

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET



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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product name **Betanal<sup>®</sup> Herbicide Spray**

Other names None

Product codes and pack sizes 4210645 (5 L)

Chemical group Phenyl carbamate

Recommended use Agricultural herbicide

Formulation Emulsifiable concentrate (EC)

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE (see Risk phrases below) – NON DANGEROUS GOOD (road/rail)  
Combustible liquid. Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

Hazard classification Hazardous (National Occupational Health and Safety Commission - NOHSC)

Risk phrases R21/22 - Harmful in contact with skin and if swallowed.  
R36/37 - Irritating to eyes and respiratory system.  
R43 – May cause sensitisation by skin contact.  
R40 – Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.  
R45 – May cause cancer.

Safety phrases See Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13

ADG classification See Section 14.

SUSDP classification Schedule 5 (Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons)  
(Poison Schedule)

## 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients	CAS Number	Concentration (g/L)
Phenmedipham	[13684-63-4]	157
Isophorone	[78-59-1]	596
Aromatic hydrocarbon solvent	[64742-95-6]	33
Other ingredients, including emulsifiers and buffer	Non-hazardous	204

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

If poisoning occurs, immediately contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26), and follow the advice given. Show this Material Safety Data Sheet to the doctor.

Inhalation	If inhaled, remove to fresh air and keep at rest. Obtain medical advice. Support respiration if necessary.
Skin contact	Carefully remove contaminated clothing at once. Wash affected areas with soap and water and rinse well. Seek medical aid if symptoms persist.
Eye contact	Hold eyes open and flood with water for at least 15 minutes and obtain medical aid, preferably from an ophthalmologist.
Ingestion	Wash out mouth with water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water to drink. Keep patient at rest and seek immediate medical advice, as above. DO NOT attempt to give anything by mouth to a semi-conscious or unconscious person.
First Aid facilities	Provide eyewash and safety shower facilities in the workplace.
Medical attention	The following symptoms may occur: Coughing, confusion, dizziness, headache, sleepiness, unconsciousness, allergic reactions. There is a risk of respiratory disorders. There is a risk of the product entering lungs on vomiting following ingestion, and risk of pneumonia. Although this product is a carbamate, it is NOT a cholinesterase inhibitor. There have been no documented cases of human poisoning with phenmedipham, the active ingredient in this product. Initial treatment should be symptomatic and supportive. If a large amount is ingested the following measures should be considered: Endotracheal intubation and gastric lavage, followed by administration of charcoal. Avoid aspiration. Monitor kidney and respiratory functions. Oxygen may be required. Elimination by dialysis (forced alkaline diuresis) There is no specific antidote. Recovery is expected to be spontaneous.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media	Water spray, carbon dioxide, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical
Hazards from combustion products	In a fire hazardous decomposition products may be produced, such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, dense black smoke.
Precautions for fire fighters	Combustible liquid. There is a possibility of re-ignition of vapours from a distance. Fire fighters should wear full protective gear, including self-contained breathing apparatus (AS/NZS 1715/1716). Toxic decomposition products may be produced in a fire. If it can be done safely, remove intact containers from exposure to fire. Otherwise, use water spray to cool them. Keep unnecessary people away. Bund area to prevent contamination of water sources. Dispose of fire control water and spillage safely later.
Hazchem code	3Z

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Avoid contact with spilled material or contaminated surfaces. Extinguish or remove possible sources of ignition. Do not smoke. Do not eat or drink, and wear protective clothing and equipment as described in Section 8 – PERSONAL PROTECTION. Keep people and animals away and upwind. Prevent spilled material from entering drains or watercourses. Contain spill and absorb with earth, sand, clay, or other absorbent material. Collect and store in properly labelled, sealed drums for safe disposal. Deal with all spillages immediately. If contamination of drains, streams, watercourses, etc. is unavoidable, warn the local water authority.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling	Keep out of reach of children. Will irritate the eyes, nose, throat and skin. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Do not inhale vapour or spray mist. 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 and any other protective equipment. Do not smoke while handling and keep product away from any ignition sources.
Storage	Store in the closed, original container in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Keep away from sources of heat, ignition or electrostatic charges.
Flammability	Combustible liquid, Class C1 – flashpoint between 61° C and 150° C.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure standards	The NOHSC exposure standard for isophorone is: TWA 5 ppm (28 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) Peak limitation.  <u>Definitions:</u> <i>Exposure standard – Time Weighted Average (TWA)</i> means the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.  <i>Peak limitation</i> – A maximum or peak airborne concentration determined over the shortest analytically practicable period of time which does not exceed 15 minutes.
Biological limit values	None allocated
Engineering controls	Control process conditions to avoid contact and to comply with exposure standards above. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use local exhaust ventilation during manufacturing operations. Use in a well-ventilated area only.
Personal Protective Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Face-shield or goggles.</li><li>▪ Cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist to avoid skin contact.</li><li>▪ Elbow-length PVC or nitrile gloves</li><li>▪ If inhalation exposure is likely to exceed the exposure levels above, an AS/NZS 1715/1716 approved respirator suitable for organic vapours should be worn.</li></ul>

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Amber liquid
Odour:	Sweet
pH:	2.7 – 4.0 at 20° C (100 g/L in water)
Vapour pressure:	0.4 hPa at 20° C (isophorone)
Vapour density:	5.8 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (isophorone)
Boiling point:	Not available
Freezing/melting point:	Not available
Solubility:	Emulsifies in water
Specific Gravity:	0.99 at 20° C
Flash Point:	74° C – Tagliabue Closed Cup
Flammability (explosive) limits:	LEL: 0.8; UEL: 3.8 Vol. % in air (isophorone)
Auto-ignition temperature:	455° C
Partition coefficient (octanol/water):	<i>Phenmedipham</i> : Log P <sub>ow</sub> = 3.59 at 22° C <i>Isophorone</i> : Log P <sub>ow</sub> = 1.66

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions of use.
Conditions to avoid	Avoid sources of ignition and extreme heat.
Incompatible materials	Oxidising agents, strong bases, hydrogen peroxide, nitric acid.
Hazardous decomposition products	In a fire hazardous decomposition products may be produced, such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, dense black smoke.
Hazardous reactions	None known

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

Inhalation	Will irritate the respiratory system.
Skin contact	Will irritate the skin. The product has low dermal toxicity.
Eye contact	Will irritate the eyes.
Ingestion	The product has low oral toxicity.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION - continued

### ANIMAL TOXICITY DATA - *PRODUCT*

#### Acute:

Oral toxicity	LD <sub>50</sub> rat: 4000 mg/kg
Dermal toxicity	LD <sub>50</sub> rat: 2000 mg/kg
Inhalation toxicity	Inhalation LC <sub>50</sub> rat: 2.6 mg/L (4 h). Irritating to the respiratory system.
Skin irritation	Slightly irritating (rabbit)
Eye irritation	Slightly irritating (rabbit)
Sensitisation	Sensitising (guinea pig)

#### Chronic:

In animal studies, phenmedipham was not mutagenic, carcinogenic, teratogenic, embryotoxic or neurotoxic, and did not affect reproduction.

Results from *in vitro* and *in vivo* tests showed isophorone was not genotoxic. Isophorone has shown some evidence of carcinogenicity in male rats and equivocal evidence of carcinogenicity in male mice in National Toxicology Program studies.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Very toxic to aquatic organisms. Low toxicity to birds, bees and earthworms.  
DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers or waterways with the chemical or used containers.

#### Ecotoxicity

##### Betanal:

*Fish toxicity:* LC<sub>50</sub> (96 h flow through) rainbow trout 8.4 mg/L

*Daphnia toxicity:* EC<sub>50</sub> (48 h semi-static test) water flea (*Daphnia magna*) 5.7 mg/L

*Algal toxicity:* IC<sub>50</sub> (72 h static test) Algae (*Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata*) 0.192 mg/L

##### Phenmedipham:

*Fish toxicity:* LC<sub>50</sub> (96 h) rainbow trout 1.4 - 3 mg/L

*Daphnia toxicity:* EC<sub>50</sub> (48 h) water flea (*Daphnia magna*) 6 mg/L

*Algal toxicity:* IC<sub>50</sub> (96 h) algae (*Scenedesmus subspicatus*) 0.13 mg/L

*Bird toxicity:* Acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> mallard duck > 2100 mg/kg

Acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> chickens > 2500 mg/kg

##### Isophorone

*Fish toxicity:* LC<sub>50</sub> (96 h) 140 to 255 mg/L

*Daphnia toxicity:* EC<sub>50</sub> (48 h) water flea (*Daphnia magna*) 120 mg/L

*Algal toxicity:* IC<sub>50</sub> (72 h) Algae (*Scenedesmus subspicatus*) 475.4 mg/L

#### Environmental fate, persistence and degradability, mobility

Phenmedipham is not readily biodegradable. In bluegill sunfish the bioconcentration factor (BCF) is 165. In rainbow trout the BCF is 321. The DT<sub>50</sub> in soil is approximately 25 days; DT<sub>90</sub> approximately 108 days. Phenmedipham does not accumulate in soil. No risk of groundwater contamination is expected. K<sub>oc</sub> is 2400.

In aqueous environment the evaporation half life of isophorone is 7.5 days. It shows slight adsorption to soils and sediments. Isophorone is readily biodegradable. Its bioconcentration factor (BCF) in fish (*Oryzias latipes*) = 1.1 – 1.8, and it has a slight tendency to bioaccumulate. .

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Triple or preferably pressure 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 bury empty containers in a 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. Dispose of waste product via a licensed disposal contractor to an approved landfill.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN number	UN 3082
Proper shipping name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S (contains phenmedipham)
Class and Subsidiary Risk	Class 9
Packing Group	Packing Group III
Hazchem code	•3Z
Marine Pollutant	Yes
Note for Road and Rail Transport	According to AU01, Environmentally Hazardous Substances in packagings, IBCs or any other receptacle not exceeding 500 kg or 500 L are not subject to the ADG Code

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Registered according to the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994.  
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority approval number: 31826  
See also Section 2.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Trademark information** Betanal® is a Registered Trademark of Bayer.

**Preparation information** Replaces February 14, 2007 edition.  
Reasons for revision: Transport information.

This MSDS 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 MSDS 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.

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