

Section 1 - Identification of Chemical Product and Company

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Substance: Diclofop-methyl is a 2-(4-aryloxyphenoxy) propionic acid derivative.**Trade Name:** **Cheminova Diclofop Methyl Herbicide****Product Use:** Agricultural herbicide for use as described on the product label.**APVMA Number:** 59554**Section 2 - Hazards Identification****Risk Phrases:** R22, R43, R65, R36/38. Harmful if swallowed. May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

Harmful: May cause lung damage if swallowed. Irritating to eyes and skin.

Safety Phrases: S20, S28, S46, S24/25. When using, do not eat or drink. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. If swallowed, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre immediately and show this container or label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.**SUSDP Classification:** S6**ADG Classification:** None allocated. Not a Dangerous Good.**UN Number:** None allocated**Emergency Overview****Physical Description & Colour:** Light brown to dark brown liquid.**Odour:** Aromatic hydrocarbon odour.**Major Health Hazards:** The acute oral LD₅₀ for Diclofop-methyl for rats ranged between 563-693 mg/kg (in sesame oil). The acute dermal LD₅₀ for female rats was greater than 2,000 mg/kg. The no effect level (NEL) for a 90-day feeding to rats was 12.5 mg/kg and 8 mg/kg for a 15-month feeding to dogs. The acute percutaneous LD50 for rats was greater than 5,000 mg/kg. The acute inhalation toxicity for rats exposed to technical Diclofop-methyl was greater than 3.83 mg/l/hour. Rats exposed to a formulated product containing Diclofop-methyl had an oral LD50 value of greater than 2,000 mg/kg. The acute dermal LD50 for exposure to the same product was greater than 5,000 mg/kg. The inhalation LC₅₀ in rats for a 36%EC formulation of Diclofop-methyl over a four-hour period was 8.3 mg/l air. No major health hazards are known.**Potential Health Effects**

See section 11 for Chronic exposure studies.

Inhalation**Short term exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. In addition, this product may be mildly irritating, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.**Skin Contact:****Short term exposure:** Classified as a potential sensitiser by skin contact. Exposure to a sensitiser, once sensitisation has occurred, may manifest itself as an asthmatic condition, and in some individuals this reaction can be extremely severe. In addition, this product is a skin irritant. Symptoms may include itchiness and reddening of contacted skin. Other symptoms may also become evident, but all should disappear once exposure has ceased.**Eye Contact:****Short term exposure:** Available data shows that this product is not harmful. In addition, this product is an eye irritant. Symptoms may include stinging and reddening of eyes and watering which may become copious. Other

symptoms may also become evident. If exposure is brief, symptoms should disappear once exposure has ceased. However, lengthy exposure or delayed treatment may cause permanent damage.

Ingestion:

Short term exposure: This product is harmful if swallowed. See symptoms above.

Carcinogen Status:

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

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 ³)	STEL (mg/m ³)
Diclofop-methyl	51338-27-3	37.5	not set	not set
Liquid hydrocarbon	secret	47	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 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**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: First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

Skin Contact: If poisoning occurs, contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call a doctor at once. Quickly and gently, blot or brush away excess chemical. Wash gently and thoroughly with water (use non-abrasive soap if necessary) for 20 minutes or until chemical is removed. Under running water, remove contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g. watchbands and belts). If irritation persists, repeat flushing and obtain medical advice. Completely decontaminate clothing, shoes and leather goods before reuse or discard.

Eye Contact: Quickly and gently blot or brush away product. Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 20 minutes or until the product is removed, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face.

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 a C1 combustible product. 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: Preferred extinguishing media are carbon dioxide, dry chemical, foam, water fog.

Fire Fighting: When fighting fires involving significant quantities of this product, wear a splash suit complete with self contained breathing apparatus.

Flash point: Not flammable

Upper Flammability Limit: No data.

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Lower Flammability Limit: No data.

Autoignition temperature: No data.

Flammability Class: C1

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Accidental release: In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. Immediately call the Fire Brigade. Wear full protective clothing including face mask, face shield and gauntlets. All skin areas should be covered. See above under Personal Protection regarding Australian Standards relating to personal protective equipment. Suitable materials for protective clothing include rubber, PVC. 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. Avoid using sawdust or other combustible material. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. 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: Note that this product is combustible and therefore, for Storage, meets the definition of Dangerous Goods in some states. We suggest you consult your state's Dangerous Goods laws in order to clarify your obligations regarding the storage of this product.

Make sure that containers of this product are kept tightly closed. Keep away from combustible materials. Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Materials to avoid" in Section 10. 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**.

ASCC Exposure limits **TWA (mg/m³)** **STEL (mg/m³)**

Exposure limits have not been established by NOHSC for any of the significant ingredients in this product.

The ADI for Diclofop-methyl is set at 0.002mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL is set at 0.25mg/kg/day. ADI means Acceptable Daily Intake and NOEL means No-observable-effect-level. Values taken from Australian ADI List, January 2001.

Ventilation: No special ventilation requirements are normally necessary for this product. However make sure that the work environment remains clean and that vapours and mists are minimised.

Eye Protection: Protective glasses or goggles should be worn when this product is being used. Failure to protect your eyes may cause them harm. Emergency eye wash facilities are also recommended in an area close to where this product is being used.

Skin Protection: 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: rubber, PVC.

Respirator: If there is a significant chance that vapours or mists are likely to build up in the area where this product is being used, we recommend that you use a respirator. It should be fitted with a type G cartridge, suitable for agricultural chemicals.

Eyebaths or eyewash stations and safety deluge showers should be provided near to where this product is being used.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:

Physical Description & colour:	Light brown to dark brown liquid.
Odour:	Aromatic hydrocarbon odour.
Boiling Point:	No specific data. Expected to be above 122°C at 100kPa
Freezing/Melting Point:	No specific data. Liquid at normal temperatures
Volatiles:	No specific data. Expected to be above 100°C.
Vapour Pressure:	No data.
Vapour Density:	No data.
Specific Gravity:	1.10 approx
Water Solubility:	Emulsifiable.
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: This product should be kept in a cool place, preferably below 30°C. Keep away from sources of sparks or ignition.

Incompatibilities: strong oxidising agents.

Fire Decomposition: Carbon dioxide, and if combustion is incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. 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

Toxicity: Acute toxicity: The acute oral LD₅₀ for rats ranged between 563-693 mg/kg (in sesame oil). The acute dermal LD₅₀ for female rats was greater than 2,000 mg/kg. The no effect level (NEL) for a 90-day feeding to rats was 12.5 mg/kg and 8 mg/kg for a 15-month feeding to dogs. The acute percutaneous LD₅₀ for rats was greater than 5,000 mg/kg. The acute inhalation toxicity for rats exposed to technical Diclofop-methyl was greater than 3.83 mg/l/hour. Rats exposed to a formulated product containing Diclofop-methyl had an oral LD₅₀ value of greater than 2,000 mg/kg. The acute dermal LD₅₀ for exposure to the same product was greater than 5,000 mg/kg. The inhalation LC₅₀ in rats for a 36%EC formulation of Diclofop-methyl over a four-hour period was 8.3 mg/l air. Inhalation: a rate of 4,800 ml of a 5% solution in a 4 cubic meter container for four hours was studied. Deaths occurred with rabbits, but not with rats, guinea pigs or cats at this high rate. The 4-hr LC₅₀ for rats was 8,274 mg/m³. The acute dermal LD₅₀ for rabbits was reported to be 640 mg/kg. A Diclofop-methyl study on rabbits indicated no skin irritation at 24, 48 and 72 hours. Eye irritation in rabbits was found to be zero at 3, 7, or 24 hours. Other studies have reported eye irritation in rabbits as corneal opacity spots and conjunctival irritation in both rinsed and non-rinsed groups. Reversibility was observed in all but one animal in each group at 7 days. A 10% solution produced corneal opacity in some of the animals that was completely reversible in 72 hours. The acute dermal LD₅₀ for rabbits was found to be 640 mg/kg.

Chronic toxicity: In 2-year feeding trials the NEL for rats was 20 mg/kg diet. The 15 month NEL for dogs was 8 mg/kg diet. Repeated absorption of chlorinated diphenyl ethers has resulted in liver damage in animals. Reproductive Effects The NEL in a three-generation study of technical Diclofop-methyl in rats was greater than 30 ppm. Teratogenic Effects: In a rat teratology study, the teratogenic No-Observable-Effect-Level (NOEL) was 100 ppm, the highest dose tested. A rabbit teratology study reported a teratogenic NOEL of 3 mg/kg/day, the highest dose tested, and a NOEL for fetotoxicity of 3.0 mg/kg/day.

Mutagenic effects: Ames assay testing revealed no mutagenic effects using four bacterial strains with and without enzyme activation in dose ranges up to 5 milligrams. A micronucleus test in mice indicated no mutagenic effect in a strain with known sensitivity. In a dominant lethal assay, the NOEL was greater than 100 mg/kg. No impairment in fertility of the male mice and no difference in the number of live and dead implantations in the female animals were noted.

Carcinogenic effects: No information was available.

Organ toxicity: No information was available.

Fate in humans and animals: Diclofop-methyl is metabolized in mammals via hydroxylation. Chlorophenoxy compounds are absorbed across the gut wall, lung and skin. They are not significantly stored in fat and urinary excretion is the principal route of elimination. Elimination as a conjugate is within 96 hours.

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Effects on birds: The acute oral LD₅₀ to bobwhite quail was 4,400 mg/kg; and greater than 10,000 mg/kg for Japanese quail. The eight-day dietary LC₅₀ value for coturnix quail was greater than 20,000 ppm; 13,000 ppm for bobwhite quail; and greater than 20,000 ppm for mallard ducks.

Effects on aquatic organisms: The 96-hour LC₅₀ for technical Diclofop-methyl in rainbow trout was 0.35 mg/l water. The 96-hour LC₅₀ in rainbow trout for a formulated product was 1.38 ppm; and 2.60 ppm for carp. The 48-hour LC₅₀ in the crustacean Daphnia for a formulated product was 4.03 ppm.

Effects on Other Animals (Nontarget species): The LD₅₀ for honeybees in a lab test of a formulated product indicated it was nontoxic at the highest dose tested; 48 kg/ha.

Environmental Fate:

Breakdown in soil and groundwater: Under aerobic conditions, Diclofop-methyl hydrolyzes in a matter of days in the soil to 2-[4-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)phenoxy] propanoic acid which in turn is degraded relatively quickly with a half-life of 10 days in sandy soils and about 30 days in sandy clay soils.

Small amounts of 4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)phenol are also produced. Field studies of application rates up to 3.4 kg active ingredient per hectare showed very low finite residues in soil. At harvest, small finite residues were present in the 0-7.5 cm soil level and rare small residues were present above the 15 cm level. These studies indicate that Diclofop-methyl does not leach downward or move laterally, and dissipates quickly in soil.

Breakdown in water: No information was available.

Breakdown in vegetation: Diclofop-methyl is absorbed via the leaves and in damp soil there is slight absorption via the roots. The compound inhibits root growth.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Disposal: Instructions concerning the disposal of this product and its container are given on the product label. These should be carefully followed.

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.

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

AICS: All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are to be found in the public AICS Database.

Section 16 - Other Information

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 SDS 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.

DISCLAIMER

This product must be used, stored and handled strictly as directed in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet, the label, packaging and other reference material ("Directions"). To the extent permitted by law Cheminova Pty Ltd and its related companies will have no liability for any injury, loss or damage arising from a failure to follow the Directions.