

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

# **AGSUL 90**

Identification of the Material & Supplier

Product Name: AGSUL 90

Other Names: Dispersable Sulphur, Sulphur Bentonite

Recommended Use: Fertilizer

Supplier: Summit Fertilizers

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**Hazards Identification** 

Hazards Classification AGSUL 90 is not classified as hazardous according to NOHSC criteria

Risk Phrase AGSUL 90 is not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the ADG Code

**Composition/Information on Ingredients** 

Chemical Identity

Proportion of Ingredients

Sulphur + Bentonite clays
90%

Sulphur

10% Bentonite clays Sulphur: 7704-34-9

Bentonite: Not available

**First Aid Measures** 

**CAS Number** 

Eye Contact Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes. Hold eyes open

while flushing with water. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

Skin Contact Immediately remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Flush skin with fresh

water for at least 15 minutes. Use soap if available or follow by flushing with soap and water. Do not reuse contaminated clothing without laundering.

Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

Inhalation Remove victim to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not

breathing, administer artificial respiration. Seek medical attention

immediately.

Ingestion If victim is conscious and alert, give plenty of water. Never give anything by

mouth to an unconscious person. If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration of liquid into lungs. Seek medical

attention immediately.

**Fire Fighting Measures** 

Flammability Product is combustible, potentially explosive dust when exposed to ignition

source.

Suitable Extinguishing

Media

**Products** 

Water fog or special mixtures of dry chemical.

Hazards from Combustion

May evolve toxic gases (sulphur oxides) when heated to decomposition.

Toxic hydrogen sulphide may be generated from molten sulphur.

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Hazchem Code None allocated.



#### **Accidental Release Measures**

**Emergency Procedures** Isolate the area and deny entry to nonessential personnel. Emergency

responders and/or clean up personnel should wear appropriate protective

clothing and equipment.

Methods and Materials for Containment & Cleanup

Prevent from entering drains or waterways. Collect material promptly.

Minimise dust generation during clean up operation.

**Handling & Storage** 

Precautions for Safe

Handling

Conditions for Safe Storage Storage Incompatibilities

Avoid dust in the eyes, skin contact and inhalation. Maintain proper hygiene standards by washing thoroughly after handling product. Combustible. Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated location free of heat and ignition sources. Oxidizing agents, halogens, carbides, ammonia, metals, direct sunlight, heat

or ignition sources and foodstuffs.

**Exposure Controls/Personal Protection** 

No specific official limit. NOHSC recommended value for inhalable National Exposure Controls

particulate TWA: 10mg/m<sub>3</sub>

Avoid dusty areas.

**Engineering Controls** 

Personal Protective

Equipment

Wear gloves, long sleeve shirt and long trousers to prevent skin contact. In dusty areas use a Type E – P2 (sulphur dioxide and particulate) respirator

and wear chemical safety glasses to prevent eye contact.

**Physical & Chemical Properties** 

Appearance Brown or yellow granulated solid material.

Odour Slight odour.

pH of 10% Solution

Vapour Pressure < 10 mm Hg @ 20°C

444°C **Boiling Point** 

Melting Point 112 - 119°C Solubility Insoluble Specific Gravity 1.04 - 2.07 $1.0 \text{ t/m}^3$ **Bulk Density** 

Stability & Reactivity

Stability Stable under normal temperatures and pressures

Reactivity

Incompatible Materials Oxidizing agents, halogens, carbides, ammonia, metals, direct sunlight, heat

or ignition sources and foodstuffs.

**Decomposition Products**  $SO_x$ 



## **Toxicological Information**

Health Effects

The hazard associated with exposure to sulphur is when hydrogen sulphide and sulphur dioxide are formed during heating. Hydrogen sulphide irritates the eyes and respiratory tract at low concentrations and is a rapidly acting systemic poison which may cause respiratory paralysis and asphyxia at high concentrations. Sulphur dioxide is a sever irritant to the eyes, mucous membranes and, to lesser extent, the skin. Sulphur dioxide irritancy is due to the formation of sulphurous acid when in contact with moist surfaces. Experimental tumours and birth defects have been reported following exposure to sulphur dioxide, and respiratory paralysis and pulmonary oedema may occur at high concentrations.

- Eye

- eye irritation reported at 8ppm

- Inhalation

– sulphur is regarded as a nuisance dust. Prolonged exposure may result in mucous membrane irritation of the nose and throat and possible lung damage. The main concern arises during heating when toxic sulphur dioxide (TWA 2ppm) & hydrogen sulphide (TWA 10ppm) may be formed.

Skin

 Low irritant to skin in powder/dust form. When heated to molten state, sulphur may burn upon direct contact and toxic sulphur oxides and hydrogen sulphide fumes may be evolved.

- Ingestion

 Relatively low toxicity. Large doses (10-20g) may result in sulphides being formed due to bacterial effects within the colon which may cause irritation and kidney damage.

**Toxicity Data** 

Sulphur: LDLo (ingestion): 175mg/kg (rabbit) Sulphur: LC50 (inhalation): 1,660 mg/m³ (mammal)

#### **Ecological Information**

Ecotoxicity Mobility Naturally occurring element.

Persistence & Degradability

Insoluble. Cannot be transported downward to the groundwater. Sulphur is oxidized by microbial species in the soil. Plants are able to utilize

the oxidized forms of sulphur. The oxidation rate is controlled by

temperature, moisture content and soil aeration.

Bioaccumulative Potential

No potential for bio-accumulation.

### **Disposal Considerations**

Disposal Methods & Containers

Dispose of on a farm, or authorized waste facility in accordance with statutory requirements. May be broadcast on farm as fertilizer using proper agriculture and soil management.

#### **Transport Information**

UN Number UN Proper Shipping Name Class & Subsidiary Risk Packing Group Hazchem Code None allocated None allocated None allocated None allocated None allocated

## **Regulatory Information**

Australian Regulatory Information

A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP)

All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).



# Other Information

Key/Legend NOHSC National Occupational Health and Safety Commission USEPA United States Environmental Protection Authority

SUSDP Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons ACGIH American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

ES-TWA Exposure Standard – Time weighted average ES-STEL Exposure Standard – Short term exposure level

ES-Peak Exposure Standard – Peak level

LDLo The lowest dose in an animal study in which lethality

occurred.

LD50 Lethal dose 50. The single dose of a substance that causes

death of 50% of an animal population from exposure other

than inhalation

t/m3 Tonnes per cubic metre mg/m3 Milligrams per cubic metre mg/kg Milligrams per kilogram

pH Hydrogen ion concentration on a scale of 0-14

#### Disclaimer

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