



## **Potential Health Effects**

**Relevant routes of exposure:** Skin, eyes, mouth, lungs.

### **SECTION – 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

**IF POISONING IS SUSPECTED, immediately contact the poison information centre, doctor or nearest hospital.** Have the product container, label or Material Safety Data Sheet with you when calling Syngenta, a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. Tell the person contacted the complete product name, and the type and amount of exposure. Describe any symptoms and follow the advice given. Call the Syngenta Emergency Line [**1-800-327-8633 (1-800-FASTMED)**], for further information.

**EYE CONTACT:** Flush eyes with clean water, holding eyelids apart for a minimum of 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call Syngenta, a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice. Obtain medical attention immediately if irritation persists.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Immediately remove contaminated clothing and wash skin, hair and fingernails thoroughly with soap and water. Flush skin with running water for a minimum of 20 minutes. Obtain medical attention if irritation occurs.

**INHALATION:** Move victim to fresh air. If not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call Syngenta, a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

**INGESTION:** If swallowed, immediately contact Syngenta, a poison control centre, doctor or nearest hospital for treatment advice. Provided the patient is conscious, wash out mouth with water. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not induce vomiting unless directed by a physician or a poison control center. If spontaneous vomiting occurs, have victim lean forward with head down to avoid breathing in of vomitus, rinse mouth and administer water.

#### **NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:**

There is no specific antidote if this product is ingested. Treat symptomatically.

#### **MEDICAL CONDITIONS KNOWN TO BE AGGRAVATED:**

Persons with known allergy to mesotrione or with a history of allergic sensitivity should use extra care in handling this product.

### **SECTION – 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Flash point and method:** > 93.3 °C.

**Upper and lower flammable (explosive) limits in air:** Not available.

**Auto-ignition temperature:** Not available.

**Flammability:** Not flammable.

**Hazardous combustion products:** During a fire, irritating and possible toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

**Conditions under which flammability could occur:** Keep fire exposed containers cool by spraying with water.

**Extinguishing media:** Use foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder, halon extinguishant or water fog or mist, (avoid use of water jet). Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Evacuate nonessential personnel from the area to prevent human exposure to fire, smoke, fumes or products of combustion. Prevent use of contaminated buildings, area, and equipment until decontaminated. Water runoff can cause environmental damage. Contain run-off water with, for example, temporary earth barriers.

**Sensitivity to explosion by mechanical impact:** No.

**Sensitivity to explosion by static discharge:** No.

### **SECTION – 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal Precautions:** Make sure all personnel involved in the spill cleanup follow good industrial hygiene practices. A small spill can be handled routinely. Wear suitable protective equipment and clothing as described in Section 8 and/or the product label.

**Procedures for dealing with release or spill:** Control the spill at its source. Contain the spill to prevent from spreading or contaminating soil or from entering sewage and drainage systems or any body of water. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions outlined in Sections 7 and 8. Pump or scoop large amounts of liquid into a disposable container. Absorb remaining liquid or smaller spills with clay, sand or vermiculite. Scoop or sweep up material and place into a disposal container. Wash area with detergent and water. Pick up wash liquid with additional absorbent and place into compatible disposal container. On soils, small amounts will naturally decompose. For large amounts, skim off the upper contaminated layer and collect for disposal. Once all material is cleaned up and placed in a disposal container, seal container and arrange for disposition. Spillages or uncontrolled discharges into watercourses must be reported to the appropriate regulatory body.

## SECTION – 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling practices:** Spray solutions of this product should be mixed, stored and applied using only plastic, plastic-lined steel, stainless steel or fiberglass containers. Concentrate **should not** be stored in mild steel, cast iron or aluminum containers.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.** Prevent eating, drinking, tobacco use, and cosmetic application in areas where there is a potential for exposure to the material. Avoid breathing vapours or spray mist. Wear full protective clothing and equipment (see Section 8). After work, rinse gloves and remove protective equipment, and wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling, and before eating, tobacco use, drinking, applying cosmetics or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use and separate from household laundry. Keep containers closed when not in use. Protect product, wash or rinse water, and contaminated materials from uncontrolled release into the environment, or from access by animals, birds or unauthorized people.

**Appropriate storage practices/requirements:** Store in original container only in a well-ventilated, cool, dry, secure area. Protect from heat, sparks and flame. Do not expose sealed containers to temperatures above 40 °C and prevent product from freezing. Keep separate from other products to prevent cross contamination. Rotate stock. Clean up spilled material immediately.

**National Fire Code classification:** Not applicable.

## SECTION – 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Applicable control measures, including engineering controls:** This product is intended for use outdoors where engineering controls are not necessary. If necessary, ensure work areas have ventilation, containment, and procedures sufficient to maintain airborne levels below the TLV. Warehouses, production area, parking lots and waste holding facilities must have adequate containment to prevent environmental contamination. Provide separate shower and eating facilities.

**THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION ARE INTENDED FOR THE MANUFACTURE, FORMULATION, PACKAGING AND USE OF THIS PRODUCT.**

**CONSULT THE PRODUCT LABEL FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS AND/OR ON-FARM APPLICATIONS.**

### **Personal protective equipment for each exposure route:**

**General:** Avoid breathing dust, vapours or aerosols. Avoid contact with eye, skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling

and before eating, drinking, applying cosmetics or handling tobacco.

**INGESTION:** Do not eat, drink, handle tobacco, or apply cosmetics in areas where there is a potential for exposure to this material. Always wash thoroughly after handling.

**EYES:** Where eye contact is likely, use chemical splash goggles. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower.

**SKIN:** Where contact is likely, wear chemical-resistant (such as nitrile or butyl) gloves, coveralls, socks and chemical-resistant footwear. For overhead exposure, wear chemical-resistant headgear.

**INHALATION:** A respirator is not normally required when handling this substance. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below exposure limits. A NIOSH-certified combination air-purifying respirator with an N, P, R or HE class filter and an organic vapour cartridge may be used under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits (e.g. emergency spills).

## SECTION – 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance:** Beige to tan liquid.

**Formulation Type:** Suspension Concentrate.

**Odour:** Faint, pleasant.

**pH:** 3 (neat @ 20 °C).

**Vapour pressure and reference temperature:**  $< 4.3 \times 10^{-8}$  mmHg @ 20 °C (Mesotrione Technical).

**Vapour density:** Not available.

**Boiling point:** Not available.

**Melting point:** Not available.

**Freezing point:** -19 °C

**Specific gravity or density:** 1.20 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Water/oil partition coefficient (log Kow):** 0.1 (Mesotrione Technical)

**Odour threshold:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** 250-400 cps (LV, 30 rpm, spindle #3 @ 21 °C).

**Solubility in Water:** 15 g/L @ pH 7 (Mesotrione Technical).

## SECTION – 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical stability:** Stable under normal use and storage conditions.

**Conditions to avoid:** Concentrate should not be stored in mild steel, cast iron or aluminum containers. Spray solutions should not be mixed, stored or applied in containers other than plastic, plastic-lined steel, stainless steel or fiberglass.

**Incompatibility with other materials:** See “Conditions to Avoid”, above.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Can decompose at high temperatures forming toxic gases.

**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

## SECTION – 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity/Irritation Studies (Finished Product):

Ingestion:	<u>Low Acute Toxicity</u> Oral (LD50 Rat):	> 5,000 mg/kg body weight
Dermal:	<u>Low Acute Toxicity</u> Dermal (LD50 Rat):	> 5,000 mg/kg body weight
Inhalation:	<u>Low Acute Toxicity</u> Inhalation (LC50 Rat):	> 5.19 mg/L air - 4 hours
Eye Contact:	<u>Mildly Irritating (Rabbit)</u>	
Skin Contact:	<u>Slightly Irritating (Rabbit)</u>	
Skin Sensitization:	<u>Potential Skin Sensitizer (Guinea Pig)</u>	

### **Reproductive/Developmental Effects**

Mesotrione Technical: Not a reproductive hazard.

### **Chronic/Subchronic Toxicity Studies**

Mesotrione Technical: Animal studies showed evidence of reduced bodyweight gain, increased liver and kidney weights, blood effects (polycythemia, reduced white blood cell count) and eye effects (cataract formation, keratitis). No known neurotoxic effects based on animal studies.

### Carcinogenicity

Mesotrione Technical: Not carcinogenic in animal studies.

### Other Toxicity Information:

None.

### Toxicity of Other Components

The acute toxicity test results reported in Section 11, above, for the finished product take into account any acute hazards related to the “other components” in the formulation.

Ethylene Glycol: Ethylene glycol which has been shown to produce dose-related teratogenic effects in rats and mice. There is, however, no information suggesting that ethylene glycol has caused birth defects in humans. Ethylene glycol has been shown to produce dose-related teratogenic effects in rats and mice. Exposure to high concentrations of mists or aerosols may result in effects on the hematopoietic system and central nervous system with headache, dizziness and drowsiness. Severe kidney damage results from swallowing large amounts of ethylene glycol.

**Other materials that show synergistic toxic effects together with the product:** None known.

### Target Organs

#### Active Ingredient

Mesotrione Technical: Eye.

#### Inert Ingredients

Ethylene Glycol: Blood, kidneys and CNS.

## SECTION – 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Summary of Effects

Mesotrione 480SC is a suspension concentrate herbicide that is mixed with water and applied as a spray for selective control of annual broadleaf weeds in corn. The active ingredient, mesotrione, is practically non-toxic to low toxic to insects (bees), aquatic invertebrates (water flea), fish and birds.

### Eco-Acute Toxicity

Mesotrione Technical:

Green Algae EC <sub>50</sub>	54 ppm
Bees LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub> (Contact)	> 100 µg/bee
Invertebrates (Water Flea) LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	900 ppm
Fish (Trout) 96-hr LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	> 120 ppm
Fish (Bluegill) 96-hr LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	> 120 ppm
Birds (8-day Dietary - Bobwhite Quail) LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	> 5,200 ppm
Birds (8-day Dietary - Mallard Duck) LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	> 5,200 ppm

### Eco-Chronic Toxicity

Mesotrione Technical:

Invertebrates (Water Flea) 21-day NOEC	180 ppm
Fish (Fathead) 21-day NOEC	12.5 ppm

### Environmental Fate

The active ingredient mesotrione has a low bioaccumulation potential, low mobility in soil and is moderately persistent to persistent in soil or water. The main route of degradation is by microbial degradation and formation of bound residues.

## SECTION – 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste disposal information:** Do not reuse empty containers unless they are specifically designed to be re-filled. Empty container retains product residue. Dispose of empty containers in accordance with local regulations. Consult provincial environment ministry for advice on waste disposal. Industrial/commercial waste may be handled at licensed facilities only.

Waste shipments must be securely packaged and properly labelled. Only licensed carriers may be used, and proper documents must accompany the shipment.

#### SECTION – 14 : TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Shipping information such as shipping classification:**

TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS CLASSIFICATION - ROAD/RAIL  
Not Regulated.

#### SECTION – 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

**WHMIS classification for product:** Exempt

This MSDS has been prepared in accordance with WHMIS requirements, but the data are presented under 16 headings.

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#### SECTION – 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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