



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## SECTION 1

## IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** Apparent Purge 450 IPA Herbicide

**Other Names:** 2,4-D as isopropylamine salt, a phenoxy herbicide,  
**Use:** A liquid broadleaf herbicide.  
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## SECTION 2

## HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia.  
Not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the ADG Code.**

**Globally Harmonised System (GHS) classification of the substance/mixture:**

Acute Toxicity – Oral: Hazard Category 4.  
Eye Damage/Irritation: Hazard Category 1.  
Sensitisation – Skin: Hazard Category 1, 1A, 1B.  
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment – Long-Term Hazard: Hazard Category 2.

**Signal Word:** DANGER.

**Hazard Statements:**

H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Precautionary Statements:**

*Prevention:*

P261 Avoid breathing dust or vapours.  
P264 Wash hands, arms and face thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

*Response:*

P301 + P312 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if feel unwell.  
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P305 + 351 + 338: 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 or doctor/physician.  
P321 Specific treatment, see Safety Directions on product label.  
P330 Rinse mouth.  
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.

*Disposal:*

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with national regulations.

**SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION (Continued)**

Pictograms:

**SECTION 3 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS****Ingredients:**

CHEMICAL	CAS NUMBER	PROPORTION
2,4-D present as the isopropylamine salt	32341-80-3	450 g/L
Other ingredients determined not to be hazardous		Balance

**SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES****FIRST AID**

- Ingestion:** If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth with water. If poisoning occurs, contact a Doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone 131 126.
- Eye contact:** Immediately hold eyes open and flood gently with clean water. Ensure irrigation under eyelids by occasionally lifting them. Do not try to remove contact lenses unless trained. If irritation persists, seek medical advice.
- Skin contact:** Remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin with soap and water to remove chemical. If skin is irritated, seek medical advice.
- Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air and observe until recovered. If effects persist, seek medical advice. In severe case, symptoms of pulmonary oedema can be delayed up to 48 hours after exposure.

**Advice to Doctor:** In humans, prolonged breathing of 2,4-D causes coughing, burning, dizziness, and temporary loss of muscle coordination. Other symptoms of poisoning can be fatigue and weakness with possible nausea. On rare occasions following high levels of exposure, there can be inflammation of the nerve endings with muscular effects. Product is harmful if swallowed, possible skin and respiratory tract irritant.

**SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Specific Hazard:** Generally considered a low risk. Low risk of explosion if commercial quantities are involved in a fire.

**Extinguishing media:** Alcohol resistant foam is the preferred media; if not available normal foam can be used. If foam is unavailable and waterfog or fine water spray is used, ensure all runoff is contained. Contain all runoff.

**Hazards from combustion products:** There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if involved in a fire. Product is unlikely to decompose until heated to dryness. On further heating will emit toxic fumes. Firefighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to vapour or smoke.

**Precautions for fire-fighters and special protective equipment:** Isolate fire area. Evacuate downwind residents. Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Do not breathe smoke or vapours generated.

**SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Emergency procedures:** In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. As a minimum, wear PVC or rubber apron, elbow length PVC gloves and face shield. In the case of spillage, stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Prevent spillage entering drains or watercourses. Contain and absorb spilled material with absorbent material such as sand, clay, cat litter or material such as vermiculite. Collect recoverable product for use as labelled on the product.

## SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES (Continued)

Vacuum, shovel or pump contaminated spilled material into an approved container and dispose of waste as per the requirements of Local or State Waste Management Authorities. Keep out animals and unprotected persons. Launder protective clothing before storage or re-use.

**Material and methods for containment and cleanup procedures:** To clean spill area, tools and equipment, wash with a solution of soap, water and acetic acid/vinegar. Follow this with a neutralisation step of washing the area with a bleach or caustic soda ash solution. Finally, wash with a strong soap and water solution. Absorb, as above, any excess liquid and add both solutions to the drums of waste already collected.

This product is a herbicide and spills can damage crops, pastures and desirable vegetation. Prevent from entering drains, waterways or sewers. Use earthen bunds or absorbent bunding to prevent spreading of spillage.

## SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** Poisonous if swallowed. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. DO NOT inhale spray mist. When preparing spray, wear PVC or rubber apron, elbow length PVC gloves and face shield. When using the prepared spray, wear face shield. If product on skin, immediately wash area with soap and water. After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. After each day's use wash gloves, face shield and contaminated clothing.

This is a phenoxy herbicide that can cause severe damage to susceptible crops such as cotton, grapes, tomatoes, oilseed crops and ornamentals.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** Not classified as a Dangerous Good. Store in the closed original container in a dry, cool well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. DO NOT store near food, feedstuffs, fertilisers or seed. Do not dispose of granules on-site.

## SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Exposure Guidelines:

Exposure guidelines have not been established for this product by Safe Work Australia.

### Biological Limit Values:

No biological limit allocated.

### Engineering controls:

Use in well ventilated areas. Keep containers closed when not in use. Special engineering controls are generally not required.

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

General: When preparing spray, wear PVC or rubber apron, elbow length PVC gloves and face shield. When using the prepared spray, wear face shield. If product on skin, immediately wash area with soap and water. After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. After each day's use wash gloves, face shield and contaminated clothing.

Personal Hygiene: Poisonous if swallowed. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. DO NOT inhale spray mist. Clean water should be available for washing in case of eye or skin contamination. Wash skin before eating, drinking or smoking. Shower at the end of the workday.

## SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance:</b>	Clear dark amber or brown liquid.
<b>Odour:</b>	Characteristic amine odour.
<b>Boiling point:</b>	No data available.
<b>Freezing point:</b>	No data available.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	No data available.
<b>Solubility in Water:</b>	Disperses in water.
<b>pH:</b>	4 - 7.
<b>Flammability:</b>	Not flammable.

**SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES (Continued)**

<b>Flashpoint (°C):</b>	Not flammable.
<b>Poisons Schedule:</b>	This product is a Schedule 6 (S6) poison.
<b>Formulation type:</b>	Soluble Concentrate.

**SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Chemical Stability:** Product is considered stable in ambient conditions for a period of at least 2 years after manufacture.

**Conditions to avoid:** Keep cool and dry until ready to use. Protect from sunlight.

**Incompatible materials:** Strong acids, strong bases and strong oxidising agents. Reaction of the concentrate or spray mix with acids will precipitate solid 2,4-D acid and significantly deactivate the product and cause blockages in spray equipment.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Product is unlikely to decompose until heated to dryness. On further heating will emit toxic fumes.

**Hazardous reactions:** Polymerisation is unlikely.

**SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No specific data is available for this product as no toxicity tests have been conducted on this product. Information presented is our best judgement based on similar products and/or individual components. As with all products for which limited data is available, caution must be exercised through the use of protective equipment and handling procedures to minimise exposure.

**Potential Health Effects:****ACUTE EFFECTS**

**Swallowed:** Harmful if swallowed. Acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> for 2,4-D ranges from 375 to 666 mg/kg. Ingestion may cause irritation of the mouth, throat and stomach causing nausea, vomiting, sweating, headaches, muscle soreness, abdominal pain and loss of coordination.

**Eye:** This product may cause eye irritation. Symptoms may include stinging and reddening of eyes and watering. If exposure is brief, symptoms should disappear once exposure has ceased.

**Skin:** May cause mild irritation of the skin, but unlikely to be sensitising. A single prolonged exposure may result in material being absorbed in large amounts.

**Inhaled:** Harmful by inhalation, and is a possible inhalation irritant. Symptoms may include headache, irritation of nose and throat and increased secretion of mucus in the nose and throat.

**Long Term Exposure:**

**Chronic toxicity:** Rats given high amounts of 2,4-D in the diet for 2 years showed no adverse effects. Dogs fed lower amounts in their food for 2 years died, probably because dogs do not excrete organic acids efficiently. A human given a total of 16.3 g in 32 days therapeutically, lapsed into a stupor and showed signs of incoordination, weak reflexes, and loss of bladder control.

**Reproductive effects:** High levels of 2,4-D administered orally to pregnant rats did not cause any adverse effects. The evidence suggests that if 2,4-D causes reproductive effects in animals, this only occurs at very high doses. Thus reproductive problems associated with 2,4-D are unlikely in humans under normal circumstances.

**Teratogenic effects:** 2,4-D may cause birth defects at high doses. Rats fed 150 mg/kg/day on days 6 to 15 of pregnancy had offspring with increased skeletal abnormalities. This suggests that 2,4-D exposure is unlikely to be teratogenic in humans at expected exposure levels.

**Mutagenic effects:** 2,4-D was found to be non-mutagenic in most systems. 2,4-D did not damage DNA in human lung cells. However, one study found significant effects occurred in chromosomes in cultured human cells at low exposure levels. The data suggests that 2,4-D is not mutagenic or has low mutagenic potential.

**Carcinogenic effects:** 2,4-D fed to rats for 2 years caused an increase in malignant tumours. Female mice given a single injection of 2,4-D developed cancer (reticulum-cell sarcomas).

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**SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION (Continued)**

In humans, a variety of studies give conflicting results. Several studies suggest an association of 2,4-D exposure with cancer. An increased occurrence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma was found among a Kansas and Nebraska farm population associated with the spraying of 2,4-D. Other studies done in New Zealand, Washington, New York, Australia, and on Vietnam veterans from the U.S. were all negative. There remains considerable controversy about the methods used in the various studies and their results. Thus, the carcinogenic status of 2,4-D is not clear.

**Organ toxicity:** Most symptoms of 2,4-D exposure disappear within a few days, but there is a report of liver dysfunction from long-term exposure.

**Fate in humans and animals:** The absorption of 2,4-D is almost complete in mammals after ingestion and nearly all of the dose is excreted in the urine. 2,4-D is readily absorbed through the skin and lungs. Men given 5 mg/kg excreted about 82% of the dose as unchanged 2,4-D. The half-life is between 10 and 20 hours in living organisms. There is no evidence that 2,4-D accumulates to significant level in mammals or in other organisms.

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**SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Environmental Toxicology:** This product does degrade in the environment. It will not accumulate in the soil or water or cause long term problems. 2,4-D is harmful to wildfowl and slightly to moderately toxic to birds. The LD<sub>50</sub> is 1000 mg/kg in mallards, 272 mg/kg in pheasants, and 668 mg/kg in quail and pigeons. Limited studies indicate a half-life of less than 2 days in fish and oysters. Concentrations of 10 mg/L for 85 days did not adversely affect the survival of adult dungeness crabs. For immature crabs, the 96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> is greater than 10 mg/L, indicating that 2,4-D is only slightly toxic. Brown shrimp showed a small increase in mortality at exposures of 2 mg/L for 48 hours. Moderate doses of 2,4-D severely impaired honeybees brood production. At lower levels of exposure, exposed bees lived significantly longer than the controls. The honeybee LD<sub>50</sub> is 0.0115 mg/bee.

**Environmental Fate:** 2,4-D has low soil persistence. The half-life in soil is less than 7 days. Soil microbes are primarily responsible for its breakdown. In aquatic environments, microorganisms readily degrade 2,4-D. Rates of breakdown increase with increased nutrients, sediment load, and dissolved organic carbon. Under oxygenated conditions the half-life is 1 week to several weeks. 2,4-D interferes with normal plant growth processes. Uptake of the compound is through leaves, stems, and roots.

Breakdown in plants is by a variety of biological and chemical pathways. 2,4-D is toxic to most broadleaf crops especially cotton, tomatoes, beets, and fruit trees.

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**SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Spills and Disposal:** Persons involved in cleanup require adequate skin protection - see Section 8. Keep material out of streams and sewers. Dispose of drummed wastes, including decontamination solution in accordance with the requirements of Local or State Waste Management Authorities.

**Disposal of empty containers:** Triple-rinse containers before disposal. Add rinsings to spray tank. Do not dispose of undiluted chemicals on site. If recycling, replace cap and return clean containers to recycler or designated collection point. If not recycling, break, crush, or puncture and deliver empty packaging to an approved waste management facility. If an approved waste management facility is not available, bury the empty packaging 500 mm below the surface in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose, clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots, in compliance with relevant local, state or territory government regulations. Do not burn empty containers or product.

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**SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**Transport:** This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good under the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. Not classified as a Dangerous Good for marine or air transport.

**SECTION 15****REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Under the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP), this product is a Schedule 6 poison.

This product is registered with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. APVMA number 69060.

This product is classified as a Hazardous Substance under the criteria of Safe Work Australia. Xi: Irritant.

This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the ADG Code (7<sup>th</sup> Ed).

This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good according to International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

*Requirements concerning special training:*

Check State or Territory regulations that require people who use pesticides in their job or business to have training in the application of the materials.

**SECTION 16****OTHER INFORMATION**

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Key to abbreviations and acronyms used in this SDS:

ADG Code Australian Dangerous Goods Code (for the transport of dangerous goods by Road and Rail).

Ataxia: Inability to control the coordinate movements of the muscles.

Bradycardia: Is a resting heart rate of under 60 beats per minute (adults).

Carcinogen An agent which is responsible for the formation of a cancer.

Genotoxic Capable of causing damage to genetic material, such as DNA.

HCIS Hazardous Chemical information System.

Lacrimation The production, secretion, and shedding of tears.

Lavage A general term referring to cleaning or rinsing.

Mutagen An agent capable of producing a mutation.

Pneumonitis A general term that refers to inflammation of lung tissue.

PPE Personal protective equipment.

Teratogen An agent capable of causing abnormalities in a developing foetus.

TWA The Time Weighted Average airborne concentration over an eight-hour working day, for a five day working week over an entire working life.

Safe Work Australia: Formally known as Australian Safety & Compensation Council (ASCC) which was formally known as the National Occupational Health & Safety Commission (NOHSC).

**References**

1. "Hazardous Chemicals Information System". Safe Work Australia HCIS website. (2020).
2. "Classifying Hazardous Substances" Safe Work Australia. August 2018.
3. Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). United Nations, 2009.

*This SDS summarises our best knowledge of the health and safety hazard information of the product and how to safely handle and use the product in the workplace. Each user should read this SDS and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used in the workplace including in conjunction with other products.*

*If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate risk assessment can be made, the user should contact this company.*

End SDS