Apparent Bensulfuron 600 WG Herbicide

AIRR Apparent Pty Ltd.

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SECTION 1 Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

Product Identifier

Product name	Apparent Bensulfuron 600 WG Herbicide
Chemical Name	Not Applicable
Synonyms	Not Available
Proper shipping name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (contains bensulfuron methyl)
Chemical formula	Not Applicable
Other means of identification	Not Available

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses	A systemic agricultural herbicide for use in rice. Use according to manufacturer's directions.

Details of the manufacturer or importer of the safety data sheet

Registered company name	**AIRR Apparent Pty Ltd.**
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Emergency telephone number

Association / Organisation	**AIRR Apparent Pty Ltd.**
Emergency telephone number(s)	1800 033 111 (24 Hours)
Other emergency telephone number(s)	Not Available

SECTION 2 Hazards identification

Classification of the substance or mixture

Poisons Schedule	Not Applicable
Classification [1]	Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, Sensitisation (Skin) Category 1, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 1, Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment Long-Term Hazard Category 2
Legend:	***1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI***

Label elements

Hazard pictogram(s)	
Signal word	**Danger**

Hazard statement(s)

H315	Causes skin irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

P280	Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/fumes.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P264	Wash all exposed external body areas thoroughly after handling.
P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

Precautionary statement(s) Response

P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
P333+P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P362+P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P391	Collect spillage.

Precautionary statement(s) Storage

Not Applicable

Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

P501	Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation.

No further product hazard information.

SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients

Substances

See section below for composition of Mixtures

Mixtures

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
83055-99-6	60	bensulfuron methyl
Not Available	balance	Ingredients determined not to be hazardous
Legend:	***1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI; 4. Classification drawn from C&L; * EU IOELVs available***	

SECTION 4 First aid measures

Description of first aid measures

Eye Contact	If this product comes in contact with the eyes: ▸ Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water. ▸ Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids. ▸ Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes. ▸ Transport to hospital or doctor without delay. ▸ Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.
Skin Contact	If skin contact occurs: ▸ Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear. ▸ Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available). ▸ Seek medical attention in event of irritation.
Inhalation	▸ If fumes, aerosols or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. ▸ Other measures are usually unnecessary.
Ingestion	▸ If swallowed do **NOT** induce vomiting. ▸ If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration. ▸ Observe the patient carefully. ▸ Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious. ▸ Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink. ▸ Seek medical advice.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5 Firefighting measures

Extinguishing media

- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.
- Water spray or fog - Large fires only.

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Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Fire Incompatibility	‣ Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result

Advice for firefighters

Fire Fighting	‣ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard. ‣ Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves. ‣ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses. ‣ Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area. ‣ **DO NOT** approach containers suspected to be hot. ‣ Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location. ‣ If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire. ‣ Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.
Fire/Explosion Hazard	‣ Combustible solid which burns but propagates flame with difficulty; it is estimated that most organic dusts are combustible (circa 70%) - according to the circumstances under which the combustion process occurs, such materials may cause fires and / or dust explosions. ‣ Organic powders when finely divided over a range of concentrations regardless of particulate size or shape and suspended in air or some other oxidizing medium may form explosive dust-air mixtures and result in a fire or dust explosion (including secondary explosions). ‣ Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air, and any source of ignition, i.e. flame or spark, will cause fire or explosion. Dust clouds generated by the fine grinding of the solid are a particular hazard; accumulations of fine dust (420 micron or less) may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited - particles exceeding this limit will generally not form flammable dust clouds; once initiated, however, larger particles up to 1400 microns diameter will contribute to the propagation of an explosion. ‣ In the same way as gases and vapours, dusts in the form of a cloud are only ignitable over a range of concentrations; in principle, the concepts of lower explosive limit (LEL) and upper explosive limit (UEL) are applicable to dust clouds but only the LEL is of practical use; - this is because of the inherent difficulty of achieving homogeneous dust clouds at high temperatures (for dusts the LEL is often called the "Minimum Explosible Concentration", MEC). ‣ When processed with flammable liquids/vapors/mists,ignitable (hybrid) mixtures may be formed with combustible dusts. Ignitable mixtures will increase the rate of explosion pressure rise and the Minimum Ignition Energy (the minimum amount of energy required to ignite dust clouds - MIE) will be lower than the pure dust in air mixture. The Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of the vapour/dust mixture will be lower than the individual LELs for the vapors/mists or dusts. ‣ A dust explosion may release of large quantities of gaseous products; this in turn creates a subsequent pressure rise of explosive force capable of damaging plant and buildings and injuring people. ‣ Usually the initial or primary explosion takes place in a confined space such as plant or machinery, and can be of sufficient force to damage or rupture the plant. If the shock wave from the primary explosion enters the surrounding area, it will disturb any settled dust layers, forming a second dust cloud, and often initiate a much larger secondary explosion. All large scale explosions have resulted from chain reactions of this type. ‣ Dry dust can be charged electrostatically by turbulence, pneumatic transport, pouring, in exhaust ducts and during transport. ‣ Build-up of electrostatic charge may be prevented by bonding and grounding. ‣ Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting. ‣ All movable parts coming in contact with this material should have a speed of less than 1-meter/sec. ‣ A sudden release of statically charged materials from storage or process equipment, particularly at elevated temperatures and/ or pressure, may result in ignition especially in the absence of an apparent ignition source. ‣ One important effect of the particulate nature of powders is that the surface area and surface structure (and often moisture content) can vary widely from sample to sample, depending of how the powder was manufactured and handled; this means that it is virtually impossible to use flammability data published in the literature for dusts (in contrast to that published for gases and vapours). ‣ Autoignition temperatures are often quoted for dust clouds (minimum ignition temperature (MIT)) and dust layers (layer ignition temperature (LIT)); LIT generally falls as the thickness of the layer increases. Combustion products include: ‣ carbon monoxide (CO) ‣ carbon dioxide (CO2) nitrogen oxides (NOx) sulfur oxides (SOx) ‣ other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.
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SECTION 6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

Environmental precautions

See section 12

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Minor Spills	‣ Remove all ignition sources. ‣ Clean up all spills immediately. ‣ Avoid contact with skin and eyes. ‣ Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment. ‣ Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. ‣ Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal. Environmental hazard - contain spillage.
Major Spills	Environmental hazard - contain spillage. Moderate hazard. ‣ **CAUTION**: Advise personnel in area. ‣ Alert Emergency Services and tell them location and nature of hazard. ‣ Control personal contact by wearing protective clothing. ‣ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses. ‣ Recover product wherever possible. ‣ **IF DRY:** Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. Collect residues and place in sealed plastic bags or other containers for disposal. **IF WET:** Vacuum/shovel up and place in labelled containers for disposal. ‣ **ALWAYS:** Wash area down with large amounts of water and prevent runoff into drains. ‣ If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise Emergency Services.

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Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

SECTION 7 Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Safe handling	‣ Avoid skin contact, including inhalation. ‣ Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs. ‣ Use in a well-ventilated area. ‣ Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps. ‣ **DO NOT** enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked. ‣ **DO NOT** allow material to come in direct contact with human skin or eyes. ‣ **DO NOT** allow material to come in contact with exposed food or food contact surfaces. ‣ Suitable PPE must be worn at all times. ‣ Avoid contact with incompatible materials. ‣ When handling, **DO NOT** eat, drink or smoke. ‣ Keep containers securely sealed when not in use. ‣ Avoid physical damage to containers. ‣ Always wash hands with soap and water after handling. ‣ Work clothes should be laundered separately. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use. ‣ Use good occupational work practice. ‣ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS. ‣ Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained. ‣ Organic powders when finely divided over a range of concentrations regardless of particulate size or shape and suspended in air or some other oxidizing medium may form explosive dust-air mixtures and result in a fire or dust explosion (including secondary explosions) ‣ Minimise airborne dust and eliminate all ignition sources. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, and flame. ‣ Establish good housekeeping practices. ‣ Remove dust accumulations on a regular basis by vacuuming or gentle sweeping to avoid creating dust clouds. ‣ Use continuous suction at points of dust generation to capture and minimise the accumulation of dusts. Particular attention should be given to overhead and hidden horizontal surfaces to minimise the probability of a "secondary" explosion. According to NFPA Standard 654, dust layers 1/32 in.(0.8 mm) thick can be sufficient to warrant immediate cleaning of the area. ‣ Do not use air hoses for cleaning. ‣ Minimise dry sweeping to avoid generation of dust clouds. Vacuum dust-accumulating surfaces and remove to a chemical disposal area. Vacuums with explosion-proof motors should be used. ‣ Control sources of static electricity. Dusts or their packages may accumulate static charges, and static discharge can be a source of ignition. ‣ Solids handling systems must be designed in accordance with applicable standards (e.g. NFPA including 654 and 77) and other national guidance. ‣ Do not empty directly into flammable solvents or in the presence of flammable vapors. ‣ The operator, the packaging container and all equipment must be grounded with electrical bonding and grounding systems. Plastic bags and plastics cannot be grounded, and antistatic bags do not completely protect against development of static charges. Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source. ‣ Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers. ‣ In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.
Other information	‣ Store in original containers. ‣ Keep containers securely sealed. ‣ Store in a cool, dry area protected from environmental extremes. ‣ Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers. ‣ Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks. ‣ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS. For major quantities: ‣ Consider storage in bunded areas - ensure storage areas are isolated from sources of community water (including stormwater, ground water, lakes and streams}. ‣ Ensure that accidental discharge to air or water is the subject of a contingency disaster management plan; this may require consultation with local authorities.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable container	‣ Polyethylene or polypropylene container. ‣ Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.
Storage incompatibility	‣ Avoid reaction with oxidising agents

SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

INGREDIENT DATA

Not Available

MATERIAL DATA

Sensory irritants are chemicals that produce temporary and undesirable side-effects on the eyes, nose or throat. Historically occupational exposure standards for these irritants have been based on observation of workers' responses to various airborne concentrations. Present day expectations require that nearly every individual should be protected against even minor sensory irritation and exposure standards are established using uncertainty factors or safety factors of 5 to 10 or more. On occasion animal no-observable-effect-levels (NOEL) are used to determine these limits where human results are unavailable. An additional approach, typically used by the TLV committee (USA) in determining respiratory standards for this group of chemicals, has been to assign ceiling values (TLV C) to rapidly acting irritants and to assign short-term exposure limits (TLV STELs) when the weight of evidence from irritation, bioaccumulation and other endpoints combine to warrant such a limit. In contrast the MAK Commission (Germany) uses a five-category system based on intensive odour, local irritation, and elimination half-life. However this system is being replaced to be consistent with the European Union (EU) Scientific Committee for Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL); this is more closely allied to that of the USA.
OSHA (USA) concluded that exposure to sensory irritants can:

- cause inflammation
- cause increased susceptibility to other irritants and infectious agents
- lead to permanent injury or dysfunction
- permit greater absorption of hazardous substances and
- acclimate the worker to the irritant warning properties of these substances thus increasing the risk of overexposure.

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It is the goal of the ACGIH (and other Agencies) to recommend TLVs (or their equivalent) for all substances for which there is evidence of health effects at airborne concentrations encountered in the workplace.
At this time no TLV has been established, even though this material may produce adverse health effects (as evidenced in animal experiments or clinical experience). Airborne concentrations must be maintained as low as is practically possible and occupational exposure must be kept to a minimum.
NOTE: The ACGIH occupational exposure standard for Particles Not Otherwise Specified (P.N.O.S) does NOT apply.

Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection.
The basic types of engineering controls are:
Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.
Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use.
Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.

- Local exhaust ventilation is required where solids are handled as powders or crystals; even when particulates are relatively large, a certain proportion will be powdered by mutual friction.
- Exhaust ventilation should be designed to prevent accumulation and recirculation of particulates in the workplace.
- If in spite of local exhaust an adverse concentration of the substance in air could occur, respiratory protection should be considered. Such protection might consist of:

(a): particle dust respirators, if necessary, combined with an absorption cartridge;
(b): filter respirators with absorption cartridge or canister of the right type;
(c): fresh-air hoods or masks

- Build-up of electrostatic charge on the dust particle, may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting.

Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to efficiently remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1-2.5 m/s (200-500 ft/min)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 ft/min)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 4-10 m/s (800-2000 ft/min) for extraction of crusher dusts generated 2 metres distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment



Eye and face protection

- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.[AS/NZS 1337.1, EN166 or national equivalent]
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59].

Skin protection

See Hand protection below

Hands/feet protection

NOTE:

- The material may produce skin sensitisation in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.
- Contaminated leather items, such as shoes, belts and watch-bands should be removed and destroyed.

The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.
The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.
Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.
Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:
· frequency and duration of contact,
· chemical resistance of glove material,
· glove thickness and
· dexterity
Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).
· When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.

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	· When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended. · Some glove polymer types are less affected by movement and this should be taken into account when considering gloves for long-term use. · Contaminated gloves should be replaced. As defined in ASTM F-739-96 in any application, gloves are rated as: · Excellent when breakthrough time > 480 min · Good when breakthrough time > 20 min · Fair when breakthrough time < 20 min · Poor when glove material degrades For general applications, gloves with a thickness typically greater than 0.35 mm, are recommended. It should be emphasised that glove thickness is not necessarily a good predictor of glove resistance to a specific chemical, as the permeation efficiency of the glove will be dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Therefore, glove selection should also be based on consideration of the task requirements and knowledge of breakthrough times. Glove thickness may also vary depending on the glove manufacturer, the glove type and the glove model. Therefore, the manufacturers technical data should always be taken into account to ensure selection of the most appropriate glove for the task. Note: Depending on the activity being conducted, gloves of varying thickness may be required for specific tasks. For example: · Thinner gloves (down to 0.1 mm or less) may be required where a high degree of manual dexterity is needed. However, these gloves are only likely to give short duration protection and would normally be just for single use applications, then disposed of. · Thicker gloves (up to 3 mm or more) may be required where there is a mechanical (as well as a chemical) risk i.e. where there is abrasion or puncture potential Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended. Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present. ▸ polychloroprene. ▸ nitrile rubber. ▸ butyl rubber. ▸ fluorocaoutchouc. ▸ polyvinyl chloride. Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.
Body protection	See Other protection below
Other protection	▸ Overalls. ▸ P.V.C apron. ▸ Barrier cream. ▸ Skin cleansing cream. ▸ Eye wash unit.

Respiratory protection

Type -P Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 10 x ES	P1 Air-line*	- -	PAPR-P1 -
up to 50 x ES	Air-line**	P2	PAPR-P2
up to 100 x ES	-	P3	-
		Air-line*	-
100+ x ES	-	Air-line**	PAPR-P3

* - Negative pressure demand ** - Continuous flow
A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO2), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH3), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

· Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
· The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
· Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory protection. These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
· Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
· Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU)
· Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
· Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Light tan granule.

Physical state	Divided Solid	**Relative density (Water = 1)**	Not Available
Odour	Slight	**Partition coefficient n-octanol / water**	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	**Auto-ignition temperature (°C)**	Not Available
pH (as supplied)	Not Available	**Decomposition temperature (°C)**	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	Not Available	**Viscosity (mm2/s)**	Not Available

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Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	Not Available	**Molecular weight (g/mol)**	Not Applicable
Flash point (°C)	Not Available	**Taste**	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Available	**Explosive properties**	Not Available
Flammability	Not Applicable	**Oxidising properties**	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	**Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)**	Not Applicable
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	**Volatile Component (%vol)**	Not Available
Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Available	**Gas group**	Not Available
Solubility in water	Partly miscible	**pH as a solution (1%)**	Not Available
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Available	**VOC g/L**	Not Available
Heat of Combustion (kJ/g)	Not Available	**Ignition Distance (cm)**	Not Available
Flame Height (cm)	Not Available	**Flame Duration (s)**	Not Available
Enclosed Space Ignition Time Equivalent (s/m3)	Not Available	**Enclosed Space Ignition Deflagration Density (g/m3)**	Not Available

SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	‣ Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials. ‣ Product is considered stable. ‣ Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

SECTION 11 Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

a) Acute Toxicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
b) Skin Irritation/Corrosion	There is sufficient evidence to classify this material as skin corrosive or irritating.
c) Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	There is sufficient evidence to classify this material as eye damaging or irritating
d) Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	There is sufficient evidence to classify this material as sensitising to skin or the respiratory system
e) Mutagenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
f) Carcinogenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
g) Reproductivity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
h) STOT - Single Exposure	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
i) STOT - Repeated Exposure	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
j) Aspiration Hazard	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Inhaled	The material is not expected to produce adverse health effects or respiratory irritation following inhalation and is not classified for respiratory irritation under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP), as amended. Nevertheless, adverse systemic effects have been identified following exposure of animals by at least one other route. Good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be implemented in an occupational setting. Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled. If prior damage to the circulatory or nervous systems has occurred or if kidney damage has been sustained, proper screenings should be conducted on individuals who may be exposed to further risk if handling and use of the material result in excessive exposures.
Ingestion	Accidental ingestion of the material may be damaging to the health of the individual. Ingestion of anionic surfactants/ hydrotropes may produce diarrhoea, intestinal distension and occasional vomiting. Lethal doses in animals range from 1 to 5 gm/kg.
Skin Contact	Evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material either produces inflammation of the skin in a substantial number of individuals following direct contact, and/or produces significant inflammation when applied to the healthy intact skin of animals, for up to four hours, such inflammation being present twenty-four hours or more after the end of the exposure period. Skin irritation may also be present after prolonged or repeated exposure; this may result in a form of contact dermatitis (nonallergic). The dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling (oedema) which may progress to blistering (vesiculation), scaling and thickening of the epidermis. At the microscopic level there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer of the skin (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis. The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition Skin contact is not expected to result in harmful health effects and the material is not classified as hazardous by the dermal route under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP), as amended. However, the material may cause harm following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions. Repeated exposure may cause skin cracking, flaking or drying following normal handling and use. Anionic surfactants/ hydrotropes generally produce skin reactions following the removal of natural oils. The skin may appear red and may become sore. Papular dermatitis may also develop. Sensitive individuals may exhibit cracking, scaling and blistering. Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material

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	Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.
Eye	When applied to the eye(s) of animals, the material produces severe ocular lesions which are present twenty-four hours or more after instillation. Direct eye contact with some concentrated anionic surfactants/ hydrotropes produces corneal damage, in some cases severe. Low concentrations may produce immediate discomfort, conjunctival hyperaemia, and oedema of the corneal epithelium. Healing may take several days. Temporary clouding of the cornea may occur.
Chronic	Practical experience shows that skin contact with the material is capable either of inducing a sensitisation reaction in a substantial number of individuals, and/or of producing a positive response in experimental animals. Substances that can cause occupational asthma (also known as asthmagens and respiratory sensitisers) can induce a state of specific airway hyper-responsiveness via an immunological, irritant or other mechanism. Once the airways have become hyper-responsive, further exposure to the substance, sometimes even to tiny quantities, may cause respiratory symptoms. These symptoms can range in severity from a runny nose to asthma. Not all workers who are exposed to a sensitiser will become hyper-responsive and it is impossible to identify in advance who are likely to become hyper-responsive. Substances than can cuase occupational asthma should be distinguished from substances which may trigger the symptoms of asthma in people with pre-existing air-way hyper-responsiveness. The latter substances are not classified as asthmagens or respiratory sensitisers Wherever it is reasonably practicable, exposure to substances that can cuase occupational asthma should be prevented. Where this is not possible the primary aim is to apply adequate standards of control to prevent workers from becoming hyper-responsive. Activities giving rise to short-term peak concentrations should receive particular attention when risk management is being considered. Health surveillance is appropriate for all employees exposed or liable to be exposed to a substance which may cause occupational asthma and there should be appropriate consultation with an occupational health professional over the degree of risk and level of surveillance. Sulfonylureas, imidazolinones, sulfonoanilides and triazolo-pyrimidines, as herbicides, are used extensively because of their wide-spectrum effects on weeds and their low toxicity to mammals. The effects of these herbicides on plants, micro-algae and bacteria are due to the inhibition of acetolactate synthase (ALS) involved in the synthesis of acetolactic and butyric acids, which are the precursors of the branched-chain amino acids: isoleucine, leucine and valine. Mammals also produce these precursor amino-acids using ALS so the potential for toxic effects is apparent though not evident from many studies. Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function (i.e. pneumoconiosis) caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. A prime symptom is breathlessness. Lung shadows show on X-ray. Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause degreasing with drying, cracking and dermatitis following.

Apparent Bensulfuron 600 WG Herbicide	**TOXICITY**	**IRRITATION**
	Not Available	Not Available
bensulfuron methyl	**TOXICITY**	**IRRITATION**
	Dermal (rabbit) LD50: >2000 mg/kg[2]	Not Available
	Oral (Rat) LD50: >5000 mg/kg[2]	

Legend:	***1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2. Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances***

Apparent Bensulfuron 600 WG Herbicide & BENSULFURON METHYL	The following information refers to contact allergens as a group and may not be specific to this product. Contact allergies quickly manifest themselves as contact eczema, more rarely as urticaria or Quincke's oedema. The pathogenesis of contact eczema involves a cell-mediated (T lymphocytes) immune reaction of the delayed type. Other allergic skin reactions, e.g. contact urticaria, involve antibody-mediated immune reactions. The significance of the contact allergen is not simply determined by its sensitisation potential: the distribution of the substance and the opportunities for contact with it are equally important. A weakly sensitising substance which is widely distributed can be a more important allergen than one with stronger sensitising potential with which few individuals come into contact. From a clinical point of view, substances are noteworthy if they produce an allergic test reaction in more than 1% of the persons tested. Linear alkylbenzene sulfonates (LAS) are classified as Irritant (Xi) with the risk phrases R38 (Irritating to skin) and R41 (Risk of serious damage to eyes) according to CESIO (CESIO 2000). LAS are not included in Annex 1 of list of dangerous substances of Council Directive 67/548/EEC. Linear alkylbenzene sulfonic acids (LABS) are strong acids (pKa<2) are classified as corrosive (R34) Branched materials exhibit comparable toxicity to linear species. **Acute toxicity:** The available data indicate minimal to moderate toxicity, with LD50 values ranging from 500 to 2000 mg/kg body weight (bw). Acute inhalation data also indicate a lack of significant toxicity.Available dermal exposure data also shows a lack of significant toxicity. LAS are readily absorbed by the gastrointestinal tract after oral administration in animals. LAS are not readily absorbed through the skin . The bulk is metabolised in the liver to sulfophenylic carboxyl acids. The metabolites are excreted primarily via the urine and faeces. The main urinary metabolites in rats are sulfophenyl butanoic acid and sulfophenyl pentanoic acid. Accumulation of LAS or its main metabolites has not been established in any organ after repeated oral ingestion. No serious injuries or fatalities in man have been reported following accidental ingestion of LAS-containing detergent. The main clinical signs observed after oral administration to rats of doses near or greater than the LD50 values consisted of reduced voluntary activity, diarrhoea, weakness etc. Death usually occurred within 24 hours of administration. Rats appear to be more sensitive to LAS than mice. LAS and branched alkylbenzene sulfonates may cause irritation of the eyes, skin and mucous membranes. LAS are relatively more irritating to the skin than the corresponding branched alkylbenzene sulfonates. The potential of LAS to irritate the skin depends on the concentration applied. LAS have been classified as irritating to skin at concentrations above 20% according to EU-criteria. Human skin can tolerate contact with solution of up to 1% LAS for 24 hours resulting in only mild irritation. Application of > 5% LAS to the eyes of rabbits produced irritation. Concentration of < 0.1% LAS produced mild to no irritation. Skin sensitization was not seen in 2,294 volunteers exposed to LAS or in 17,887 exposed to formulations of LAS. **Repeat dose toxicity:** A feeding study indicated that LAS, when administered for 2 years at extremely high levels (0.5%) in the diets to rats, produced no adverse effects on growth, health or feed efficiency. **Genotoxicity:** The mutagenic potential of LAS was tested using ***Salmonella typhimurium*** strains, using Ames test. In these studies, LAS was not mutagenic. The available long-term studies are inadequate for evaluating the carcinogenic potential of LAS in laboratory animals. The studies available (oral administration to rats and mice) do not show any evidence of carcinogenicity. **Reproductive toxicity:** In general no specific effect of LAS on reproductive processes has been seen, although dosages causing maternal toxicity may also induce some effects on reproduction. No teratogenic effects attributed to LAS exposure have been observed. Environmental and Health Assessment of Substances in Household Detergents and Cosmetic Detergent Products, Environment Project, 615, 2001. Torben Madsen et al: Miljoministeriet (Danish Environmental Protection Agency) **For aromatic sulfonic acids** Aromatic sulfonic acids are very corrosive as was demonstrated in skin and eye irritation studies, in the acute oral studies, and in the single repeated dose oral study. Health records from industrial manufacturing exposure, including manufacturing plant book of injuries and a physician report, show toluene-4-sulphonic acid (as handled in manufacturing plants; i.e., a 65% aqueous solution with < 5% free sulphuric acid) is an irritant to the eye and

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skin.
Sensitisation:
There is a single, key study for sensitization of the aromatic sulphonic acids. None of the tested animals showed positive responses in a, well documented, GLP guinea pig sensitization study with toluene-4-sulphonic acid (CAS No. 104-15-4). The test substance can be considered a non-sensitizer in guinea pigs as none of the test animals showed a positive response to combined intradermal and topical induction followed by topical challenge.
Repeat dose toxicity:
A GLP guideline study with p-toluenesulphonic acid (CAS No. 104-15-4) reported no adverse effects to male and female rats exposed orally for 28 days. The highest dose was 500 mg/kg bw/day (>490 mg/kg bw/day based on >98% active ingredient). Therefore the NOAEL was set at 500 mg/kg bw/day.
Toxicity to reproduction:
No fertility studies are reported for the aromatic sulphonic acids. There are however studies for the chemically related hydrotrope substances that looked at reproductive organs and development of offspring. Hydrotropes are the salt form of the sulphonic acids and therefore are used as read-across for this endpoint. The 90-day oral rat and oral mouse studies and the 2-year chronic dermal rat and mouse studies with the closely related compound sodium xylene sulfonate (CAS No. 1300-72-7) included examination of sex organs of both sexes. No treatment related effects on reproductive organs were reported at doses roughly equivalent to those in the developmental toxicity study. he NOAEL for both maternal and foetal toxicity was the highest dose tested - 3000 mg/kg bw /day which is equivalent to 936 mg active ingredient per kilogram body weight per day. The conclusion of the study was no indications of developmental toxicity including teratogenesis.
Genetic toxicity:
There is a fully documented, GLP Guideline (OECD 471) Ames Test and a fully documented, GLP Guideline (OECD 473) Chromosome Aberration Test for one of the aromatic sulphonic acids, p-toluenesulphonic acid (CAS No. 104-15-4). Both tests were conducted with and without metabolic activation. The Ames test exposed up to 5000 micrograms/plate and the chromosome aberration test exposed up to 1902 micrograms per liter of the test substance. These studies conclude the substance is neither mutagenic norcytotoxic.
There is an additional, published report of an Ames Test for another of the aromatic sulphonic acids, benzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 98-11-3). Exposures up to 10,000 micrograms/plate were done with and without metabolic activation. The conclusion is the same as for the p-toluenesulphonic acid; that is, not mutagenic and not cytotoxic.
There are no in vivo mutagenicity studies for the aromatic sulphonic acids, but there are two in vivo mouse micronucleus studies for the related hydrotropes – sodium cumene sulfonate (CAS 28348-53-0) and calcium xylene sulfonate (CAS 28088-63-3). Both are GLP-compliant Guideline mouse micronucleus studies with full documentation. Both studies conclude the test substances were not mutagenic in these assays.
Disulfonic acids have not been the subject of concern.
Carcinogenicity:
There are no carcinogenicity studies for the aromatic sulphonic acids Two hydrotrope studies involve 2-year rat and mouse dermal exposures conducted under GLP. Up to 240 mg (rats) and 727 mg (mice) sodium xylenesulfonate/kg body weight in 50% ethanol were dosed 5 days per week for 104 weeks. There were no treatment related incidences of mononuclear cell leukenia, neoplasms, or nonneoplatic lesions of the skin and other organs. The increased incidence of epidermal hyperplasia may have been related to exposure to the test substance. The NOAEL was reported as 240 mg/kg bw/day for rats and 727 mg/kg bw/day for mice.
Elimination:
The US EPA has evaluated the metabolism of analogs in in the sodium alkyl naphthalenesulfonate cluster (SANS), a group of sodium salts of naphthalenesulfonic acids . In a US EPA final rule for SANS, it was stated that “the 1- or 2-sulfonic acid sodium salt moieties on the naphthalene ring may provide a handle by which these compounds can be readily conjugated and eliminated.”
Bensulfuron-methyl is of low acute, subacute and chronic toxicity. It is rapidly metabolised and eliminated from mammalian systems; the primary metabolic pathway include hydroxylation and O-demethylation. The active substance and metabolites do not accumulate in tissues.
Bensulfuron-methyl is non-irritant to
eyes and not skin sensitising. The compound is non-teratogenic and is not considered to be a mutagen.

Acute Toxicity	✗	**Carcinogenicity**	✗
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	✓	**Reproductivity**	✗
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	✓	**STOT - Single Exposure**	✗
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	✓	**STOT - Repeated Exposure**	✗
Mutagenicity	✗	**Aspiration Hazard**	✗

Legend: ✗ ***–***
Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification
✓ ***– Data available to make classification***

SECTION 12 Ecological information

Toxicity

	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
Apparent Bensulfuron 600 WG Herbicide	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
bensulfuron methyl	EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	0.012mg/L	4
	EC50	48h	Crustacea	>99mg/L	4
	EC50	96h	Algae or other aquatic plants	13.501mg/l	4
	LC50	96h	Fish	>63mg/L	4
	NOEC(ECx)	672h	Algae or other aquatic plants	0.001mg/L	4

Legend: ***Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 4. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 5. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 6. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. Vendor Data 8. User defined data***

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
Do NOT allow product to come in contact with surface waters or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment wash-waters.
Wastes resulting from use of the product must be disposed of on site or at approved waste sites.
For Surfactants: Kow cannot be easily determined due to hydrophilic/hydrophobic properties of the molecules in surfactants. BCF value: 1-350.
Aquatic Fate: Surfactants tend to accumulate at the interface of the air with water and are not extracted into one or the other liquid phases.

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Terrestrial Fate: Anionic surfactants are not appreciably sorbed by inorganic solids. Cationic surfactants are strongly sorbed by solids, particularly clays. Significant sorption of anionic and non-ionic surfactants has been observed in activated sludge and organic river sediments. Surfactants have been shown to improve water infiltration into soils with moderate to severe hydrophobic or water-repellent properties.
Ecotoxicity: Some surfactants are known to be toxic to animals, ecosystems and humans, and can increase the diffusion of other environmental contaminants. The acute aquatic toxicity generally is considered to be related to the effects of the surfactant properties on the organism and not to direct chemical toxicity. Surfactants should be considered to be toxic to aquatic species under conditions that allow contact of the chemicals with the organisms. Surfactants are expected to transfer slowly from water into the flesh of fish. During this process, readily biodegradable surfactants are expected to be metabolized rapidly during the process of bioaccumulation. Surfactants are not to be considered to show bioaccumulation potential if they are readily biodegradable.
For linear alkylbenzene sulfonic acids (LABS) (and their salts):
Environmental fate:
LABS are generally highly water soluble (miscible) and have a relatively low Kow. The environmental fate data indicate that these chemicals are highly susceptible to photo-and biodegradation.
LABS are strong acids (pKa <1) that are completely ionised in aqueous solutions. The chemical species present in aqueous solutions at neutral (physiological) pH is the linear alkylbenzene sulfonate (the LAS ion) (C10-14 linear alkyl benzene-SO3-), the identical species present in solutions of LAS, where the counter ion (typically sodium, calcium or ammonium) will disassociate to form the LAS anion. Thus, the physical-chemical, environmental fate, ecotoxicity and toxicity properties of the LABS and LAS would be expected to be similar. It should be noted that the LABS are liquids and LAS is a solid at room temperature. However, in water the difference between the LAB sulfonic acids and LAS disappears as dissociation results in the same ion in solution. Therefore, parameters such as Kow, water solubility and pH/pKa are appropriate to compare. The octanol-water partition coefficients are around 2 (log Kow) for all of the chemicals in this category
LABS are not expected to volatilise significantly. Fugacity modeling predicts that most of these chemicals will partition to the soil and water. Very little partitions to the air or sediment.
Photodegradation is estimated (using EPI Suite software) to be a significant mechanism for breakdown. Based on the model estimates, the hydroxyl radical reaction half-lives ranged from about 7 to 8.6 hours. Estimated data for LAS were similar. Furthermore, measured data for LAS suggest even more rapid photodegradation, with 95% of the material degraded within 20 minutes at 20 C in a laboratory study.
Experimental data data indicates that LAS is stable in water.
LABS are generally biodegradable. Measured biodegradation data indicate substantial microbial degradation under aerobic conditions. For dodecylbenzene sulfonic acid 69% of the material mineralised after 28 days. Biodegradation of the C10-16 derivatives and the LAS are also rapid, with 93% or greater of the material degrading within 28 or 37 days. In addition, studies show that straight chain alkylbenzene sulfonate materials readily degrade, with the shorter chain length compounds degrading more rapidly Thus, the data indicate that these chemicals are highly susceptible to degradation, both by photolytic and microbial mechanisms
The initial step in the biodegradation of LABS under aerobic conditions is an omega -oxidation of the terminal methyl group of the alkyl chain to form a carboxylic acid. Further degradation proceeds by a stepwise shortening of the alkyl chain by beta -oxidation leaving a short-chain sulfophenyl carboxylic acid. In the presence of molecular oxygen the aromatic ring structure hydrolyses to form a dihydroxy-benzene structure which is opened before desulfonation of the formed sulfonated dicarboxylic acid. The final degradation steps have not been investigated in details but are likely to occur by general bacterial metabolic routes involving a total mineralisation and assimilation into biomass . Both the initial omega -oxidation and the hydroxylation of the ring structure of LAS require molecular oxygen, and they are not expected to take place under anoxic conditions.
The BioConcentration Factor (BCF) tends to increase with increasing alkyl chain length but also the position of the aryl sulfonate moiety was important. A higher BCF was seen for linear alkyl benzenesulfonate isomers with the aryl sulfonate attached. Available data indicate that LABS have low to moderate bioaccumulation potential, with a bioconcentration factor for dodecyl benzene sulfonic acid of 130. LAS has bioconcentration factors that range from 22 to 87.
Ecotoxicity:
Numerous studies have been performed to determine the effects of LABS towards aquatic organisms. The aquatic effect concentrations that were observed in these studies are highly variable. This variation is partly related to the testing of different isomers and homologues, but it may also be due to the specific test conditions and species. The length of the alkyl chain is an important factor determining the aquatic toxicity. In general, the homologues with the highest number of carbons in the alkyl chain are more toxic than are those with shorter alkyl chains. Today, commercial LABS have a homologue distribution between C10 and C13 with a typical average alkyl chain length of C11.6.
The widest range in the toxicity of LABS towards species belonging to the same group is found for algae Approximately 90% of the data found in the literature fall between 0.1 and 100 mg/l. Typical ranges of EC50 values are 1 to 100 mg/l for fresh water species and < 1 to 10 mg/l for marine species. Typical values lie between 29 and 170 mg/l
A very low EC100 value of 0.025 mg/l was determined for Gymnodium breve. Previous studies in which Gymnodium breve was exposed with AES confirm that this species is highly sensitive to surfactants, and occasionally available data for Gymnodium breve should therefore not be used for comparison of the aquatic toxicity between various surfactants.
LC50 values have been found in the range of 1 to 10 mg/l when Daphnia magna were exposed with LABS homologues between C10 and C13. The acute toxicity of LABS to Daphnia magna generally increases with increasing alkyl chain length. Typical values lie between 3 and 12 mg/l.
A study with the marine crustacean Acartia tonsa indicated that a C10-13 LAS affected the survival at 0.54 mg/l (LC50) and the development rate at 0.51 mg/l (EC50) after 8 days of exposure. The 48 h-LC50 that was obtained in the same study with Acartia tonsa was 2.1 mg/l.
Metabolites from biotransformation of LABS are reported to have a much lower toxicity to invertebrates compared to the toxicity of the intact surfactant.
The toxicity of LABS to fish generally increases with increasing alkyl chain length, and approximately a 10-fold difference in toxicity between homologues separated by two carbon atoms has been observed. As also noted for invertebrates, fish are less susceptible to metabolites from biotransformation of LABS . LC50 values below 1 mg/l were found for C11.9 (0.71 mg/l), C13 and C14 (both 0.4 mg/l) in studies with fathead minnow.
LABS sorb to sediment with partition coefficients of 50 to 1,000. The toxicity of LABS bound to sediment is relatively low compared to LABS in solution. NOEC and LOEC values were as high as 319 and 993 mg LABS/kg, respectively, for the sediment-living Chironomus riparius. The corresponding NOEC for LABS in solution was as low as 2.4 mg/l indicating that only a small fraction of the sorbed LABS was bioavailable. LABS dissolved in water may also cause chronic effects like reduction of the growth rate of the marine mussel Mytilus galloprovincialis. LABS sorbed to sediments did not have similar effects.
Environmental and Health Assessment of Substances in Household Detergents and Cosmetic Detergent Products, Environment Project, 615, 2001. Torben Madsen et al: Miljoministeriet (Danish Environmental Protection Agency)Assessment Plan for the Linear Alkylbenzene (LAB) Sulfonic Acids Category in Accordance with the USEPA High Production Volume Chemical Challenge Program: The LAB Sulfonic Acids Coalition
for arylsulfonates and their alkyl-substituted derivatives:
Environmental fate:
No hydrolysable groups are present in benzenesulfonic acid or p-toluenesulfonic acid. Distribution in the environment was calculated at Mackay Level III. If the sulfonic acids are released to the environment it will be to the water compartment both substances were found to stay in the water compartment:
Monitoring benzenesufonates and naphthalenesulfonates in sewage treatment plants confirmed substantial removal of monosulfonated compounds was obtained at the biological stage. However the most polar compound,s such as naphthalenedisulfonates, were not removed effectively using biological treatment. Sulfonated organic pollutants enter sewage treatment plants and although they are partly discharged no toxic effects, in the environment, have been identified
Alonso et al: Environmental Pollution Vol 137, 2005, pp 253-263
Linear alkylbenzene sulfonates (LABS) are generally biodegradable. Benzenesulfonic acid is reported to be biodegradable under aerobic conditions with adapted sludge, soil microorganisms or following MITI guidelines. The surrogate chemical p-toluenesulfonic acid was found to biodegrade for more than 90% in 5 days in two aerobic tests.. In a study with adapted sludge (to each substance itself) both substances were degraded at the same rate (98.5% and 98.7% for benzene- and p-toluenesulfonic acid, respectively
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Environmental and Health Assessment of Substances in Household Detergents and Cosmetic Detergent Products, Environment Project, 615, 2001. Torben Madsen et al: Miljoministeriet (Danish Environmental Protection Agency)
Although only a low ecotoxicological risk is attributed to naphthalenesulfonates and their formaldehyde condensates, they are relevant water pollutants..
Naphthalenesulfonates are strong acids (pKa-values < 1) and exhibit low octanol-water partition constants (log Kow = -0.94). Thus, they are very highly soluble in water. Most naphthalenesulfonates, e.g. disulfonated naphthalenes, are only slowly biodegradable. Due to these properties they are expected to be highly mobile and persistent in the aquatic environment. Although the toxicity of naphthalenesulfonates is low (typically, fish toxicity LC50 = 100 - 500 mg/L), they may have some potential environmental impacts.

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Due to their amphiphilic character, naphthalenesulfonates may act as remobilising agents for nonpolar organic contaminants and in addition, unwanted disinfection-products could be formed during drinking water treatment.
Several publications report on the biodegradation of monomeric naphthalenesulfonates Generally, the degradation pathway starts with desulfonation followed by ring cleavage. Disulfonated naphthalenes are less biodegradable than monosulfonated analogues.
It was shown that only the monomeric naphthalenesulfonates and their condensates, up to the tetramer, leach in substantial amounts to groundwaters. Biological transformation in the water seems to be an important mechanism in their fate. Lag and degradation phases for several naphthalenesulfonates were 0 to 96 d and 3 to 143 d, respectively. Naphthalene-1,5-disulfonate and the oligomeric components were neither degraded in water nor in the laboratory experiments within an observation time of up to 195 d. This clearly indicates their persistence in subsurface waters.
Ref: Environmental Exposure Assessment of Sulfonated Naphthalene Formaldehyde Condensates and Sulfonated Naphthalenes Applied as Concrete Superplasticizers: PhD Dissertation Sabine Ruckstahl 2001
Ecotoxicity:
Calculation of the relevant endpoints with the ECOSAR model confirms that benzenesulfonic acid and p-toluenesulfonic acid are not toxic for aquatic species
DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
bensulfuron methyl	HIGH	HIGH

Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
bensulfuron methyl	LOW (LogKOW = 2.4)

Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
bensulfuron methyl	LOW (Log KOC = 306.8)

SECTION 13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal	▸ Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty. ▸ Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible. Otherwise: ▸ If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill. ▸ Where possible retain label warnings and SDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product. Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked. A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate: ▸ Reduction ▸ Reuse ▸ Recycling ▸ Disposal (if all else fails) This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate. In most instances the supplier of the material should be consulted. ▸ **DO NOT** allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains. ▸ It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal. ▸ In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first. ▸ Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.

SECTION 14 Transport information

Labels Required

	
Marine Pollutant	
HAZCHEM	•3Z

Land transport (ADG)

14.1.	**UN number or ID number**	3082
14.2.	**UN proper shipping name**	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (contains bensulfuron methyl)
14.3.	**Transport hazard class(es)**	Class: 9 Subsidiary Hazard: Not Applicable
14.4.	**Packing group**	III

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14.5. **Environmental hazard**	Environmentally hazardous
14.6. **Special precautions for user**	Special provisions: 274 331 335 375 AU01 Limited quantity: 5 L

Environmentally Hazardous Substances meeting the descriptions of UN 3077 or UN 3082 are not subject to this Code when transported by road or rail in;
(a) packagings;
(b) IBCs; or
(c) any other receptacle not exceeding 500 kg(L).
- Australian Special Provisions (SP AU01) - ADG Code 7th Ed.

Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

14.1. **UN number**	3082
14.2. **UN proper shipping name**	Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s. (contains bensulfuron methyl)
14.3. **Transport hazard class(es)**	ICAO/IATA Class: 9 ICAO / IATA Subsidiary Hazard: Not Applicable ERG Code: 9L
14.4. **Packing group**	III
14.5. **Environmental hazard**	Environmentally hazardous
14.6. **Special precautions for user**	Special provisions: A97 A158 A197 A215 Cargo Only Packing Instructions: 964 Cargo Only Maximum Qty / Pack: 450 L Passenger and Cargo Packing Instructions: 964 Passenger and Cargo Maximum Qty / Pack: 450 L Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions: Y964 Passenger and Cargo Limited Maximum Qty / Pack: 30 kg G

Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

14.1. **UN number**	3082
14.2. **UN proper shipping name**	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (contains bensulfuron methyl)
14.3. **Transport hazard class(es)**	IMDG Class: 9 IMDG Subsidiary Hazard: Not Applicable
14.4. **Packing group**	III
14.5 **Environmental hazard**	Marine Pollutant
14.6. **Special precautions for user**	EMS Number: F-A, S-F Special provisions: 274 335 375 969 Limited Quantities: 5 L

14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

14.7.1. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code

Not Applicable

14.7.2. Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code

Product name	Group
bensulfuron methyl	Not Applicable

14.7.3. Transport in bulk in accordance with the IGC Code

Product name	Ship Type
bensulfuron methyl	Not Applicable

SECTION 15 Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture

bensulfuron methyl is found on the following regulatory lists

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals

Additional Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

National Inventory Status

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National Inventory	Status
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	No (bensulfuron methyl)
Canada - DSL	No (bensulfuron methyl)
Canada - NDSL	No (bensulfuron methyl)
China - IECSC	Yes
Colombia - Colombia National Industrial Chemicals Inventory	No (bensulfuron methyl)
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes
Japan - ENCS	No (bensulfuron methyl)
Korea - KECI	Yes
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes
Philippines - PICCS	No (bensulfuron methyl)
USA - TSCA	No (bensulfuron methyl)
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes
Mexico - INSQ	No (bensulfuron methyl)
Vietnam - NCI	Yes
Russia - FBEPH	No (bensulfuron methyl)
UAE - Control List (Banned/Restricted Substances)	No (bensulfuron methyl)
Legend:	***Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory*** ***No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.***

SECTION 16 Other information

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Other information

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

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Definitions and abbreviations

- PC—TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average
- PC—STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit
- IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
- ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
- STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit
- TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit。
- IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations
- ES: Exposure Standard
- OSF: Odour Safety Factor
- NOAEL: No Observed Adverse Effect Level
- LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
- TLV: Threshold Limit Value
- LOD: Limit Of Detection
- OTV: Odour Threshold Value
- BCF: BioConcentration Factors
- BEI: Biological Exposure Index
- DNEL: Derived No-Effect Level
- PNEC: Predicted no-effect concentration
- MARPOL: International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
- IMSBC: International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code
- IGC: International Gas Carrier Code
- IBC: International Bulk Chemical Code

- AIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals
- DSL: Domestic Substances List
- NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List
- IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China
- EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances
- ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances
- NLP: No-Longer Polymers
- ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory
- KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory
- NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
- PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances
- TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act
- TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory
- INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas
- NCI: National Chemical Inventory
- FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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