

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET



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For Medical Emergencies Only, Call: 1-877-325-1840

Voluntary Purchasing Groups, Inc.
230 FM 87
Bonham, Texas 75418

Effective Date: March 11, 2008

Ferti-lome® Tree & Shrub Systemic Insect Granules

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION:

PRODUCT: Ferti-lome® Tree & Shrub Systemic Insect Granules
EPA No.: 228-502-7401

COMPANY IDENTIFICATION:

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2. HAZARDOUS IDENTIFICATIONS:

Emergency Overview:

Appearance and Odor: Brown colored granules with slight odor.

Warning Statements: Keep out of reach of children. CAUTION. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with eyes or clothing.

Potential Health Effects:

Likely Routes of Exposure: Inhalation, skin and eye contact.

Eye Contact: Moderately irritating based on toxicity studies. Dusts may cause irritation.

Skin Contact: Slightly toxic and minimally irritating based on toxicity studies.

Ingestion: Slightly toxic if ingested based on toxicity studies.

Inhalation: Low inhalation toxicity.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Inhalation of product may aggravate existing chronic respiratory problems such as asthma, emphysema or bronchitis. Skin contact may aggravate existing skin disease.

See Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION for more information.

Potential Environmental Effects:

This product is highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates.

See Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION for more information.

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS:

COMPONENT	CAS NO.	% BY WEIGHT
Imidacloprid	138261-41-3	2.5
Other Ingredients Including: N Methyl Pyrrolidone	872-50-4	97.5

4. FIRST AID MEASURES:

If In Eyes: Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

If On Skin: Take off contaminate clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 to 20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

If Swallowed: Call Poison Control Center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

If Inhaled: Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

Note to Physician: No specific antidote is available. Treat the patient symptomatically.

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5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES:

Flash Point: Not applicable

Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable

Flammability Limits: Not applicable

Extinguishing Media: Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding materials. Dry chemical, carbon dioxide, foam, water spray or fog.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures: Firefighters should wear NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turn out gear. Dike area to prevent runoff and contamination of water sources. Dispose of fire control water later.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: If water is used to fight fire, contain runoff using dikes to prevent contamination of water supplies. Dispose of fire control water later.

Hazardous Decomposition Materials (Under Fire Conditions): May produce gases such as oxides of carbon and nitrogen.

National Fire Protection Association (NFOA) Hazard Rating:

Rating for this product:	Health: 1	Flammability: 1	Reactivity: 0
Hazard Scale: 0 = Minimal	1 = Slight	2 = Moderate	3 = Serious 4 = Severe

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES:

Personal Precautions: Wear appropriate protective gear for the situation. See PERSONAL PROTECTION information in Section 8.

Environmental Precautions: Prevent material from entering public sewer systems or any waterways. Do not flush to drain. Large spills to soil or similar surfaces may necessitate removal of topsoil. The affected area should be removed and placed in an appropriate container for disposal.

Methods for Containment: Dike spill using absorbent or impervious material such as earth, sand or clay. Collect and contain contaminated absorbent and dike material for disposal.

Methods for Cleanup and Disposal: Wash entire spill area with a detergent slurry, absorb and sweep into container for disposal. Decontaminate tools and equipment following cleanup. See Section 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS for more information.

Other Information: Large spills may be reportable to the National Response Center (800-424-8802) and to state and/or local agencies.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE:

Handling: Avoid contact with eyes or clothing. After using this product, remove clothing and launder separately before reuse. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.

Storage: Store in a cool, dry place and in such a manner as to prevent cross-contamination with other pesticides, fertilizers, food and feed. Store in original container and out of reach of children, preferably in a locked storage area. Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION:

Engineer Controls: Where engineering controls are indicated by specific use conditions or a potential for excessive exposure, use local exhaust ventilation at the point of generation.

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Personal Protective Equipment:

Eye/Face Protection: To avoid contact with eyes, wear chemical goggles or shielded safety glasses. An emergency eyewash or water supply should be readily accessible to the work area.

Skin Protection: To avoid contact with skin, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, socks and shoes. An emergency shower or water supply should be readily accessible to the work area.

Respiratory Protection: Not normally required. If vapors or mists exceed acceptable levels, wear NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with cartridges/canisters approved for use against pesticides.

General Hygiene Considerations: Personal hygiene is an important work practice exposure control measure and the following general measures should be taken when working with or handling this material: 1) do not store, use and/or consume foods, beverages, tobacco products, or cosmetics in areas where this material is stored; 2) wash hands and face carefully before eating, drinking, using tobacco, applying cosmetics or using the toilet.

Exposure Guidelines:

COMPONENT	OSHA		ACGIH		Unit
	TWA	STEL	TWA	STEL	
Imidacloprid	NE	NE	NE	NE	

NE = Not Established

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

Appearance and Odor:	Brown colored granules with slight odor.
pH:	6.4
Vapor Pressure:	Not available
Vapor Density:	Not available
Boiling Point:	Not available
Freezing Point:	Not available
Water Solubility:	Relatively insoluble
Specific Gravity:	Not available
Density:	46 pounds/cubic foot
Evaporation Rate:	Not available
Viscosity:	Not available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY DATA:

Chemical Stability:	This material is stable under normal handling and storage conditions.
Conditions to Avoid:	Excessive heat. Do not store near heat or open flame.
Incompatible Materials:	Strong oxidizing agents: bases and acids.
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Under fire conditions may produce gases such as oxides of carbon and nitrogen.
Hazardous Reactions:	Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

Toxicological Data: Data from laboratory studies on this product are summarized below:

Oral: Rat LD₅₀: >5,000 mg/kg (female)

Dermal: Rat LD₅₀: >5,000 mg/kg

Inhalation: Rat 4-hr LC₅₀: >2.06 mg/l

Eye Irritation: Rabbit: Moderately irritating

Skin Irritation: Rabbit: Minimally irritating

Skin Sensitization: Not a contact sensitizer in guinea pigs following repeated skin exposure.

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Subchronic (Target Organ) Effects: Repeated overexposure to imidacloprid, may effect heart, thyroid, blood chemistry, and liver. Repeated overexposure to N-Methyl 2-pyrrolidinone (NMP) may cause effects to eyes, skin, respiratory system, central nervous system, liver and kidneys.

Carcinogenicity / Chronic Health Effects: Prolonged overexposure to imidacloprid can cause effects to the thyroid. Imidacloprid did not cause cancer in laboratory animal studies. The U.S. EPA has given imidacloprid a Group E classification (evidence of non-carcinogenicity in humans). No increase in tumors was seen in rats via dietary or inhalation exposure to NMP for two years; however, an increase in liver tumors was noted in mice receiving high dietary doses over a similar period. Liver tumors are not uncommon when non-genotoxic chemicals such as NMP are tested in the mouse bioassay.

Reproductive Toxicity: In a two-generation reproduction study in rats, imidacloprid produced reduced mean body weights and body weight gains. No other reproductive effects were observed. NMP may adversely affect reproduction in rats after ingestion, although fertility is unaltered.

Developmental Toxicity: Rat and rabbit studies on imidacloprid resulted in skeletal abnormalities, increased resorptions (rabbits) and reduced body weight gains at doses that were also toxic to mother animals. Fetal developmental effects were observed following ingestion, inhalation and dermal exposures to NMP in pregnant animals, and occurred both in the presence of maternal toxicity.

Genotoxicity: The imidacloprid mutagenicity studies, taken collectively, demonstrated that imidacloprid is not genotoxic or mutagenic. Neither *in vitro* nor *in vivo* tests on NMP demonstrate mutagenic effects.

Assessment Carcinogenicity: None listed with ACGIH, IARC, NTP or OSHA.

See Section 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION for more information.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

Ecotoxicity:

Data on Imidacloprid Technical:

96-hour LC ₅₀ Rainbow Trout:	211 mg/l	Japanese Quail Oral LD ₅₀ :	31 mg/kg
48-hour EC ₅₀ Daphnia:	85 mg/l	Bobwhite Quail Oral LD ₅₀ :	152 mg/kg
96-hour LC ₅₀ Mysid:	0.038 ppm	House Sparrow Oral LD ₅₀ :	41 mg/kg
48-hour Honey Beed Contact LD ₅₀ :	0.078 µg/bee	48-hour Honey Bee Oral LD ₅₀ :	0.0039 µg/bee

Environmental Fate:

Hydrolysis half-life of imidacloprid is greater than 30 days at pH 7 and 25°C. The aqueous photolysis half-life is less than 3 hours. The soil surface photolysis of imidacloprid has a half-life of 39 days, and in the soil, the half-life ranged from 26 to 229 days.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Waste Disposal Method:

Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility. Improper disposal of excess pesticide is a violation of Federal law.

Container Handling and Disposal:

Do not use container in connection with food, feed, or drinking water. Completely empty container into application equipment. Then dispose of empty container in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or, if allowed by state and local authorities by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

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14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:

Follow the precautions indicated in Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE of this MSDS.

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Compound, Insecticide, Solid, Not DOT Regulated.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION:

U.S. Federal Regulations:

TSCA Inventory: This product is exempt from TSCA because it is solely for FIFRA regulated use.

SARA Hazard Notification/Reporting:

Hazard Categories Under Criteria of SARA Title III Rules (40 CFR Part 370): Immediate

Section 313 Toxic Chemical(s):

N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (CAS No. 872-50-4), 10.0% by weight in product

Reportable Quantity (RQ) under U.S. CERCLA: None

RCRA Waste Code: None

State Information: Other state regulations may apply. Check individual state requirements

California Proposition 65: WARNING. This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION:

This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) serves different purposes than and DOES NOT REPLACE OR MODIFY THE EPA-ACCEPTED PRODUCT LABELING (attached to and accompanying the product container). This MSDS provides important health, safety and environmental information for employers, employees, emergency responders and others handling large quantities of the product in activities generally other than product use, while the labeling provides that information specifically for product use in the ordinary course.

Use storage and disposal of pesticide products are regulated by the EPA under the authority of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) through the product labeling, and all necessary and appropriate precautionary, use, storage and disposal information is set forth on that labeling. It is a violation of Federal law to use a pesticide product in any manner not prescribed on the EPA-accepted label.

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