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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Copper Sulphate

Section 01 - Chemical And Product And Company Information

Product Identifier Copper Sulfate

Product Use Industrial manufacturing, algaecide, fungicide, herbicide, pesticide, animal feed additive







Section 02 - Composition / Information on Ingredients

 Hazardous Ingredients
 Copper Sulphate Pentahydrate
 99%

CAS Number.....Copper Sulphate Pentahydrate 7758-99-8

Synonym (s).....Cupric sulphate, Bluestone, copper (II) sulphate

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Section 03 - Hazard Identification	
Inhalation	. Inhalation may cause irritation of the respiratory tract. Excessive inhalation may also cause ulceration and nasal septum perforation.
Skin Contact / Absorption	. Repeated contact may cause skin irritation, itching of skin, and localized discoloration of the skin. Can cause allergic contact dermatitis.
Eye Contact	Will cause eye irritation and may result in irreversible eye damage.
Ingestion	Ingestion may result in gastritis, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and ulceration of the gastrointestinal tract. Severe poisoning or death may result from ingesting large doses.
Exposure Limits	OSHA/PEL-TWA: 1.0mg/m ³ ACGIH/TLV-TWA: 1.0mg/m ³ NIOSH/REL-TWA: 1.0mg/m ³

Section 04 - First Aid Measures

Inhalation	Remove victim to fresh air. Give artificial respiration only if breathing has stopped. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Seek medical attention if difficulties persist.
Skin Contact / Absorption	Remove contaminated clothing. Wash affected area with soap and water. Seek medical attention if irritation occurs or persists.
Eye Contact	Flush immediately with water for at least 20 minutes. Forcibly hold eyelids apart to ensure complete irrigation of eye tissue. Seek immediate medical attention if irritation persists.
Ingestion	Contact a poison control center or physician for treatment advice immediately. Have affected person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not give anything by mouth if victim in unconscious. Do not induce vomitting unless instructed to do so. Seek immediate medical attention.
Additional Information	Not available

Section 05 - Fire Fighting

Conditions of Flammability..... Non-flammable

Means of Extinction	. Product does not burn. Use appropriate extinguishing media (water spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical, or foam) for material that is supplying the fuel to the fire. Do not release runoff from fire control methods to sewers or waterways.
Flash Point	. Not applicable
Auto-ignition Temperature	Not applicable
Upper Flammable Limit	. Not applicable
Lower Flammable Limit	. Not applicable
Hazardous Combustible Products	At temperatures above 600°C the material will decompose into cupric oxide and sulphur dioxide.
Special Fire Fighting Procedures	. Wear NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing.
Explosion Hazards	. Not available

Section 06 - Accidental Release Measures

Deactivating Materials..... Lime or soda ash

Section 07 - Handling and Storage

Handling Procedures	. Use proper equipment for lifting and transporting all containers. Use sensible industrial hygiene and housekeeping practices. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid all situations that could lead to harmful exposure.
Storage Requirements	. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed, and away from incompatible materials. Storage materials compatible for copper sulphate storage include stainless steel, fiberglass, polypropylene, PVC or other plastic material. Keep away from galvanized piping and nylon material.

Section 08 - Personal Protection and Exposure Controls

Protective Equipment

Eyes	Chemical goggles, full-face shield, or a full-face respirator is to be worn at all times when product is handled. Contact lenses should not be worn; they may contribute to severe eye injury.
Respiratory	Respiratory protection is not normally required if handling crystal or granular material. If handling the powdered form of copper sulphate produces dust, then a NIOSH or MSHA approved air-purifying respirator is needed. For concentrations ten times greater than occupational exposure limits use a self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
Gloves	Impervious gloves of chemically resistant material should be worn at all times. Wash contaminated clothing and dry thoroughly before reuse.
Clothing	Body suits, aprons, and/or coveralls of chemical resistant material should be worn at all times. Wash contaminated clothing and dry thoroughly before reuse.
Footwear	Impervious boots of chemically resistant material should be worn.

Engineering Controls

Ventilation Requirements	Mechanical ventilation (dilution or local exhaust), process or personnel enclosure and control of process conditions should be provided. Supply sufficient replacement air to make up for air removed by exhaust systems.
Other	Keep an eye wash fountain and safety shower available and in close proximity to work area.

Section 09 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State	Solid
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Odor and Appearance...... Transparent blue crystals, granules or powder

Odor Threshold..... Not available

Specific Gravity (Water=1)..... 2.284 at 15.6°C

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg, 20°C)..... Not applicable

Vapor Density (Air=1)..... Not applicable

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Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Boiling Point	Not applicable
Freeze/Melting Point	. Decomposes at 560°C. Copper sulphate pentahydrate loses two water molecules of hydration at 30°C, 2 more at 110°C and becomes anhydrous by 250°C.
рН	. 4.0 (5% solution)
Water/Oil Distribution Coefficient	Not available
Bulk Density	Not available
% Volatiles by Volume	Not available
Solubility in Water	83.1g/100 mL at 30°C
Molecular Formula	CuSO4-5H2O
Molecular Weight	249.68

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity	
Stability	Stable
Incompatibility	Hydroxylamine, magnesium, aluminum, ammonia, acetylene, sodium hypobromite and nitromethane can be corrosive to most ferrous based metals when moist.
Hazardous Products of Decomposition Contact with magnesium metal can generate dangerous levels of hydrogen gas. Aluminum will evolve less hydrogen gas upon contact. Copper dust or mist may react with acetylene gas to form shock sensitive copper acetylides. Contact with hydroxylamine will ignite hydroxylamine. Copper sulphate is very hygroscopic and will absorb moisture from the air to form a solution.	
Polymerization	Will not occur

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

Irritancy...... Strong eye irritant. May cause skin irritation.

Sensitization...... Repeated contact may cause sensitization in some individuals.

Chronic/Acute Effects	Severe exposure or chronic exposure by ingestion or inhalation of copper sulphate may induce severe gastroenteric distress (vomiting, gastroenteric pain, local corrosion, and hemorrhages), a metallic taste in the mouth, prostration, anuria, hematuria, anemia, an increase in white blood cells, coma, respiration difficulties, and circulatory problems. Prolonged skin contact may cause irritation and eczema. Chronic inhalation may result in anemia.
Synergistic Materials	Data not available
Animal Toxicity Data	LD₅₀(oral, rat): 352mg/kg LD₅₀(dermal, rabbit): > 5050mg/kg
Carcinogenicity	Not considered to be carcinogenic (IARC, OSHA, ACGIH and NTP).
Reproductive Toxicity	Not available
Teratogenicity	Not available
Mutagenicity	Data not available

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Fish Toxicity	. LC_{50} (daphnia, 24 hour): 600ppb LC ₅₀ (blue crab,24 hour): 6.9mg/L LC ₅₀ (pink shrimp, 48 hour): 17 mg/L
Biodegradability	Not available
Environmental Effects	This product is toxic to fish and aquatic organisms. Do not apply directly to water except as directed under specific instructions. Prevent drift and run off from treated areas. In soil, copper can be particularly toxic to invertebrates and phytotoxic to plants at elevated concentrations with soil properties being regulating factors.

Section 13 - Disposal Consideration

Waste Disposal...... Dispose in accordance with all federal, provincial, and/or local regulations including the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

Section 14 - Transportation Information

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Group..... III

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Other...... Secure containers (full and/or empty) with suitable hold down devises during shipment.

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

WHMIS Classification.....D1, D2, E

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Section 16 - Other Information

Note: The responsibility to provide a safe workplace remains with the user. The user should consider the health hazards and safety information contained herein as a guide and should take those precautions required in an individual operation to instruct employees and develop work practice procedures for a safe work environment. The information contained herein is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, accurate. However, since the conditions of handling and use are beyond our control, we make no guarantee of results, and assume no liability for damages incurred by the use of this material. It is the responsibility of the user to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.