
1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

1.1 Product identifier

Product name METEX NITRA ADD 3645
Synonyms NITRA ADD 3645

1.2 Uses and uses advised against

Uses INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS • SPECIALTY CHEMICAL • SURFACE FINISHING

1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

Supplier name DUBOIS CHEMICALS AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED
Address 305 Frankston Dandenong Rd, Dandenong South, VIC, 3175, AUSTRALIA
Telephone (03) 9768 3860
Email sales@duboischchemicals.com.au
Website <http://duboischchemicals.com.au/>

1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

Emergency 13 11 26 (Poisons Information Centre)

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

Physical Hazards

Oxidizing Solids: Category 3

Health Hazards

Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 2
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation: Category 2A

Environmental Hazards

Aquatic Toxicity (Acute): Category 3
Aquatic Toxicity (Chronic): Category 2

2.2 GHS Label elements

Signal word WARNING

Pictograms

**Hazard statements**

H272 May intensify fire; oxidiser.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.
H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

PRODUCT NAME METEX NITRA ADD 3645**Prevention statements**

| | |
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| P210 | Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. |
| P220 | Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials. |
| P264 | Wash thoroughly after handling. |
| P273 | Avoid release to the environment. |
| P280 | Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection. |

Response statements

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| P302 + P352 | IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. |
| P305 + P351 + P338 | IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. |
| P321 | Specific treatment is advised - see first aid instructions. |
| P332 + P337 + P313 | If skin or eye irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention. |
| P362 + P364 | Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. |
| P370 + P378 | In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish. |
| P391 | Collect spillage. |

Storage statements

None allocated.

Disposal statements

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| P501 | Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations. |
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2.3 Other hazards

No information provided.

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances / Mixtures

| Ingredient | CAS Number | EC Number | Content |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| SODIUM NITRATE | 7631-99-4 | 231-554-3 | 70% |
| COPPER (II) SULPHATE | 7758-98-7 | 231-847-6 | 10% |

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

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| Eye | If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes. |
| Inhalation | If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. |
| Skin | If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor. |
| Ingestion | For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. |
| First aid facilities | Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available. |

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Over exposure may result in methaemoglobinemia, where the blood's oxygen-carrying capacity is reduced.

4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Absorption of this product into the body will cause methaemoglobinemia, which at high levels will cause cyanosis (i.e. blue-greyish discolouration of the skin), as the oxidised haemoglobin is incapable of transporting oxygen around the body. Treat by oxygen inhalation and rest. Cleanse entire body of contamination, including scalp and nails. If breathing has stopped apply artificial respiration immediately. In the event of cardiac arrest, apply external cardiac massage.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Oxidising agent. Supports combustion and may cause fire/explosion in contact with incompatible substances, strong acids, reducing agents, combustibles and flammables. May evolve nitrogen oxides and sodium oxides when heated to decomposition.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Toxic gases may be evolved in a fire situation. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Wear full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when combating fire. Use waterfog to cool intact containers and nearby storage areas.

5.4 Hazchem code

1Z

1 Coarse Water Spray.

Z Wear full fire kit and breathing apparatus. Contain spill and run-off.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Contact emergency services where appropriate.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

6.3 Methods of cleaning up

Contain spillage, then cover / absorb spill with non-combustible absorbent material (vermiculite, sand, or similar), collect and place in suitable containers for disposal. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Only trained personnel should undertake clean up.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from incompatible substances and foodstuffs. Contamination with incompatibles may cause fire/explosions. Ensure packages are adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use.

7.3 Specific end uses

No information provided.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters**Exposure standards**

| Ingredient | Reference | TWA | | STEL | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------|------|-------------------|
| | | ppm | mg/m ³ | ppm | mg/m ³ |
| Copper (fume) | SWA [AUS] | -- | 0.2 | -- | -- |
| Copper (fume, dusts & mists) | SWA [Proposed] | -- | 0.01 | -- | -- |
| Copper, dusts and mists (as Cu) | SWA [AUS] | -- | 1 | -- | -- |

Biological limits

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering controls Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical explosion proof extraction ventilation is recommended.

PPE

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| Eye / Face | Wear a faceshield and dust-proof goggles. |
| Hands | Wear PVC or rubber gloves. |
| Body | Wear coveralls. |
| Respiratory | Where an inhalation risk exists, wear a Class P1 (Particulate) respirator. At high dust levels, wear a Full-face Class P3 (Particulate) respirator. |



9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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| Appearance | WHITE POWDER WITH BLUE SPECKS |
| Odour | ODOURLESS |
| Flammability | NON FLAMMABLE |
| Flash point | NOT RELEVANT |
| Boiling point | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Melting point | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Evaporation rate | NOT AVAILABLE |
| pH | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Vapour density | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Relative density | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Solubility (water) | SOLUBLE |
| Vapour pressure | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Upper explosion limit | NOT RELEVANT |
| Lower explosion limit | NOT RELEVANT |
| Partition coefficient | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Autoignition temperature | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Decomposition temperature | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Viscosity | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Explosive properties | NOT AVAILABLE |
| Oxidising properties | OXIDISING SOLID |
| Odour threshold | NOT AVAILABLE |

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Polymerization will not occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Incompatible with combustible materials, reducing agents (e.g. sulphites), acids (e.g. nitric acid), metals and some plastics and resins.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

May evolve nitrogen oxides and sodium oxides when heated to decomposition.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

PRODUCT NAME METEX NITRA ADD 3645**Acute toxicity** Ingestion may result in gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhoea.**Information available for the ingredients:**

| Ingredient | Oral LD50 | Dermal LD50 | Inhalation LC50 |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| SODIUM NITRATE | 3430 mg/kg (rat) | > 5000 mg/kg (rat) | -- |
| COPPER (II) SULPHATE | 482 mg/kg (rat) | > 2000 mg/kg (rat) | -- |

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Skin | Contact may result in irritation, redness, rash and dermatitis. |
| Eye | Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain and redness. |
| Sensitisation | Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation. |
| Mutagenicity | Not classified as a mutagen. |
| Carcinogenicity | Not classified as a carcinogen. |
| Reproductive | Not classified as a reproductive toxin. |
| STOT - single exposure | Over exposure may result in irritation of the nose and throat, coughing, weakness, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting and headache. High level exposure may result in dizziness, drowsiness, breathing difficulties and methaemoglobinaemia with cyanosis (i.e. blue/grey skin colour). |
| STOT - repeated exposure | Not classified as causing organ damage from repeated exposure. |
| Aspiration | Not classified as causing aspiration. |

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**12.1 Toxicity**

Harmful to aquatic life. Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

No information provided.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No information provided.

12.4 Mobility in soil

No information provided.

12.5 Other adverse effects

Nitrate ions can persist indefinitely in water and are nutrients with the potential to disturb the ecological balance if present at high levels (promotion of algal blooms etc).

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

Waste disposal Wearing personal protective equipment, cover with a WEAK reducing agent (e.g. sodium bisulphite, thiosulphate, or ferrous salt; but NOT sulphur, carbon or strong reducing agent). Mix well and spray with water. Add 3M sulphuric acid if sulphite or ferrous salt is used. Add to container of water and neutralise with soda ash. Collect and dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the manufacturer/supplier for additional information (if required).

Legislation Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE**

| | LAND TRANSPORT (ADG) | SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO) | AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 14.1 UN Number | 1498 | 1498 | 1498 |
| 14.2 Proper Shipping Name | SODIUM NITRATE | SODIUM NITRATE | SODIUM NITRATE |
| 14.3 Transport hazard class | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 14.4 Packing Group | III | III | III |

14.5 Environmental hazards

Marine Pollutant.

14.6 Special precautions for user

Hazchem code 1Z
 EmS F-A, S-Q

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

Poison schedule Classified as a Schedule 5 (S5) Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

Classifications Safe Work Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Revision 7).

Inventory listings **AUSTRALIA: AIIC (Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals)**
 All components are listed on AIIC, or are exempt.
EUROPE: EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances)
 All components are listed on EINECS, or are exempt.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional information

NITRATES AND NITRITES: The acute toxicity of nitrate occurs as a result of the reduction of nitrate to nitrite, a process which can occur under specific conditions in the stomach, upper gastrointestinal tract and in the saliva due to the presence of a nitrate reducing bacteria. Acute nitrate toxicity is seen more often in infants rather than adults due to the presence of bacteria and ease of oxidation of haemoglobin. Nitrites are of an additional concern as they are able to react with some amines to form potentially carcinogenic nitrosamines.

RESPIRATORS: In general the use of respirators should be limited and engineering controls employed to avoid exposure. If respiratory equipment must be worn ensure correct respirator selection and training is undertaken. Remember that some respirators may be extremely uncomfortable when used for long periods. The use of air powered or air supplied respirators should be considered where prolonged or repeated use is necessary.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

PRODUCT NAME METEX NITRA ADD 3645**Abbreviations**

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| ACGIH | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists |
| CAS # | Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds |
| CNS | Central Nervous System |
| EC No. | EC No - European Community Number |
| EMS | Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods) |
| GHS | Globally Harmonized System |
| GTEPG | Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide |
| IARC | International Agency for Research on Cancer |
| LC50 | Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration |
| LD50 | Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose |
| mg/m ³ | Milligrams per Cubic Metre |
| OEL | Occupational Exposure Limit |
| pH | relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline). |
| ppm | Parts Per Million |
| STEL | Short-Term Exposure Limit |
| STOT-RE | Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) |
| STOT-SE | Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) |
| SUSMP | Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons |
| SWA | Safe Work Australia |
| TLV | Threshold Limit Value |
| TWA | Time Weighted Average |

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