

## SECTION 1 - IDENTIFICATION OF CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY

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**Substance:** Clethodim is a cyclohexanedione oxime derivative.  
**Trade Name:** **Up-Root 240 EC Selective Herbicide**  
**Product Code:** 62783  
**Product Use:** Agricultural herbicide for use as described on the product label.  
**Creation Date:** **June, 2008**  
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## Section 2 - Hazards Identification

### Statement of Hazardous Nature

This product is classified as: Xn, Harmful. Hazardous according to the criteria of ASCC.

Not a Dangerous Good according to the Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code.

**Risk Phrases:** R65, R20/22. Harmful: May cause lung damage if swallowed. Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed.

**Safety Phrases:** S20, S23, S36, S38, S46. When using, do not eat or drink. Do not breathe spray mists. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If swallowed, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre immediately and show this MSDS or label.

**SUSDP Classification:** S5

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

**UN Number:** None allocated

### Emergency Overview

**Physical Description & colour:** Amber coloured liquid.

**Odour:** Mild aromatic odour.

**Major Health Hazards:** Effects of acute exposure to Clethodim or formulated products may include eye or skin irritation or central nervous system effects, e.g., salivation, decreased motor activity, incoordination, unsteady gait and hyperactivity. This product is harmful by inhalation and if swallowed, if aspirated, may cause lung damage.

### Potential Health Effects

#### Inhalation:

**Short term exposure:** Available data shows that this product is harmful, but symptoms are not available. In addition product may be mildly irritating, although unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**Long Term exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term inhalation.

#### Skin Contact:

**Short term exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. It should present no hazards in normal use. However product may be irritating, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**Long Term exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term skin exposure.

#### Eye Contact:

**Short term exposure:** This product may be irritating to eyes, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**Long Term exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term eye exposure.

#### Ingestion:

**Short term exposure:** Significant oral exposure is considered to be unlikely. Because of the low viscosity of this product, it may directly enter the lungs if swallowed, or if subsequently vomited. Once in the lungs, it is very difficult to remove and can cause severe injury or death. However, this product may be irritating to mucous membranes but is unlikely to cause anything more than transient discomfort.

**Long Term exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term ingestion.

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**Carcinogen Status:****ASCC:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by ASCC.**NTP:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by NTP.**IARC:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by IARC.**Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients**

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc, %	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Clethodim	99129-21-2	240g/L	not set	not set
Liquid hydrocarbon	64742-94-5	663g/L	not set	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 ASCC 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 may be equalled (but should not be exceeded) for no longer than 15 minutes and should not be repeated 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****General Information:**

You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this MSDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** If symptoms of poisoning become evident, contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call a doctor at once. Remove source of contamination or move victim to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, oxygen may be beneficial if administered by trained personnel, preferably on a doctor's advice. DO NOT allow victim to move about unnecessarily. Symptoms of pulmonary oedema can be delayed up to 48 hours after exposure.

**Skin Contact:** Gently blot away excess liquid. Wash gently and thoroughly with water (use non-abrasive soap if necessary) for 5 minutes or until chemical is removed.

**Eye Contact:** 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. Take special care if exposed person is wearing contact lenses.

**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:** This product is classified as flammable. There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire. Violent steam generation or eruption may occur upon application of direct water stream on hot liquids. Vapours from this product are heavier than air and may accumulate in sumps, pits and other low-lying spaces, forming potentially explosive mixtures. They may also flash back considerable distances.

Fire decomposition products from this product may be toxic if inhaled. Take appropriate protective measures.

**Extinguishing Media:** Suitable 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:** >62°C, Closed cup

**Upper Flammability Limit:** No data.

**Lower Flammability Limit:** No data.

**Autoignition temperature:** No data.

**Flammability Class:** Flammable

**Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures**

**Accidental release:** In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. Wear full protective clothing including eye/face protection. All skin areas should be covered. See below under Personal Protection regarding Australian Standards relating to personal protective equipment. Suitable materials for protective clothing include rubber, PVC. Eye/face protective equipment should comprise as a minimum, protective goggles. If there is a significant chance that vapours or mists are likely to build up in the cleanup area, we recommend that you use a respirator. It should be fitted with a type G cartridge, suitable for agricultural chemicals. Otherwise, not normally necessary.

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Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Absorb onto sand, vermiculite or other suitable absorbent material. If spill is too large or if absorbent material is not available, try to create a dike to stop material spreading or going into drains or waterways. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. Recycle containers wherever possible after careful cleaning. Refer to product label for specific instructions. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. Full details regarding disposal of used containers, spillage and unused material may be found on the label. If there is any conflict between this MSDS and the label, instructions on the label prevail. Ensure legality of disposal by consulting regulations prior to disposal. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Advise laundry of nature of contamination when sending contaminated clothing to laundry.

## 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. 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. Some liquid preparations settle or separate on standing and may require stirring before use. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and 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**.

<b>ASCC Exposure limits</b>	<b>TWA (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>STEL (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
Exposure limits have not been established by ASCC for any of the significant ingredients in this product.		

The ADI for Clethodim is set at 0.01mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL is set at 1mg/kg/day. ADI means Acceptable Daily Intake and NOEL means No-observable-effect-level. Values taken from Australian ADI List, Dec 2006.

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:** This product should only be used in a well ventilated area. If natural ventilation is inadequate, use of a fan is suggested.

**Eye Protection:** Eye protection such as protective glasses or goggles is recommended when this product is being used.

**Skin Protection:** You should avoid contact even with mild skin irritants. Therefore you should wear suitable impervious elbow-length gloves and facial protection when handling this product. See below for suitable material types.

**Protective Material Types:** We suggest that protective clothing be made from the following materials: rubber, PVC.

**Respirator:** Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned above. Otherwise, not normally necessary.

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

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:

<b>Physical Description &amp; colour:</b>	Amber coloured liquid.
<b>Odour:</b>	Mild aromatic odour.
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	Not available.
<b>Freezing/Melting Point:</b>	No specific data. Liquid at normal temperatures.
<b>Volatiles:</b>	No specific data. Expected to be low at 100°C.
<b>Vapour Pressure:</b>	Negligible at normal ambient temperatures.
<b>Vapour Density:</b>	No data.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	Approx 0.95 at 20°C
<b>Water Solubility:</b>	Emulsifiable.
<b>pH:</b>	3.6 (5% in water)
<b>Volatility:</b>	Negligible at normal ambient temperatures.
<b>Odour Threshold:</b>	No data.

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<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	No data.
<b>Coeff Oil/water distribution:</b>	No data
<b>Autoignition temp:</b>	No data.

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## 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:** 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 in reducing atmospheres. Oxides of sulfur (sulfur dioxide is a respiratory hazard) and other sulfur compounds. Most will have a foul odour. 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.

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## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

**Toxicity:** An information profile for Clethodim is available at <http://extoxnet.orst.edu/pips/ghindex.html>

**Acute Toxicity:** Clethodim is harmful by ingestion. The reported oral LD50 is 1,630 mg/kg and 1,360 mg/kg in male and female rats, respectively. Clethodim is practically non-toxic by dermal absorption. The reported dermal LD50 is greater than 5,000 mg/kg. The technical product did not cause skin irritation in the rabbit, but formulation caused moderate skin as well as eye irritation in the rabbit. Eye irritation was reversible within 8-21 days. No data regarding skin sensitization or eye irritation were available for the technical product. Clethodim is practically non-toxic by the inhalation route. The reported rodent 4-hour inhalation LC50 for Clethodim technical is greater than 3.9 mg/L. Effects of acute exposure to Clethodim or formulated products may include eye or skin irritation or central nervous system effects, e.g., salivation, decreased motor activity, incoordination, unsteady gait and hyperactivity. These latter effects may be in large measure due to the aromatic constituents of the formulation, as these effects commonly occur upon exposure to such compounds.

**Chronic Toxicity:** In a one-year feeding study of dogs, doses of 75 mg/kg/day resulted in increased relative and absolute liver weights, with anaemia-like alterations in blood chemistry such as reduced haemoglobin, erythrocyte and haematocrit counts. In a two-year chronic study of rats, no compound-related effects on the structure and function of the liver were observed, and no changes in liver weights were observed at the highest dose tested, approximately 100 mg/kg/day. Reduced body weight gain was observed in another study on rats at 350 mg/kg/day, but not at 100 mg/kg/day, over an unspecified period.

**Reproductive Effects:** No effects on fertility, length of gestation or growth and development of offspring were observed at doses up to and including the highest dose tested, 263 mg/kg/day.

**Teratogenic Effects:** Data suggests that while there have been documented teratological effects in animal studies, such effects are unlikely in humans under normal conditions of exposure.

**Mutagenic Effects:** The available data for mutagenicity and genotoxicity yield no evidence for mutagenic or genotoxic activity.

**Carcinogenic Effects:** No carcinogenic effects were observed in mice administered Clethodim at doses of 24 mg/kg/day over an 18 month period. Based on the available data, it appears that Clethodim is not carcinogenic.

**Organ Toxicity:** The liver was the primary organ affected in chronic animal studies. Although potential effects associated with acute exposure are reported to include central nervous system effects, no available chronic data pointed to such effects.

**Fate in Humans & Animals:** Clethodim is readily absorbed in the gastrointestinal tract, with approximately 90% absorption of oral doses. It is rapidly metabolized and eliminated (primarily sulfoxide metabolites, ca 63%) with less than 1% recoverable unchanged.

## Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

Ingredient	Risk Phrases
Liquid Hydrocarbon	Conc>=10%: Xn; R65

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## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Effects on Birds:** Clethodim is practically non-toxic to birds. Under likely conditions of use, it is unlikely to pose a hazard to avian species.

**Effects on Aquatic Organisms:** Clethodim is slightly toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrate species. No effects were seen at concentrations of 5.5 mg/L in Daphnia. No significant bioaccumulation has been observed in fish. Under likely conditions of use, it is unlikely to pose a hazard to aquatic species.

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Effects on Other Animals (Nontarget species): Clethodim is practically non-toxic to honeybees with reported LD50s of greater than 100 µg/bee for both the technical product and formulated product. EPA has stated that "available wildlife data indicate that the proposed uses on cotton and soybeans will result in minimal hazard to nontarget and endangered beneficial insect, avian and freshwater fish and mammalian species". Clethodim is selectively toxic to plants, affecting only grass species.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL FATE

Breakdown of Chemical in Soil and Groundwater: Clethodim is of low persistence in most soils with a reported half-life of approximately 3 days. Breakdown is mainly by aerobic processes, although photolysis may make some contribution.

Breakdown of Chemical in Surface Water: Clethodim may be highly persistent in the aquatic environment. Reported half-lives for Clethodim in the aquatic environment are 128 days in the aqueous phase and 214 days in the sediment. The reported hydrolysis half-life at pH 7-9 is approximately 300 days.

Breakdown of Chemical in Vegetation: Clethodim is rapidly degraded on the leaf surfaces by an acid-catalysed reaction and photolysis. Remaining Clethodim will rapidly penetrate the cuticle and enter the plant.

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### Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

**Disposal:** Special help is available for the disposal of Agricultural Chemicals. The product label will give general advice regarding disposal of small quantities, and how to cleanse containers. However, for help with the collection of unwanted rural chemicals, contact ChemClear 1800 008 182 <http://www.chemclear.com.au/> and for help with the disposal of empty drums, contact DrumMuster <http://www.drummuster.com.au/> where you will find contact details for your area.

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### 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.

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### Section 15 - Regulatory Information

**AICS:** All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are compliant with NICNAS regulations. The following ingredients: Clethodim, Liquid hydrocarbon, are mentioned in the SUSDP.

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### Section 16 - Other Information

This MSDS contains only safety-related information. For other data see product literature.

#### Acronyms:

<b>ADG Code</b>	Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (7 <sup>th</sup> edition)
<b>AICS</b>	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
<b>ASCC</b>	Office of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council
<b>CAS number</b>	Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
<b>Hazchem Code</b>	Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services especially firefighters
<b>IARC</b>	International Agency for Research on Cancer
<b>NOS</b>	Not otherwise specified
<b>NTP</b>	National Toxicology Program (USA)
<b>R-Phrase</b>	Risk Phrase
<b>SUSDP</b>	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs & Poisons
<b>UN Number</b>	United Nations Number

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 MUST REVIEW THIS MSDS IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THE PRODUCT WILL BE HANDLED AND USED IN THE WORKPLACE.

IF CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE RISK ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE, THE USER SHOULD CONTACT THIS COMPANY SO WE CAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OUR SUPPLIERS. 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.

Please read all labels carefully before using product.

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### MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET