Reposition any leaking containers so as to minimise further leakage.
- (4) Dam and absorb spill with an absorbent material (e.g. sand or soil).
- (5) Shovel the absorbed spill into drums.
- (6) Disposal of the absorbed material will depend upon the extent of the spill.
  - For quantities up to 50L of product bury in a secure landfill site.
  - For quantities greater than 50L seek advice from the manufacturer (use emergency contact number below) before attempting disposal. Contain in a secure location until disposal method is established.
- (7) Decontaminate the spill area with detergent and water and rinse with the smallest volume of water practicable.

#### *Dispose of empty, used containers by:*

- (a) Triple or preferably pressure containers before disposal. Add the rinsings to the spray tank. DO NOT dispose of undiluted chemicals on site.
- (b) If recycling, replace cap and return clean containers to recycler or designated collection point.
- (c) If not recycling, break, crush, or puncture and bury empty containers in a local authority landfill. If no landfill is available, bury the containers 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.

### FIRE/EXPLOSION HAZARD

This product is non-flammable, non-explosive and non-combustible. Extinguish warehouse or factory fires using fine water spray or foam. Do not allow fire-water to enter drains.

### OTHER INFORMATION

**Atrazine technical** is slightly toxic to fish [LC<sub>50</sub> (96h), rainbow trout = 4.5 - 8.8 mg/L] and practically non-toxic to birds and bees.

**Note:** This product is a registered agricultural chemical and must therefore be used in accordance with the container label directions. A comprehensive package of toxicological and environmental data for the active ingredients of this product has been submitted to the Federal health and environment authorities and has been evaluated by expert toxicologists and environmental scientists.

<b>CONTACT POINT:</b> Regulatory Affairs Manager - Crop Protection - (02) 9688 0444 <b>24 HOURS EMERGENCY CONTACT:</b> 1 800 033 111
---

This Material Safety Data Sheet 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.

® Registered Trade Mark of a Syngenta Group Company.

***Acknowledgments:***

Collated by HerbiGuide. Phone 08 98444064 for more information.