# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

**Statement of Hazardous Nature:** Hazardous according to criteria of NOHSC.

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### **IDENTIFICATION**

Product Name: Other names: UN Number: Hazchem Code: Dangerous Goods Class: Poison Schedule: Manufacturer's Product Code: Use: Kenso Agcare Fluroken 200 Herbicide None None allocated None allocated None allocated S5 None For the control of a wide range of broadleaf weeds in fallow, lucerne, maize, millets, pastures, poppies, sorghum, sugar cane, sweetcorn, winter cereals. Also used for the control of woody weeds in agricultural non-crop areas, commercial and industrial areas, forests, pastures and rights-of-way, as specified on the label.

# **Physical Description/Properties**

Form:	Liquid
Colour:	Brown to black colour
Odour:	Solvent odour
Boiling point (°C):	N/A
Flashpoint:	67 <sup>°</sup> C (PMCC)
Specific Gravity:	0.98 g/mL at 20 <sup>0</sup> C
Vapour Pressure:	135x10 <sup>-3</sup> mPa at 20 <sup>0</sup> C (Fluroxypyr methylheptyl ester)
Corrosiveness:	Not corrosive
<b>Solubility in water</b> mg/L	Emulsifiable (Active ingredient has solubility of about 1 at 25 <sup>o</sup> C)

### Ingredients

Chemical entity	CAS number	Proportion	
Fluroxypyr-methyl heptyl ester	81406-37-3	30%	
Inert ingredients	secret	10%	
Hydrocarbon solvent	64742-94-5	To 100%	

HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

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	Swallowed:	The oral $LD_{50}$ (rat) is above 5000mg/kg (low toxicity).
	Skin:	The acute $LD_{50}$ (rabbit) is above 2000mg/kg (low toxicity).
	Inhaled:	The acute inhalation toxicity is low. Prolonged exposure to the solvent vapour from the concentrate may cause eye and respiratory irritation, headache, dizziness and narcotic effects.
	Eye:	May cause temporary, moderate eye irritation.
	Chronic:	Rats and mice administered the active ingredient showed no increase in tumours over control groups. Studies on rats and rabbits showed Fluroxypyr does not increase birth defects or interfere with reproduction, nor cause genetic changes. Fluroxypyr does not accumulate in the body. The ingredients are not listed as carcinogenic in NOHSC's document "Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment" (May 1995).

# First Aid

Swallowed:	If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water. Seek medical advice immediately.		
Skin:	If on skin, remove contaminated clothing, wash skin with plenty of soap and water. See a doctor if any signs or symptoms described in this document occur.		
Eyes:	If in eyes, flush eyes immediately with plenty of fresh water for at least 15 minutes while holding the eyelids open.		
Inhaled:	If affected, remove to fresh air until recovered. See a doctor if discomfort or irritation continues.		

# Advice to Doctor

This product contains petroleum solvents. If lavage is performed, endotracheal or oesophagioscopic control is advisable.

# PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

# **Personal Protection**

Avoid contact with eyes and skin. When opening the container, preparing the spray and using the prepared spray, wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist and a washable hat, elbow-length PVC gloves, a face shield or goggles. Wash hands after use and wash face before eating, drinking or smoking. After each day, wash glove, face shield or goggles and contaminated clothing.

#### **Exposure Standards**

A time weighed average (TWA) concentration for an 8 hour day, and 5 day week has not been established by The National Occupational Health & Safety Commission for any of the major ingredients in this product. There is a blanket limit of 10mg/m<sup>3</sup> for dusts or mists when limits have not otherwise been established. The nature of this product makes it unlikely that this level will be approached in normal use. The ADI (Acceptable Daily Intake) for Fluroxypyr is set at 0.02mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL (No-observable-effect-level) is set at 20mg/kg/day. Values taken from Australian ADI List, January, 2001.

# **Engineering Control**

In industrial situations, concentration values below the TWA value should be maintained. Values may be reduced by process modification, use of local exhaust ventilation, capturing substances at the source, or other methods. If you believe air borne concentrations of mists, dusts or vapours are high; you are advised to modify the process or environment to reduce the problem.

### SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION

### Storage and Transport

This product is an S5 Poison. Store in the closed original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area, out of direct sunlight. Do not store near food, feedstuffs, fertilisers or seed. Observe all relevant regulations of sale, transport and storage of this class of product.

# <u>Spills</u>

- **Small spill:** Apply absorbent material such as earth, sand or clay granules or cat litter to the spill. Sweep up material for disposal when absorption is complete and contain in a refuse vessel for Disposal (See Disposal). If necessary, wash the spill area with an alkali detergent and water and absorb as above the wash liquid for disposal.
- **Large spill:** Place leaking containers into salvage drums. Apply absorbent material such as earth, sand or cat litter to the spill area. Form a barricade around spill and in front of drains or waterways in spill vicinity, using earth or other available material. Sweep up material and contain in a refuse vessel for disposal (see Disposal).

### Disposal

Triple rinse or preferably pressure rinse containers before disposal. Add rinsings to spray tank. Do not dispose of undiluted chemicals on site. If recycling container, replace cap and return clean containers to recycler or designated collection point. 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 500mm 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.

### **Special Fire Fighting Procedures**

When fighting fires involving significant quantities of this product, wear safety boots, non-flammable overalls, gloves, hat, goggles and self contained breathing apparatus. All skin areas should be covered. Ensure that no spillage enters drains or water courses.

#### **Unusual Fire & Explosion Hazards**

This is a combustible liquid. There is a moderate risk of an explosion from this product if it is involved in a fire. Fire decomposition products from this product may form toxic and corrosive mixtures in confined spaces.

### OTHER INFORMATION

# **Ecotoxicity Data**

Fluroxypyr methyl heptyl ester has low toxicity to birds, honey bees and earth worms, and moderate toxicity to fish and aquatic organisms. Fluroxypyr methyl heptyl ester is rapidly degraded to Fluroxypyr acid which has low toxicity to fish, birds, honey bees, livestock and aquatic organisms. Fluroxypyr will not bio-accumulate in animal systems.

# **Environmental Fate**

Fluroxypyr methyl heptyl ester is almost completely degraded to Fluroxypyr acid within one week in soil and water. Fluroxypyr acid is primarily degraded by microbial action. It has a half-life of about 3 to 6 days in soil under aerobic conditions depending on soil type and climatic conditions. In sterile water, Fluroxypyr acid has a half-life of 185 to 265 days depending on the pH. Fluroxypyr is not expected to move into ground water. Residues typically remain in the top 10 centimetres of a soil profile. If used according to the label directions, Fluroken 200 Herbicide will not be harmful to the environment.

CONTACT POINT:		
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