# SAFETY DATA SHEET



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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product identifier

Product Name AMMONIUM NITRATE LIQUID

**Product Code(s)** 000000053181

Other means of identification

**Synonyms** Ammonium nitrate solution 25%.

Pure substance/mixture Mixture

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

**Recommended use** Agricultural chemical. Fertiliser.

Uses advised against No information available

**Supplier** 

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## Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number 1 800 033 111 (ALL HOURS)

Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## GHS Classification

Not classified as dangerous goods in accordance with the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG)

Classified as a hazardous chemical in accordance with the criteria of Safe Work Australia - Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 2

**SIGNAL WORD** 

Warning

Label elements

**Exclamation mark** 



#### **Hazard statements**

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

### **Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Wash hands and face thoroughly after handling

Wear eye protection/ face protection

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

## **Precautionary Statements - Storage**

No storage statements

### **Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

No disposal statements.

Other hazards which do not result in classification
Poisons Schedule (SUSMP)
None allocated

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### <u>Mixture</u>

Chemical name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Ammonium nitrate	6484-52-2	10-<30
Non hazardous component(s)	-	to 100

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### **Description of first aid measures**

General advice For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 13 11 26; New

Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**Emergency telephone number** Poisons Information Center, Australia: 13 11 26

Poisons Information Center, New Zealand: 0800 764 766

**Inhalation** Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If breathing is

difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately if

symptoms occur.

**Eye contact** Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.

Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Keep eye wide open

while rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

**Skin contact** Wash off immediately with plenty of water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and

persists. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Nitrates can be absorbed

through cut, burnt or broken skin.

Ingestion Rinse mouth immediately and drink plenty of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink 1 or 2

glasses of water. Get medical attention. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious

person. If victim has breathing difficulties treat as for "Inhalation".

Self-protection of the first aider Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the

material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information.

### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

**Symptoms** Irritation. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes.

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to physicians

Treat symptomatically. Treat as for exposure to nitrates. The absorption of this product into the body may lead to the formation of methemoglobin that, in sufficient concentration, causes cyanosis. Cyanosis is clinically detectable when approximately 15% of the haemoglobin has been converted to methaemoglobin (ferric iron).

Clinical findings: The smooth muscle relaxant effect of nitrate salts may lead to headache, dizziness and marked hypotension. Symptoms such as headache, dizziness, weakness and dyspnoea occur when methemoglobin concentrations are 30% to 40%; at levels of about 60% stupor, convulsions, coma and respiratory paralysis occur and the blood is a chocolate brown colour. At higher levels death may result. Spectrophotometric analysis can determine the presence and concentration of methemoglobin in the blood.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** 

Suitable Extinguishing Media Use extinguishing agent suitable for type of surrounding fire. Water spray or fog. Cool

containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Dry chemical. Carbon dioxide (CO2).

### Specific hazards arising from the chemical

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Weak oxidiser. Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes. Do not allow evaporation to dryness. Nitrate salts on their own are not combustible, however, they will support the combustion of other materials. Decomposes on heating emitting irritating white fumes and/or brown fumes. Brown fumes indicate the presence of toxic oxides of nitrogen.

**Hazardous combustion products** 

Nitrogen oxides. Nitric acid. Ammonia.

### Special protective actions for fire-fighters

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Remove all sources of ignition. Avoid contact with skin

and eyes. Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing and

eye/face protection. Do not touch or walk through spilled material.

**Other information** Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

**Environmental precautions** 

Environmental precautions Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Keep out of waterways. Keep out of

drains, sewers, ditches and waterways. Local authorities should be advised if significant

spillages cannot be contained.

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible absorbent material, (e.g. sand, earth,

diatomaceous earth, vermiculite) and place in container for disposal according to local / national regulations (see Section 13). Dike far ahead of spill to collect runoff water.

Methods for cleaning up

Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand or earth to soak up the product and

place into a container for later disposal. Collect in properly labelled drums or other suitable containers, with loose fitting lids. Never return spill or leaks to original containers for re-use.

Avoid contamination with other substances.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with

skin and eyes. Wash thoroughly after handling. Ensure adequate ventilation.

General hygiene considerations Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Do not eat, drink or

smoke when using this product. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions Store in a cool, dry area away from potential sources of heat, open flames, sunlight or other

chemicals. Store in a cool, well ventilated area. Keep container closed when not in use.

Incompatible materials Strong acids. Alkalis. Reducing agents. Finely powdered metals.

Poisons Schedule (SUSMP) None allocated

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### **Control parameters**

**Exposure Limits** No value assigned for this specific material by Safe Work Australia. However, Workplace

Exposure Standard(s) for possible constituents of vapour:

Ammonia:  $8hr TWA = 17 mg/m^3 (25 ppm)$ ,  $15 min STEL = 24 mg/m^3 (35 ppm)$ Nitric acid:  $8hr TWA = 5.2 mg/m^3 (2 ppm)$ ,  $15 min STEL = 10 mg/m^3 (4 ppm)$ Nitrogen dioxide:  $8hr TWA = 5.6 mg/m^3 (3 ppm)$ ,  $15 min STEL = 9.4 mg/m^3 (5 ppm)$ 

As published by Safe Work Australia Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants.

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

STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) - the airborne concentration of a particular substance calculated as a time-weighted average over 15 minutes, which should not be exceeded at any time during a normal eight hour work day. According to current knowledge this concentration should neither impair the health of, nor cause undue discomfort to, nearly all workers.

These Workplace Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These workplace exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

### Appropriate engineering controls

**Engineering controls** Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded, the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, SAFETY SHOES, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, GLOVES.









Eye/face protection Goggles.

**Skin and body protection** Wear suitable protective clothing. Overalls. Protective shoes or boots.

**Hand protection** Wear suitable gloves.

Respiratory protection No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are

exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.

Environmental exposure controls No information available.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical stateLiquidAppearanceClearColorColourlessOdorSlight Ammonia

Odor threshold No information available

Property Values Remarks • Method

**pH** 6-7

pH (as aqueous solution)No data availableNone knownMelting point / freezing pointNo data availableNone knownBoiling point / boiling rangeNot available

Flash point Not applicable None known

Evaporation rateNo data availableNone knownFlammability (solid, gas)No data availableNone knownFlammability Limit in AirNone known

Upper flammability or explosive No data available

limits

Lower flammability or explosive No data available

limits

Vapor pressureNo data availableNone knownVapor densityNo data availableNone known

Relative density 1.1-1.3

Water solubility Miscible in water None known Solubility(ies) No data available None known **Partition coefficient** No data available None known **Autoignition temperature** No data available None known **Decomposition temperature** No data available None known Kinematic viscosity No data available None known No data available **Dynamic viscosity** None known

Other information

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

Reactivity Weak oxidiser.

**Chemical stability** 

**Stability** Stable under normal conditions.

**Explosion data** 

Sensitivity to mechanical impact None.

Sensitivity to static discharge None.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

**Possibility of hazardous reactions** Can react violently with reducing agents.

Hazardous polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Conditions to avoid** 

Conditions to avoid Avoid contact with combustible substances. Do not allow evaporation to dryness. Avoid

contact with other chemicals. Avoid contamination of the material. Keep away from open

flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

Incompatible materials

**Incompatible materials** Strong acids. Alkalis. Reducing agents. Finely powdered metals.

**Hazardous decomposition products** 

Hazardous decomposition products Nitrogen oxides. Ammonia. Nitric acid.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Acute toxicity** 

Information on likely routes of exposure

**Product Information**No adverse health effects expected if the chemical is handled in accordance with this

Safety Data Sheet and the chemical label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the

chemical is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

**Inhalation** May cause irritation.

Absorption of ammonium nitrate by inhalation, ingestion or through burnt or broken skin may cause dilation of blood vessels by direct smooth muscle relaxation and may also cause methaemoglobinaemia. May cause dizziness, drowsiness, nausea and headache due to

central nervous system effects.

**Eye contact** Causes serious eye irritation.

**Skin contact** May cause irritation. The ammonium nitrate component of this material can be absorbed

through burnt, cut or broken skin with resultant adverse effects. See effects as noted under

'Inhalation'.

Ingestion Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. May cause

a lowering of blood pressure (hypotension). Ingestion of larger amounts may cause defects

to the central nervous system (e.g. dizziness, headache).

**Symptoms** Irritation. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes.

### Numerical measures of toxicity - Product Information

Refer to component information below.

**Component Information** 

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Ammonium nitrate	= 2217 mg/kg (Rat)	-	> 88.8 mg/L (Rat)4 h

See section 16 for terms and abbreviations

## Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Skin corrosion/irritation**No information available.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Causes serious eye irritation. Classification is based on mixture calculation methods based

on component data.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization** No information available.

Germ cell mutagenicity No information available.

**Carcinogenicity** No information available.

Reproductive toxicity No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** No information available.

**STOT - repeated exposure**No information available.

Aspiration hazard No information available.

Chronic effects: In humans and animals methaemoglobinaemia has occurred under untreated

circumstances following overexposure to nitrates. Absorption of nitrates by any route may

cause dilation of blood vessels by direct smooth muscle relaxation.

May cause anaemia and methemoglobinaemia, characterised by dizziness, drowsiness, headache, breath shortness, cyanosis (bluish skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood), rapid heart rate and chocolate-brown coloured blood.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity** 

**Ecotoxicity** Keep out of waterways.

Ammonium nitrate is a plant nutrient. Large scale contamination may kill vegetation and

cause poisoning in livestock and poultry.

Ammonium nitrate was evaluated at 5, 10, 25 and 50 mg (NH4+)/L. The fertility of Daphnia magna was decreased at 50 mg/L. Post embryonic growth of crustacea was impaired at 10,

25 and 50 mg/L. Can stimulate weed and algal growth in static surface waters.

Persistence and degradability

Persistence and degradability No information available.

Bioaccumulative potential

**Bioaccumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** 

**Mobility in soil** Water soluble. Expected to be mobile in soil.

Other adverse effects

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues/unused

products

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation. Empty containers must be tripled rinsed prior to disposal.

Contaminated packaging

Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### ADG

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for transport by Road and Rail; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

### IATA

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

## **IMDG**

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

### **National regulations**

#### Australia

Not classified as dangerous goods in accordance with the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG)

Classified as a hazardous chemical in accordance with the criteria of Safe Work Australia - Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters

Poisons Schedule (SUSMP) None allocated

**International Inventories** 

All the constituents of this material are listed on the Australian Inventory of Industrial

Chemicals or are exempt.

Legend:

**AIIC- Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals** 

International Regulations

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer Not applicable

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants Not applicable

The Rotterdam Convention Not applicable

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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Addition/Change of synonymous name(s)

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This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared by Ixom Operations Pty Ltd (Toxicology and SDS Services).

**Revision Note:** 

The symbol (\*) in the margin of this SDS indicates that this line has been revised.

Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

TWA TWA (time-weighted average) STEL STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)

Ceiling Maximum limit value \* Skin designation

C Carcinogen

### Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGL(s))

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals

Food Research Journal

Hazardous Substance Database

International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)

Japan GHS Classification

Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)

NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)

National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)

National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set

RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

World Health Organization

### **Disclaimer**

This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since Ixom Operations Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.

If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their lxom representative or lxom Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.

Ixom Operations Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.

**End of Safety Data Sheet**