

**Section 1 - Identification of The Material and Supplier**

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**Chemical nature:** Emulsifiable concentrate containing MCPA as the 2-ethylhexyl ester  
**Trade Name:** **Sabakem MCPA LVE 570 Herbicide**  
**APVMA Code:** **87249**  
**Product Use:** Agricultural herbicide for use as described on the product label.  
**Creation Date:** **January, 2019**  
**This version issued:** **June, 2024** and is valid for 5 years from this date.  
**Emergency telephone:** **Poisons Information Centre 13 11 26 (24 hours)**

**Section 2 - Hazards Identification****Statement of Hazardous Nature**

This product is classified as hazardous according to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and Safe Work Australia criteria.

**ADG Classification:**

Not subject to the provisions of the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail when transported by road or rail in; packages 500kg(L) or less; or IBCs (refer to SP AU01). However, if transported by Air or Sea, this provision does not apply, and the product is classed as Dangerous (Class 9 Environmentally Hazardous) by IATA and IMDG respectively. See details below and in Section 14 of this SDS.

**Classification of the substance or mixture:**

**Acute Oral Toxicity Category 4**  
**Acute Dermal Toxicity Category 4**  
**Acute Inhalation Toxicity Category 4**  
**Eye Irritation Category 2A**



The following health hazard categories fall outside the scope of the Workplace Health and Safety Regulations

**Acute Aquatic Toxicity Category 1**  
**Chronic Aquatic Toxicity Category 1**

**GHS Signal word: WARNING****HAZARD STATEMENT(S):**

H302: Harmful if swallowed.  
H312: Harmful in contact with skin.

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H319: Causes serious eye irritation.  
H332: Harmful if inhaled.  
H400: Very toxic to aquatic life.  
H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

## PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENT(S):

### PREVENTION

P261: Avoid breathing fumes, mists, vapours or spray.  
P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling.  
P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P271: Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P273: Avoid release to the environment.  
P280: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye or face protection.

### RESPONSE

P301 + P312: IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor if you feel unwell.  
P302 + P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P304 + P340: IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
P305 + P351 + P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P312: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor if you feel unwell.  
P321: Specific treatment (see the label).  
P330: Rinse mouth.  
P362 + P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.  
P337 + P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice.  
P391: Collect spillage.

### DISPOSAL

P501: Dispose of contents and containers as specified on the registered label.

## Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc. (% w/v)
MCPA (as 2-ethylhexyl ester)	29450-45-1	57.0
Other components are not considered hazardous in this formulation and therefore are not required to be disclosed according to the WHS Regulations.		

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

### General Information:

You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this SDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** If symptoms of poisoning become evident, contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call a doctor at once. Remove source of contamination or move victim to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, oxygen may be beneficial if administered by trained personnel, preferably on a doctor's advice. DO NOT allow victim to move about unnecessarily. Symptoms of pulmonary oedema can be delayed up to 48 hours after exposure.

**Skin Contact:** Wash gently and thoroughly with warm water (use non-abrasive soap if necessary) for 10-20 minutes or until product is removed. Under running water, remove contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g. watchbands and belts) and completely decontaminate them before reuse or discard. If irritation persists, repeat flushing and seek medical attention.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 15 minutes or until the product is removed, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face. Obtain medical attention immediately. Take special care if exposed person is wearing contact lenses.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth with water and contact a Poisons Information Centre or call a doctor.

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**Major Health Hazards:** Symptoms in humans from very high acute exposure could include slurred speech, twitching, jerking and spasms, drooling, low blood pressure, and unconsciousness. May cause serious damage to eyes, harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin, and if swallowed, skin irritant.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** The major hazard in fires is usually inhalation of heated and toxic or oxygen deficient (or both), fire gases. There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire. Fire decomposition products from this product may be toxic if inhaled. Take appropriate protective measures.

Flammability Class: C2 combustible product.

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** In case of fire, use carbon dioxide, dry chemical or foam.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire Fighters:** When fighting a major fire wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective equipment.

**Hazchem Code:** •3Z (bulk transport only)

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Environmental precautions:** In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses with absorbent material. Because of the environmentally hazardous nature of this product, special care should be taken to restrict release to waterways or drains.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up: Spills & Disposal:** Stop leak if safe to do so and contain spill. Absorb onto sand, vermiculite or other suitable absorbent material. If spill is too large or if absorbent material is not available, try to create a dike to stop material spreading or going into drains or waterways. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage and dispose of promptly. Recycle containers wherever possible after careful cleaning. Refer to product label for specific instructions. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. Full details regarding disposal of used containers, spillage and unused material may be found on the label. If there is any conflict between this SDS and the label, instructions on the label prevail. Ensure legality of disposal by consulting regulations prior to disposal.

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:** Wear full protective chemically resistant clothing including eye/face protection, gauntlets and self-contained breathing apparatus. Suitable materials for protective clothing include PVC, Nitrile. Use impermeable gloves with care. Eye/face protective equipment should comprise, as a minimum, protective goggles. Do not breathe vapours. Ensure adequate ventilation. Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product however, if there is a significant chance that vapours or mists are likely to build up in the cleanup area, we recommend that you use a suitable respirator. Refer to section 8 of this SDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Advise laundry of nature of contamination when sending contaminated clothing to laundry.

Evacuate all non-essential personnel from affected area. Extinguish all sources of ignition. Avoid sparks and open flames. No smoking. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** Keep exposure to this product to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. Check Section 8 of this SDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. The measures detailed below under "Storage" should be followed during handling in order to minimise risks to persons using the product in the workplace. Also, avoid contact or contamination of product with incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** This product is combustible and therefore may require specific storage requirements in some states. If you store large quantities (tonnes) of such products, we suggest that you consult your state authority in order to clarify your obligations regarding their storage.

This Product is a Scheduled Poison. Observe all relevant regulations regarding sale, transport and storage of this schedule of poison. Protect this product from light. Store in the closed original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. Some liquid preparations settle or separate on standing and may require stirring before use. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

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## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Exposure Standards:** Exposure limits have not been established by SWA for any of the significant ingredients in this product.

**Engineering Controls:** Ensure adequate ventilation of the working area.

**Respiratory Protection:** Ensure the work environment remains clean and that vapours and mists are minimised. If ventilation is inadequate, suitable respiratory protection should be worn, consult AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716 for further information.

**Eye and Face Protection:** Eye protection such as protective glasses or goggles must be worn when this product is being used. See Australian/New Zealand Standard Industrial Eye Protection: AS1336 and AS/NZS 1337 for more information. Failure to protect your eyes may cause them harm. Emergency eye wash facilities should be provided in an area close to where this product is being used.

**Skin Protection:** Make sure that all skin areas are covered. Prevent skin contact by wearing impervious gloves, clothes and, preferably, apron. PVC or rubber gloves. See Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2161 for more information. When selecting gloves for use against certain chemicals, the degradation resistance, permeation rate and permeation breakthrough time should be considered. Occupational protective clothing (depending on conditions in which it has to be used, in particular as regards the period for which it is worn, which shall be determined on the basis of the seriousness of the risk, the frequency of exposure to the risk, the characteristics of the workstation of each worker and the performance of the protective clothing). See Australian/New Zealand Standard Occupational Protective Clothing: AS/NZS 4501 and Occupational Protective Footwear: AS/NZS2210 for more information.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>Physical Description &amp; colour:</b>	Liquid, no data regarding colour.
<b>Odour:</b>	No data.
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	Not available.
<b>Flash Point:</b>	107°C
<b>Freezing/Melting Point:</b>	No specific data. Liquid at normal temperatures.
<b>Volatiles:</b>	No data.
<b>Vapour Pressure:</b>	No data.
<b>Vapour Density:</b>	No data.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	No data.
<b>Water Solubility:</b>	No data.
<b>pH:</b>	No data.
<b>Volatility:</b>	No data.
<b>Odour Threshold:</b>	No data.
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	No data.
<b>Coeff Oil/water Distribution:</b>	No data
<b>Autoignition temp:</b>	No data.

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions. However, if you have any doubts, contact the supplier for advice on shelf-life properties. This product will not undergo polymerisation reactions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Protect this product from light. Store in the closed original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight.

**Incompatibilities:** Strong acids, strong bases, strong oxidising agents.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Combustion forms carbon dioxide, and if incomplete, carbon monoxide and possibly smoke. Water is also formed. May form nitrogen and its compounds, and under some circumstances,

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oxides of nitrogen. Occasionally hydrogen cyanide gas in reducing atmospheres. Carbon monoxide poisoning produces headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, dimness of vision, disturbance of judgment, and unconsciousness followed by coma and death.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**Acute Toxicity:** Product causes acute toxicity via oral, dermal and inhalation route. Product is harmful if swallowed, inhaled or if in contact with skin.

Following is the acute toxicity data available for the active constituent MCPA:

Acute oral toxicity - LD50 (Rat): 700-1160 mg/kg; LD50 (Mice): 550-800 mg/kg

Acute dermal toxicity - LD50 (Rat) > 1000 mg/kg; LD50 (Rabbit) > 4000 mg/kg

Acute inhalation toxicity - LC50 (Rat) (4hr) > 5.05 mg/L

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

Product may cause skin irritation. Symptoms may include itchiness and reddening of contacted skin. Other symptoms may also become evident, but all should disappear once exposure has ceased.

**Serious Eye Damage/Irritation:** Product may cause serious eye irritation. Symptoms may include stinging and reddening of eyes and watering which may become copious. Other symptoms such as swelling of eyelids and blurred vision may also become evident. If exposure is brief, symptoms should disappear once exposure has ceased. However, lengthy exposure or delayed treatment is likely to cause permanent damage.

**Respiratory or Skin Sensitisation:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

MCPA is reportedly weakly mutagenic to bone marrow and ovarian cells of hamsters, but negative results were reported for other mutagenic tests. It appears that the compound poses little or no mutagenic risk.

**Carcinogenicity:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by IARC.

All of the available evidence on MCPA indicates that the compound does not cause cancer. Forestry and agricultural workers occupationally exposed to MCPA in Sweden did not show increased cancer incidence.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

A two-generation rat study at doses of up to 15 mg/kg/day affected reproductive function. It is unlikely that humans will experience these effects under normal exposure conditions.

Teratogenic Effects: Offspring of pregnant rats fed low to moderate doses of MCPA (20 to 125 mg/kg) on days 6 to 15 of gestation, had no birth defects. Teratogenic effects in humans are unlikely at expected exposure levels.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT)—single exposure:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT)—repeated exposure:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

**Chronic Health Effects:** Dietary levels of approximately 50 mg/kg/day and 125 mg/kg/day over 7 months caused reduced feeding rates and retarded growth rates in rats. White blood cell counts and ratios were not affected, but some reductions in red blood cell counts and haemoglobin did appear to be associated with exposure to MCPA at oral dose levels of approximately 20 mg/kg/day. In the same study, oral doses of approximately 5 mg/kg/day caused increased relative kidney weights, and oral doses of approximately 20 mg/kg/day caused increased relative liver weights. Another study in rats showed no effects on kidney or liver weights over an unspecified period at oral doses of 60 mg/kg/day, but oral doses of 150 mg/kg/day did cause reversible increases in these weights over a course of 3 months. Very high dermal doses of 500 mg/kg/day caused reduced body weight, and even higher dermal doses of 1000 and 2000 mg/kg/day resulted in increased mortality and observable changes in liver, kidney, spleen, and thymus tissue.

### Additional toxicological information:

The ADI for MCPA (as 2-ethylhexyl ester) is set at 0.01mg/kg/day & the corresponding NOEL is set at 1.1mg/kg/day (Data from Australian ADI List, March 2017).

ADI means Acceptable Daily Intake; NOEL means No-observable-effect-level.

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**Inhalation:** Available data shows that this product is harmful, but symptoms are not available. In addition, product may be mildly irritating, although unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**Ingestion:** Significant oral exposure is unlikely. Available data shows that this product is harmful, but symptoms are not available. However, this product may be irritating to mucous membranes but is unlikely to cause anything more than transient discomfort.

**Organ toxicity:** Target organs identified in animal studies include the liver, kidneys, spleen and thymus. Farm worker exposure has resulted in reversible anaemia, muscular weakness, digestive problems, and slight liver damage.

**Fate in humans and animals:** MCPA is rapidly absorbed and eliminated from mammalian systems. Rats eliminated nearly all of a single oral dose within 24 hours, mostly through urine with little or no metabolism. Humans excreted about half of a 5 mg dose in the urine within a few days. No residues were found after day 5.

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects. Avoid contaminating waterways.

Toxicity data on MCPA is available:

Acute Toxicity LC50 (Rainbow trout): 117 to 232 mg/L, 96 hr

Acute Toxicity LD50 (Bobwhite quail): 377 mg/kg

Acute Toxicity LD50 (Bee): 104µg/bee

**Effects on aquatic organisms:** MCPA is only slightly toxic to freshwater fish. MCPA is practically nontoxic to freshwater invertebrates, and estuarine and marine organisms.

**Effects on birds:** MCPA is moderately toxic to wildfowl.

**Effects on other organisms:** It is nontoxic to bees.

**Persistence and Degradability:** Product is biodegradable.

**Breakdown in soil and groundwater:** MCPA and its formulations are rapidly degraded by soil microorganisms, and it has low persistence, with a reported field half-life of 14 days to 1 month, depending on soil moisture and soil organic matter. MCPA and its formulations show little affinity for soil.

**Breakdown in water:** It is relatively stable to light breakdown but can be rapidly broken down by microorganisms. In rice paddy water, MCPA is almost totally degraded by aquatic microorganisms in under 2 weeks.

**Breakdown in vegetation:** MCPA is readily absorbed and translocated in most plants. It is actively broken down in plants, the major metabolite being 2-methyl-4-chlorophenol.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No Data.

**Mobility in Soil:** Half-life in soils is 14 days to 1 month depending on soil moisture and soil organic matter.

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

**Disposal:** Special help is available for the disposal of Agricultural Chemicals. The product label will give general advice regarding disposal of small quantities, and how to cleanse containers. However, for help with the collection of unwanted rural chemicals, contact ChemClear 1800 008 182 <http://www.chemclear.com.au/> and for help with the disposal of empty drums, contact DrumMuster <http://www.drummuster.com.au/> where you will find contact details for your area.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

### Road and Rail Transport

Australian Special Provisions; AU01: Environmentally Hazardous Substances meeting the description of UN 3077 or UN 3082 are not subject to this Code when transported by road or rail in;

- (a) packaging's that do not incorporate a receptacle exceeding 500 Kg (L); or
- (b) IBCs.

### Marine Transport:

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; DANGEROUS GOODS.

UN Number:	3082
Proper Shipping Name	or ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S (CONTAINS MCPA
Technical Name:	as 2-ethylhexyl ester)
Transport Hazard Class:	9
Packaging Group	III

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IMDG EMS Fire:	F - A
IMDG EMS Spill:	S - F
Environmental hazards:	Yes.
Additional Information:	The marine pollutant mark is not required when transported in sizes of $\leq$ 5 L or $\leq$ 5 kg.

**Air Transport:**

IATA provision SP A197: Environmentally Hazardous Substances meeting the description of UN 3077 or UN 3082 are not subject to this Code when transported air in; packages that have inner packages (plastic bottles, glass bottles, plastic bags) of 5 L for UN3082 and 5 kg for UN3077 or less.

**Section 15 - Regulatory Information****APVMA Approval no.:** 87249**Poison schedule (SUSMP):** Schedule 6

**AICIS:** All the constituents of this material are either listed on the Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC), not required due the nature of the chemical as they are excluded as an industrial chemical or have been assessed under the Industrial Chemicals Act 1989 as amended.

**Section 16 - Other Information**

This SDS contains only safety-related information. For other data see product literature.

**Issue Date:** June 2024**Reason(s) for issue:** Five-year update and updated to latest GHS requirements.**Key abbreviations or acronyms:**

ADG Code - Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (7th edition)

AICIS – Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (formerly NICNAS)

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

APVMA – Agricultural Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Australia

CAS number - Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number

GHS - Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (7th revised edition) 2017

Hazchem Code - Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services especially firefighters.

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Chemicals Code of Practice (June 2023)

STEL - Short term exposure limit means the average airborne concentration of a substance calculated over a 15-minute period. The STEL should not be exceeded at any time during a normal eight hour working day.

SUSMP - Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines &amp; Poisons

SWA - Safe Work Australia, formerly ASCC and NOHSC

TGA – Therapeutic Goods Australia

TWA - Time-weighted average means the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

UN Number - United Nations Number

WHS – Workplace Health and Safety

THIS SDS SUMMARISES OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD STATEMENT: INFORMATION OF THE PRODUCT AND HOW TO SAFELY HANDLE AND USE THE PRODUCT IN THE WORKPLACE. EACH USER MUST REVIEW THIS SDS IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THE PRODUCT WILL BE HANDLED AND USED IN THE WORKPLACE.

IF CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE RISK ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE, THE USER SHOULD CONTACT THIS COMPANY SO WE CAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OUR SUPPLIERS. OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IS SUBJECT TO OUR STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, A COPY OF WHICH IS SENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Please read all labels carefully before using product.

This SDS is prepared in accord with the SWA document "Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Chemicals - Code of Practice" ((June 2023) and GHS Revision 7

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