

Atrazine 900 WG

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Section 1: SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION AND SUPPLIER

Trade Name:	UNITED FARMERS ATRAZINE 900 WG HERBICIDE
Substance:	Atrazine is a 1,3,5-triazine derivative.
Product Use:	Agricultural herbicide for use as described on the product label.
Company Identification:	Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-operative Limited - Incorporated in New Zealand
Address:	2 Birksgate Rd Rous Head North Fremantle, WA 6160
Customer Centre:	1800 624 122
Poisons Information Centre:	13 1126 in Australia, 0800 764 766 in New Zealand
Emergency Telephone Number:	For specialist advice call 1800 705 766 (24hr) (Emergencies Only)
Transport Emergency:	IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 000 - FIRE or POLICE

Section 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Statement of Hazardous Nature:	This product is classified as: Hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC Australia. Not a Dangerous Good according to the Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code.		
Risk Phrases:	R48/22	Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure if swallowed.	
	R43	May cause sensitisation by skin contact.	
	R50/53	Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects to the aquatic environment.	
Safety Phrases:	S2	Keep out of reach of children.	
	S20	When using, do not eat or drink.	
	S28	After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water.	
	S60	This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste.	
	S61	Avoid release to the environment.	
	S36/37	Refer to special instructions/Safety Data Sheets.	

Section 3: COMPOSITION INFORMATION

INGREDIENTS	CAS No	Conc, %	TWA (mg/m ³)	STEL (mg/m ³)
Atrazine	1912-24-9	90	5	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 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 should not be exceeded for more than 15 minutes and should not be repeated for 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

Emergency Overview

Physical Description & Colour:	Off-white granulated solid.
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, possible skin sensitiser.
Inhalation:	First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.
Skin Contact:	Gently brush away excess solids. Irritation is unlikely. However, if irritation does occur, flush with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes or until chemical is removed.

Eye Contact: Quickly and gently brush particles from eyes. No effects expected. If irritation does occur, flush contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes or until the product is removed. Obtain medical advice if irritation becomes painful or lasts more than a few minutes.

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 a slight risk of an explosion from this product if commercial quantities are involved in a fire. Violent steam generation or eruption may occur upon application of direct water stream on hot liquids.
Fire decomposition products from this product may be toxic if inhaled. Take appropriate protective measures.

Extinguishing Media: Preferred extinguishing media are carbon dioxide, dry chemical, foam, water fog.

Fire Fighting: If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade.

Flash point: Not flammable.

Upper Flammability Limit: No data.

Lower Flammability Limit: No data.

Autoignition temperature: No data.

Flammability Class: No data.

Section 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Spills and Disposal: Wear appropriate protective clothing. Exclude non-essential people from the area. Contain spill and absorb with inert material such as soil, sand or absorbent granules and place in a sealable waste container. Dispose of waste safely in an approved landfill.

Protective Clothing: For appropriate personal protective equipment see section 8.

Environmental Precaution: Prevent from entering drains, waterways or sewers. If spill does enter waterways contact local authority.

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. Keep containers dry and away from water. Protect this product from light. 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. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment:
Respiratory equipment: **AS/NZS 1715**, Protective Gloves: **AS 2161**, Industrial Clothing: **AS2919**, Industrial Eye Protection: **AS1336** and **AS/NZS 1337**, Occupational Protective Footwear: **AS/NZS2210**.

Exposure Limits:

	TWA (mg/m ³)	STEL (mg/m ³)
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. ADI means Acceptable Daily Intake and NOEL means No-observable-effect-level. Values taken from Australian ADI List, Dec 2004.

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 dusts are minimised.

Eye Protection: Eye protection is not normally necessary when this product is being used. However, if in doubt, wear suitable protective glasses or goggles.

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: rubber, PVC.

Respirator: If there is a significant chance that dusts are likely to build up in the area where this product is being used, we recommend that you use a suitable Dust Mask.

Safety deluge showers should, if practical, be provided near to where this product is being used.

Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical Description & colour:	Off-white granulated solid.
Odour:	Mild odour.
Boiling Point:	No specific data. Expected to decompose before boiling.
Freezing/Melting Point:	No specific data. Atrazine melts about 180°C
Volatiles:	No specific data. Expected to be low at 100°C.
Vapour Pressure:	No data.
Vapour Density:	No data.
Specific Gravity:	No data.
Water Solubility:	Wettable - forms suspensions in water.
pH:	No data.
Volatility:	No data.
Odour Threshold:	No data.
Evaporation Rate:	No data.
Coeff Oil/water Distribution:	No data
Autoignition temp:	No data.

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:	Containers should be kept dry. Protect this product from light. 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:	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. 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

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation:

Short Term Exposure: Significant inhalation exposure is considered to be unlikely. Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. In addition product is unlikely to cause any discomfort or irritation.

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 mildly irritating, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild discomfort which should disappear once contact ceases.

Eye Contact:

Short Term Exposure: Exposure via eyes is considered to be unlikely. This product may be mildly irritating to eyes, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild discomfort which should disappear once product is removed.

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. This product is unlikely to cause any irritation problems in the short or long term.

Carcinogen Status:

NOHSC: No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by NOHSC.

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.

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 LD₅₀ 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 LD₅₀ in rabbits is 7500 mg/kg and greater than 3000 mg/kg in rats. The 1-hour inhalation LC₅₀ is greater than 0.7 mg/L in rats. The 4-hour inhalation LC₅₀ 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 (ISO)	Conc>=10%: Xn; R48/22; R43

Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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.

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.

Section 13: DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Follow label advice for the disposal of empty containers, packaging and for the return of refillable containers.

Product Disposal: For the disposal of unwanted / unusable chemicals, seek advice from suppliers, local government, your local Waste Management Authority and consult ChemClear, 1800 008 182
<http://www.chemclear.com.au/>

Container Disposal: Where possible, used containers should be recycled after triple rinsing. Check with local suppliers and or DrumMUSTER <http://www.drummuster.com.au/>. Otherwise, bury at an authorised landfill. Before disposing of unwanted containers or used packaging on a property, ensure that all appropriate regulations, both Local and State Government, are observed. Significant penalties may apply.

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.

UN Number: None allocated

SUSDP Classification: S5

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

Section 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

AICS: All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are to be found in the public AICS Database. The following ingredients: Atrazine, are mentioned in the SUSDP.

Section 16: OTHER INFORMATION

This MSDS contains only safety-related information. For other data see product literature.
This MSDS supersedes all others and was reviewed: February, 2010
Please read all labels carefully before using product.
This MSDS is prepared in accord with the ASCC document "National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Material Safety Data Sheets"2nd Edition [NOHSC:2011(2003)]