



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## MCPA 250 SELECTIVE HERBICIDE

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### Section 1 - Identification

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**Product Identifier**

MCPA 250 SELECTIVE HERBICIDE

**Product Code**

0596

**Product Type**

Group I Herbicide

**Company Name**

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**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use**

For the control of broadleaf weeds in situations listed in the Directions for Use table on the label.

### Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

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**GHS classification of the substance/mixture**

Classified as Hazardous according to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and labelling of Chemicals (GHS) including Work, Health and Safety regulations, Australia.

Complies with the requirements of Special Provision AU01 and therefore exempted from being classified as Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. (7th edition)

Classified as Dangerous Goods according to International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG) and International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Skin corrosion/irritation: Category 2

Eye damage/irritation: Category 1

Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment - Acute Hazard: Category 2

Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment - Long-Term Hazard: Category 2

**Signal Word (s)**

DANGER

**Hazard Statement (s)**

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H318 Causes serious eye damage.

H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Pictogram (s)**

Corrosion, Environment

**Precautionary Statement–Prevention**

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Precautionary Statement–Response**

P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.

P362+P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

P332+P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

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.

P391 Collect spillage.

**Precautionary Statement–Disposal**

P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients****Ingredients**

Name	CAS	Proportion
MCPA (ISO)	94-74-6	250 g/L
Ingredients determined not to be hazardous		Balance

**Information on Composition**

MCPA is present as the sodium and potassium salts.

**Section 4 - First Aid Measures****Inhalation**

If inhaled, remove affected person from contaminated area. Keep at rest until recovered. If symptoms develop and/or persist seek medical attention.

**Ingestion**

Do not induce vomiting. Wash out mouth thoroughly with water. Seek medical attention.

**Skin**

Remove all contaminated clothing immediately. Wash affected area thoroughly with soap and water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse or discard. Seek medical attention.

**Eye**

If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eyes continuously with running water. Remove contact lenses. Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.

**First Aid Facilities**

Eyewash, safety shower and normal washroom facilities.

**Advice to Doctor**

Treat symptomatically.

**Other Information**

For advice in an emergency, contact a Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 131 126) or a doctor at once.

## Section 5 - Firefighting Measures

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### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Use appropriate fire extinguisher for surrounding environment.

### Hazards from Combustion Products

Under fire conditions this product may emit toxic and/or irritating fumes and gases including: hydrogen chloride or phosgene.

### Specific hazards arising from the chemical

This product is non combustible. However, following evaporation of aqueous component under fire conditions, the non-aqueous component may decompose and/or burn.

### Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

Fire fighters should wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) operated in positive pressure mode. Fight fire from safe location.

### Hazchem Code

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### Decomposition Temperature

Not available

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

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### Emergency Procedures

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment and clothing to prevent exposure. Increase ventilation. If possible contain the spill. Place inert absorbent material onto spillage. Collect the material and place into a suitable labelled container. Do not dilute material but contain. Dispose of waste according to the applicable local and national regulations. If contamination of sewers or waterways occurs inform the local water and waste management authorities in accordance with local regulations.

### Environmental Precautions

This product is a herbicide and spills can damage crops, pastures and desirable vegetation.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

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### Precautions for Safe Handling

Avoid inhalation of vapours and mists, and skin or eye contact. Use only in a well ventilated area. Keep containers sealed when not in use. Prevent the build up of mists or vapours in the work atmosphere. Maintain high standards of personal hygiene i.e. Washing hands prior to eating, drinking, smoking or using toilet facilities.

Do not use on or in situations where damage to susceptible crops or plants such as cotton, tobacco, tomatoes, flowers, vines, fruit trees or other susceptible crop plants may result from direct application or drift.

Always read the label and any attached leaflet before use.

Sprayed weeds may become more palatable to stock and a higher intake of some weeds may result in stock poisoning and death from causes such as nitrate poisoning. Care should be taken especially where capeweed, Paterson's curse and variegated thistles predominate in the pasture.

See label for detailed information on cleaning of spray equipment.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, out of direct sunlight. Store in suitable, labelled containers. Keep containers tightly closed. Store away from incompatible materials. Ensure that storage conditions comply with applicable local and national regulations.

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

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### Occupational exposure limit values

No exposure standards have been established for the mixture. However, over-exposure to some chemicals may result in enhancement of pre-existing adverse medical conditions and/or allergic reactions and should be kept to the least possible levels.

### Biological Monitoring

No biological limits allocated.

### Control Banding

Not available

**Engineering Controls**

This substance is hazardous and should be used with a local exhaust ventilation system, drawing vapours away from workers' breathing zone. If the engineering controls are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of vapours/mists below the exposure standards, suitable respiratory protection must be worn.

**Respiratory Protection**

If engineering controls are not effective in controlling airborne exposure then an approved respirator with a replaceable vapor/mist filter should be used. Refer to relevant regulations for further information concerning respiratory protective requirements.

Reference should be made to Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715, Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices; and AS/NZS 1716, Respiratory Protective Devices, in order to make any necessary changes for individual circumstances.

**Eye and Face Protection**

Safety glasses with full face shield should be used. Eye protection devices should conform to relevant regulations.

Eye protection should conform with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 (series) - Eye Protectors for Industrial Applications.

**Hand Protection**

Wear gloves of impervious material such as rubber. Final choice of appropriate gloves will vary according to individual circumstances. i.e. methods of handling or according to risk assessments undertaken. Occupational protective gloves should conform to relevant regulations.

Reference should be made to AS/NZS 2161.1: Occupational protective gloves - Selection, use and maintenance.

**Thermal Hazards**

No further relevant information available.

**Body Protection**

Suitable protective workwear, e.g. cotton overalls buttoned at neck and wrist is recommended. Chemical resistant apron is recommended where large quantities are handled.

**Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties**

Properties	Description	Properties	Description
Form	Liquid	Appearance	Clear, red-brown liquid
Colour	Red-brown	Odour	Phenolic odour
Melting Point	Not available	Boiling Point	Not available
Decomposition Temperature	Not available	Solubility in Water	Soluble
Specific Gravity	1.116	pH	10 - 11
Vapour Pressure	Negligible	Relative Vapour Density (Air=1)	Not available
Evaporation Rate	Not available	Viscosity	Not available
Volatile Component	68%	Partition Coefficient: n-octanol/water (log value)	Kow Log P is -0.71 at pH7 (MCPA acid)
Flash Point	None	Flammability	Not flammable
Auto-Ignition Temperature	Not available	Flammable Limits - Lower	Not available
Flammable Limits - Upper	Not available	Explosion Properties	Not available
Oxidising Properties	Not available	Particle Characteristics	Not available

**Other Information**

pKa is 3.07

**Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity****Reactivity**

Reacts with incompatible materials.

**Chemical Stability**

Stable under normal conditions of storage and handling.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Reaction of the concentrate or spray mix with acids will precipitate solid MCPA and largely de-activate the product and cause blockages in spray equipment.

**Conditions to Avoid**

Acids, extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

**Incompatible Materials**

Acids.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Thermal decomposition may result in the release of toxic and/or irritating fumes.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

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**Toxicology Information**

No toxicity data available for this material. The available acute toxicity data for the ingredient/s is/are given below.

**Acute Toxicity - Oral**

MCPA as the acid

LD50 (rat): 700 - 1160 mg/kg

**Acute Toxicity - Dermal**

LD50 (rat): >4000 mg/kg

**Acute Toxicity - Inhalation**

LC50 (rat): >6.36 mg/l/4h

**Ingestion**

Ingestion of this product may irritate the gastric tract causing nausea and vomiting.

**Inhalation**

Inhalation of product vapours may cause irritation of the nose, throat and respiratory system.

**Skin**

Causes skin irritation. Skin contact will cause redness, itching and swelling. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness and cracking and may lead to dermatitis.

**Eye**

Causes eye damage. Eye contact will cause stinging, blurring, tearing, severe pain and possible burns, necrosis, permanent damage and blindness.

**Respiratory Sensitisation**

Not expected to be a respiratory sensitiser.

**Skin Sensitisation**

Not expected to be a skin sensitiser.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity**

Not considered to be a mutagenic hazard.

**Carcinogenicity**

Not considered to be a carcinogenic hazard.

**Reproductive Toxicity**

Not considered to be toxic to reproduction.

**STOT - Single Exposure**

Not expected to cause toxicity to a specific target organ.

**STOT - Repeated Exposure**

Not expected to cause toxicity to a specific target organ.

**Aspiration Hazard**

Not expected to be an aspiration hazard.

**Other Information**

The Australian Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) for MCPA for a human is 0.01 mg/kg/day, set for the public for daily, lifetime exposure. This is based on the NOEL of 1.1 mg/kg/day, the level determined to show no effects during long term exposure for the most sensitive indicators and the most sensitive species.  
(ref: Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) December 2022.)

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

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### Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

No ecological data available for this material. The available ecological data for the ingredients is given below:

### Persistence and degradability

Not available

### Mobility

Rapid degradation in soil prevents significant downward movement under normal conditions.

### Bioaccumulative Potential

Not available

### Environmental Protection

Spray drift can cause damage, read the label for more information.

Do not discharge this material into waterways, drains and sewers.

### Acute Toxicity - Fish

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LC50 (rainbow trout): 50 mg/l/96h

### Acute Toxicity - Daphnia

MCPA

EC50: >190 mg/l/48h

### Acute Toxicity - Algae

LC50 (selenastrum capricornutum): >392 mg/l.

### Acute Toxicity - Other Organisms

MCPA products do not appear to pose any threat to birds.

Birds: Not toxic to birds. LD50 (bobwhite quail): 377 mg/kg

Bees: Not toxic to bees. LD50: >200 µg/bee.

### Hazardous to the Ozone Layer

This product is not expected to deplete the ozone layer.

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

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### Disposal Considerations

Dispose of waste according to applicable local and national regulations. Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes including emptied containers are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all applicable local and national regulations.

To minimise personal exposure, refer to Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection.

### Product Disposal

On site disposal of the concentrated product is not acceptable.

Ideally, the product should be used for its intended purpose. If there is a need to dispose of the product, approach local authorities who hold periodic collections of unwanted chemicals (ChemClear®).

### Container Disposal and Methods

Do not use this container for any other purpose.

drumMUSTER is the national program for the collection and recycling of empty, cleaned, non returnable crop production and on-farm animal health chemical containers. If the label on your container carries the drumMUSTER symbol, triple rinse the container, ring your local Council, and offer the container for collection in the program.

If not recycling, puncture or shred and bury containers in local authority landfill.

If no landfill is available, bury the containers below 500mm in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots.

Empty containers and product should not be burnt.

If recycling, replace cap and return clean containers to recycler or designated collection point.

Triple or preferably pressure rinse containers before disposal. Add rinsings to the spray tank.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

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### Transport Information

Road and Rail Transport (ADG Code):

This product complies with the requirements of Special Provision AU01 and is therefore exempted from being classified as Dangerous Goods according to the ADG Code.

Note: Special Provision AU01:

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: packagings that do not incorporate a receptacle exceeding 500 kg(L); or IBCs.

Marine Transport (IMO/IMDG):

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

Class/Division: 9

UN No: 3082

Proper Shipping Name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (Contains MCPA)

Packing Group: III

EMS: F-A, S-F

Special Provisions: 274, 335, 969

Air Transport (ICAO/IATA):

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air.

Class/Division: 9

UN No: 3082

Proper Shipping Name: Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s.(Contains MCPA)

Packing Group: III

Label: Miscellaneous

Packaging Instructions (passenger & cargo): 964

Packaging Instructions (cargo only): 964

Special provisions: A97, A158, A197, A215

### UN Number

None Allocated

### Proper Shipping Name

None Allocated

### Transport Hazard Class

None Allocated

### Hazchem Code

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### Special Precautions for User

Not available

### IMDG Marine pollutant

Yes

### Transport in Bulk

For bulk shipments as Class 9, use UN 3082, HazChem code•3Z.

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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### Regulatory Information

Classified as Hazardous according to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) including Work, Health and Safety Regulations, Australia.

Classified as a Scheduled Poison according to the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

Australia: WHS regulations (2011) - Schedule 11: classification not listed.

### Poisons Schedule

S5

### Montreal Protocol

Not listed

### Stockholm Convention

Not listed

**Rotterdam Convention**

Not listed

**International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)**

Not available

**Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act 1994**

APVMA product number: 54178.

This product is registered with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA).

**Basel Convention**

Not listed

**Section 16 - Any Other Relevant Information****Date of Preparation**

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3.0

**Literature References**

Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Chemicals Code of Practice.

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons.

Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road &amp; Rail.

Work Health and Safety Regulations, Schedule 10: Prohibited carcinogens, restricted carcinogens and restricted hazardous chemicals.

Code of Practice for Supply Diversion into Illicit Drug Manufacture.

National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern.

Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Chemicals Act.

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs.

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade.

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal.

International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations.

International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.

Workplace exposure standards for airborne contaminants.

Adopted biological exposure determinants, American Conference of Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).

Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (7th revised edition).

Code of Practice: Managing Noise and Preventing Hearing Loss at Work.

**Contact Person/Point**

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After hours: Shift supervisor : Phone 1800 033 498

**User Codes**

User Title Label	User Codes
Field 4	Y

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