

**Section 1 - Identification of Chemical Product and Company**

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<b>Chemical nature:</b>	Maldison is an organophosphorus compound.
<b>Trade Name:</b>	<b>Fyfanon ULV Insecticide</b>
<b>Product Use:</b>	Agricultural insecticide for use as described on the product label.
<b>APVMA Number:</b>	49539

**Section 2 - Hazards Identification****Statement of Hazardous Nature**

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

Not subject to the ADG Code when transported in Australia by Road or Rail (refer to SP AU01). However if transported by Air or Sea, this provision does not apply. Then the product is classed as Dangerous (Class 9 Environmentally Hazardous) by IATA and IMDG respectively. See details below and in Section 14 of this MSDS.

**Risk Phrases:** R22. Harmful if swallowed.

**Safety Phrases:** S20, S23, S36, S24/25. When using, do not eat or drink. Do not breathe vapours or spray mist.

Wear suitable protective clothing. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

**SUSDP Classification:** S6

**ADG Classification:** Class 9: Miscellaneous dangerous goods.

**UN Number:** 3082, ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S.

**Emergency Overview**

**Physical Description & Colour:** Colourless to pale yellow liquid

**Odour:** Characteristic mild, aromatic odour.

**Major Health Hazards:** It has been reported that single doses of Malathion may affect immune system response. Symptoms of acute exposure to organophosphate or cholinesterase-inhibiting compounds may include the following: numbness, tingling sensations, incoordination, headache, dizziness, tremor, nausea, abdominal cramps, sweating, blurred vision, difficulty breathing or respiratory depression, and slow heartbeat. Very high doses may result in unconsciousness, incontinence, and convulsions or fatality. harmful if swallowed. Signs and symptoms associated with mild exposures to organophosphate and carbamate pesticides include: headache, fatigue, dizziness, loss of appetite with nausea, stomach cramps and diarrhoea; blurred vision associated with excessive tearing; contracted pupils of the eye; excessive sweating and salivation; slowed heartbeat, often fewer than 50 per minute; rippling of surface muscles just under the skin. These symptoms may be mistaken for those of flu, heat stroke or heat exhaustion, or upset stomach. Moderately severe organophosphate insecticide poisoning cases exhibit all the signs and symptoms found in mild poisonings, but in addition, the victim: is unable to walk; often complains of chest discomfort and tightness; exhibits marked constriction of the pupils (pinpoint pupils); exhibits muscle twitching; has involuntary urination and bowel movement. Severe poisonings are indicated by incontinence, unconsciousness and seizures.

**Potential Health Effects**

See section 11 for Chronic exposure studies.

**Inhalation:**

**Short Term Exposure:** Symptoms are described fully above.

**Skin Contact:**

**Short Term Exposure:** Symptoms are described fully above.

**Eye Contact:**

**Short Term Exposure:** This product is believed to be mildly irritating, to eyes, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**Ingestion:**

**Short Term Exposure:** Symptoms are described fully above.

**Carcinogen Status:**

**SWA:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by SWA.

**NTP:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by NTP.

**IARC:** Maldison 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.

**Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients**

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc,%	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Maldison	121-75-5	1169g/L	10	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 SWA 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.

If swallowed, splashed on skin or inhaled, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor at once. Remove any contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly. If swallowed, use of activated charcoal may be advised.

**Inhalation:** First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

**Skin Contact:** Wash gently and thoroughly with water (use non-abrasive soap if necessary) for 10 minutes or until chemical is removed. If irritation persists, repeat flushing and obtain medical advice.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes or until the product is removed, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Obtain medical advice immediately if irritation occurs. Take special care if exposed person is wearing contact lenses.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting.

**Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures**

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** This product is classified as a C2 combustible product. 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. 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:** Alcohol resistant foam is the preferred firefighting medium but, if it is not available, normal foam can be used. Try to contain spills, minimise spillage entering drains or water courses.

**Fire Fighting:** If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade. There is little danger of a violent reaction or explosion if significant quantities of this product are involved in a fire. Recommended personal protective equipment is full fire kit and and breathing apparatus.

**Flash point:** 163°C (Pensky Martin closed cup)

**Upper Flammability Limit:** No data.

**Lower Flammability Limit:** No data.

**Autoignition temperature:** No data.**Flammability Class:** C2

### Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Accidental release:** In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. Evacuate the spill area and deny entry to unnecessary and unprotected personnel. 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. No special recommendations for clothing materials. 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. Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned below (section 8).

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. Because of the environmentally hazardous nature of this product, special care should be taken to restrict release to waterways or drains. 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. 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>SWA Exposure Limits</b>	<b>TWA (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>STEL (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
Maldison	10	not set

The ADI for Maldison is set at 0.02mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL is set at 2mg/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 where there is ventilation that is adequate to keep exposure below the TWA levels. If necessary, use a fan.

**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: PVC.

**Respirator:** Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned above.

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>	Colourless to pale yellow liquid
<b>Odour:</b>	Characteristic mild, aromatic odour.
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	156-157°C at 0.92 kPa
<b>Freezing/Melting Point:</b>	2.85°C
<b>Volatiles:</b>	No specific data. Expected to be low at 100°C.
<b>Vapour Pressure:</b>	0.45x10 <sup>-6</sup> kPa at 25°C
<b>Vapour Density:</b>	No data.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	1.23 at 20°C
<b>Water Solubility:</b>	148mg/L at 25°C
<b>pH:</b>	No data.
<b>Volatility:</b>	No data.
<b>Odour Threshold:</b>	No data.
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	No data.
<b>Coeff Oil/water Distribution:</b>	No data
<b>Decomposition temp:</b>	>100°C (see "reactivity" below)
<b>Autoignition temp:</b>	No data.

### Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity:** This product will decompose rapidly when heated to temperatures above 100°C, significantly increasing the risk of an explosion. This decomposition is dependent on time as well as temperature due to exothermic and autocatalytic reactions. These reactions involve rearrangements and polymerisation, releasing volatile and malodourous flammable compounds such as dimethyl sulfide.

**Conditions to Avoid:** This product should be kept in a cool place, preferably below 30°C. Keep containers tightly closed. Containers should be kept dry. Keep containers and surrounding areas well ventilated.

**Incompatibilities:** May corrode iron, steel, tin plate, lead and copper. Rapidly hydrolysed at pH >7 or <5.

**Fire Decomposition:** Carbon dioxide, and if combustion is incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Oxides of sulfur (sulfur dioxide is a respiratory hazard) and other sulfur compounds. Most will have a foul odour. Oxides of phosphorus and other phosphorus compounds. 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 may undergo polymerisation when heated. See "reactivity" above.

### Section 11 - Toxicological Information

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

**Acute toxicity:** Malathion is harmful to toxic via the oral route, with reported oral LD<sub>50</sub> values of 1000 mg/kg to greater than 10,000 mg/kg in the rat, and 400 mg/kg to greater than 4000 mg/kg in the mouse. It is also not harmful via the dermal route, with reported dermal LD<sub>50</sub> values of greater than 4000 mg/kg in rats. Effects of Malathion are similar to those observed with other organophosphates, except that larger doses are required to produce them. It has been reported that single doses of Malathion may affect immune system response. Symptoms of acute exposure to organophosphate or cholinesterase-inhibiting compounds may include the following: numbness, tingling sensations, incoordination, headache, dizziness, tremor, nausea, abdominal cramps, sweating, blurred vision, difficulty breathing or respiratory depression, and slow heartbeat. Very high doses may result in unconsciousness, incontinence, and convulsions or fatality. The acute effects of Malathion depend on product purity and the route of exposure.

**Chronic toxicity:** Human volunteers fed very low doses of Malathion for 1½ months showed no significant effects on blood cholinesterase activity. Rats fed dietary doses of 5 mg/kg/day to 25 mg/kg/day over 2 years showed no symptoms apart from depressed cholinesterase activity. When small amounts of the compound were administered for 8 weeks, rats showed no adverse effects on whole-blood cholinesterase activity. Weanling male rats were twice as susceptible to Malathion as adults.

**Reproductive effects:** Several studies have documented developmental and reproductive effects due to high doses of Malathion in test animals. However, Malathion fed to rats at low dosages caused no reproductive effects. It is not likely that Malathion will cause reproductive effects in humans under normal circumstances.

**Teratogenic effects:** Rats fed high doses (240 mg/kg/day) showed no teratogenic effects. Current evidence indicates that Malathion is not teratogenic.

**Mutagenic effects:** Malathion produced detectable mutations in three different types of cultured human cells, including white blood cells and lymph cells. It is not clear what the implications of these results are for humans.

**Carcinogenic effects:** Available evidence suggests that Malathion is not carcinogenic but the data are not conclusive.

**Organ toxicity:** Malathion has been shown in animal testing and from use experience to affect the central nervous system, immune system, adrenal glands, liver, and blood.

**Fate in humans and animals:** Malathion is rapidly and effectively absorbed by practically all routes including the gastrointestinal tract, skin, mucous membranes, and lungs. Malathion undergoes similar detoxification mechanisms to other organophosphates, but it can also be rendered nontoxic via another simple mechanism, splitting of either of the carboxy ester linkages. Animal studies indicate it is very rapidly eliminated through urine, faeces and expired air with a reported half-life of approximately 8 hours in rats and approximately 2 days in cows.

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

This product is biodegradable. It will not accumulate in the soil or water or cause long term problems.

**Effects on birds:** Malathion is moderately toxic to birds. The reported acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> values are: in mallards, 1485 mg/kg; in pheasants, 167 mg/kg; in blackbirds and starlings, over 100 mg/kg; and in chickens, 525 mg/kg. The reported 5- to 8-day dietary LC<sub>50</sub> is over 3000 ppm in Japanese quail, mallard, and northern bobwhite, and is 2639 ppm in ring-neck pheasants. Furthermore, 90% of the dose to birds was metabolized and excreted in 24 hours via urine.

**Effects on aquatic organisms:** Malathion has a wide range of toxicities in fish, extending from very highly toxic in the walleye (96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> of 0.06 mg/L) to highly toxic in brown trout (0.1 mg/L) and the cutthroat trout (0.28 mg/L), moderately toxic in fathead minnows (8.6 mg/L) and slightly toxic in goldfish (10.7 mg/L). Various aquatic invertebrates are extremely sensitive, with EC<sub>50</sub> values from 1 µg/L to 1 mg/L. Malathion is highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates and to the aquatic stages of amphibians. Because of its very short half-life, Malathion is not expected to bioconcentrate in aquatic organisms. However, brown shrimp showed an average concentration of 869 and 959 times the ambient water concentration in two separate samples.

**Effects on other organisms:** The compound is highly toxic to honeybees.

**Environmental Fate:**

**Breakdown in soil and groundwater:** Malathion is of low persistence in soil with reported field half-lives of 1 to 25 days. Degradation in soil is rapid and related to the degree of soil binding. Breakdown occurs by a combination of biological degradation and nonbiological reaction with water.

**Breakdown in water:** In raw river water, the half-life of Malathion is less than 1 week, whereas it remained stable in distilled water for 3 weeks.

**Breakdown in vegetation:** Residues were found mainly associated with areas of high lipid content in the plant. Increased moisture content increased degradation rate.

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

**Disposal:** There are many pieces of legislation covering waste disposal and they differ in each state and territory, so each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked. The Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle and only if all else fails should disposal be considered. Note that properties of a product may change in use, so that the following suggestions may not always be appropriate. The following may help you in properly addressing this matter for this product. 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.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

**Not subject to the ADG Code when transported by Road or Rail in Australia, but classed as Dangerous by IATA and IMDG when carried by Air or Sea transport (see details below).**

**ADG Code:** 3082, ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S.

**Hazchem Code:** ·3Z

**Special Provisions:** 179, 274, AU01

**Limited quantities:** ADG 7 specifies a Limited Quantity value of 5 L for this class of product.

**Dangerous Goods Class:** Class 9: Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods.

**Packaging Group:** III

**Packaging Method:** P001, IBC03, LP01

Class 9 Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods shall not be loaded in the same vehicle or packed in the same freight container with Dangerous Goods of Class 1 (Explosives).

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

**AICS:** This product is compliant with NICNAS regulations.

The following ingredient: Maldison, is mentioned in the SUSDP.

### **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.