

Safety Data Sheet



1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product Name: HORTICO WATER STORAGE CRYSTALS

Recommended Use: To increase the water holding capacity of soil and potting mix.

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Based on available information, not classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia; NON-HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE.

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for transport by Road and Rail; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

Poisons Schedule: None allocated.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Proportion	Risk Phrases
Acrylamide/potassium acrylate copolymer, crosslinked	-	100%	-

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation:

Remove victim from area of exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Seek medical advice if effects persist.

Skin Contact:

If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin with soap and water. If irritation occurs, seek medical advice.

Eye Contact:

If in eyes, wash out immediately with water. In all cases of eye contamination it is a sensible precaution to seek medical advice.

Ingestion:

If swallowed DO NOT give liquids. May cause physical obstruction. Seek medical advice.

Medical attention and special treatment:

Treat symptomatically.

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5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Hazards from combustion products:

Combustible solid. On burning will emit toxic fumes.

Precautions for fire fighters and special protective equipment:

Slippery when wet. Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to vapour or products of combustion.

Suitable Extinguishing Media:

Fine water spray, normal foam, dry agent (carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder).

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Emergency procedures:

If contamination of sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

Methods and materials for containment and clean up:

Slippery when spilt. Avoid accidents, clean up immediately. Contain - prevent run off into drains and waterways. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Conditions for safe storage:

Store in the closed, original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for spills.

Precautions for safe handling:

Keep out of reach of children.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational Exposure Limits: No value assigned for this specific material by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission. However, Exposure Standard(s) for constituent(s):

Dusts not otherwise classified: 8hr TWA = 10 mg/m³

TWA - The time-weighted average airborne concentration over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week over an entire working life.

These Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

Engineering controls:

Natural ventilation should be adequate under normal use conditions. Keep containers closed when not in use.

Personal Protective Equipment:

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No special personal protective equipment required. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state:	Crystals
Colour:	White
Odour:	Odourless
Solubility:	Insoluble in water.
Specific Gravity:	620-680 g/L (bulk density)
Vapour Pressure (20 °C):	Nil
Flash Point (°C):	Not applicable
Melting Point/Range (°C):	Not available
Decomposition Point (°C):	Not available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability:	Stable under normal conditions of use.
Conditions to avoid:	Avoid exposure to moisture.
Incompatible materials:	Incompatible with oxidising agents.
Hazardous decomposition products:	Oxides of carbon. Oxides of nitrogen.
Hazardous reactions:	None known.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse health effects expected if the product is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the product label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

Ingestion:	Swallowing can result in physical obstruction.
Eye contact:	Exposure to the dust may cause discomfort due to particulate nature. May cause physical irritation to the eyes.
Skin contact:	Not expected to be a skin irritant.
Inhalation:	Breathing in dust may result in respiratory irritation.
Long Term Effects:	No adverse effects expected.

Toxicological Data:

Oral LD50 (rat): >5000 mg/kg (1)
Dermal LD50 (rabbit): >2000 mg/kg (1)
SKIN: Non-irritant. (1)
EYES: Moderate irritant. (1)

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Ecotoxicity Avoid contaminating waterways.

Persistence/degradability and mobility Not readily biodegradable. (1)

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods:

Refer to local government authority for disposal recommendations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Road and Rail Transport

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for transport by Road and Rail; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

Marine Transport

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

Air Transport

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Classification: Based on available information, not classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia; NON-HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE.

Poisons Schedule: None allocated.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Supplier Material Safety Data Sheet; 12/ 2000.

Reason(s) for Issue:

Revised Primary SDS

This safety data sheet has been prepared by SDS Services.

This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since DuluxGroup Limited cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.

If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their DuluxGroup representative or DuluxGroup Limited at the contact details on page 1.

DuluxGroup Limited's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.

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