

# Nrich Ammo 30N Ballance Agri-Nutrients

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Safety Data Sheet according to the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017

# SECTION 1 Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

Product Identifier			
Product name	Nrich Ammo 30N		
Chemical Name	Not Applicable		
Chemical formula	Not Applicable		
Other means of identification	Not Available		

# Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses Fertiliser.

# Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Registered company name	Ballance Agri-Nutrients	
Address	161 Hewletts Rd Mount Maunganui New Zealand	
Telephone	+64 800 222 090	
Fax	Not Available	
Website	Not Available	
Email	customerservices-mount@ballance.co.nz	

# Emergency telephone number

Association / Organisation	CHEMCALL	
Emergency telephone numbers	Freephone: 0800 CHEMCALL (0800 243 622) (24 Hours/ 7 Days)	
Other emergency telephone numbers	Not Available	

# **SECTION 2 Hazards identification**

# Classification of the substance or mixture

Considered a Hazardous Substance according to the criteria of the New Zealand Hazardous Substances New Organisms legislation. Not regulated for transport of Dangerous Goods.

# ChemWatch Hazard Ratings

	Min	Max	
Flammability	1		
Toxicity	2		0 = Minimum
Body Contact	2	- 1	1 = Low
Reactivity	1		2 = Moderate
Chronic	0		3 = High 4 = Extreme

Classification [1]	Acute Toxicity (Oral) Category 4, Eye Irritation Category 2, Chronic Aquatic Hazard Category 4, Acute Vertebrate Hazard Category 3		
Legend:	1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from CCID EPA NZ; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI		
Determined by Chemwatch using GHS/HSNO criteria	6.1D (oral), 6.4A, 9.1D, 9.3C		

# Label elements

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# Hazard pictogram(s)



Signal word	Warning

## Hazard statement(s)

H302	Harmful if swallowed.	
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.	
H413	May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.	
H433	Harmful to terrestrial vertebrates.	

# Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

P264	Wash all exposed external body areas thoroughly after handling.	
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.	
P273	Avoid release to the environment.	
P280	Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.	

# Precautionary statement(s) Response

P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.		
P337+P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.		
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider if you feel unwell.		
P330	Rinse mouth.		

## Precautionary statement(s) Storage

Not Applicable

# Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation.

# **SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients**

## Substances

See section below for composition of Mixtures

# **Mixtures**

CAS No	%[weight]	Name	
7783-20-2	30-60	ammonium sulfate	
57-13-6	30-60	urea	
Legend:	gend: 1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from CCID EPA NZ; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI; 4. Classification drawn from C&L * EU IOELVs available		

# **SECTION 4 First aid measures**

Description of first aid measures			
Eye Contact	If this product comes in contact with the eyes:  Vash out immediately with fresh running water.  Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.  Seek medical attention without delay; if pain persists or recurs seek medical attention.  Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.		
Skin Contact	If skin or hair contact occurs:  Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).  Seek medical attention in event of irritation.		
Inhalation	<ul> <li>If fumes, aerosols or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.</li> <li>Other measures are usually unnecessary.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>If SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY.</li> <li>For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.</li> <li>Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.</li> <li>In the mean time, qualified first-aid personnel should treat the patient following observation and employing supportive measures as indicated by the patient's condition.</li> <li>If the services of a medical officer or medical doctor are readily available, the patient should be placed in his/her care and a copy of the SDS</li> </ul>		

## Ingestion

should be provided. Further action will be the responsibility of the medical specialist.

If medical attention is not available on the worksite or surroundings send the patient to a hospital together with a copy of the SDS.

### Where medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:

► INDUCE vomiting with fingers down the back of the throat, ONLY IF CONSCIOUS. Lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

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NOTE: Wear a protective glove when inducing vomiting by mechanical means.

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

Treat symptomatically.

## **SECTION 5 Firefighting measures**

#### **Extinguishing media**

- ▶ There is no restriction on the type of extinguisher which may be used
- ▶ Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding area.

#### Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility

F Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result

Advice for firefighters

Fire Fighting

- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves in the event of a fire.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
- Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.
- DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
  - If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.
- ▶ Solid which exhibits difficult combustion or is difficult to ignite.
- Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air, and any source of ignition, i.e. flame or spark, will cause fire or explosion.
- Dust clouds generated by the fine grinding of the solid are a particular hazard; accumulations of fine dust (420 micron or less) may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited; once initiated larger particles up to 1400 microns diameter will contribute to the propagation of an explosion.
- A dust explosion may release large quantities of gaseous products; this in turn creates a subsequent pressure rise of explosive force capable of damaging plant and buildings and injuring people.
- Usually the initial or primary explosion takes place in a confined space such as plant or machinery, and can be of sufficient force to damage or rupture the plant. If the shock wave from the primary explosion enters the surrounding area, it will disturb any settled dust layers, forming a second dust cloud, and often initiate a much larger secondary explosion. All large scale explosions have resulted from chain reactions of this type.
- Fire/Explosion Hazard
- Dry dust can also be charged electrostatically by turbulence, pneumatic transport, pouring, in exhaust ducts and during transport.
- Build-up of electrostatic charge may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting.
- ▶ All movable parts coming in contact with this material should have a speed of less than 1-metre/sec.

Decomposes on heating and produces: carbon monoxide (CO)

carbon dioxide (CO2)

nitrogen oxides (NOx)

sulfur oxides (SOx)

other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material

In fire situation urea melts and flows, on further heating it decomposes giving off ammonia gas. Thermal and oxidative degradation products can include ammonia, biuret, and cyanuric acid,.

May emit poisonous fumes.

## **SECTION 6 Accidental release measures**

# Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

# **Environmental precautions**

See section 12

# Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

# Minor Spills

**Major Spills** 

- Remove all ignition sources.
- Clean up all spills immediately
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- ▶ Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.
- ▶ Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.

# Moderate hazard.

- ► CAUTION: Advise personnel in area.
- Alert Emergency Services and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Control personal contact by wearing protective clothing
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
- ► Recover product wherever possible
- IF DRY: Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. Collect residues and place in sealed plastic bags or other containers for disposal. IF WET: Vacuum/shovel up and place in labelled containers for disposal.
- ALWAYS: Wash area down with large amounts of water and prevent runoff into drains
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise Emergency Services.

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS

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# **SECTION 7 Handling and storage**

#### Precautions for safe handling

- ▶ Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- ▶ Use in a well-ventilated area
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- ▶ DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- ▶ DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
- ▶ Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- ▶ When handling, **DO NOT** eat, drink or smoke.
- ▶ Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Work clothes should be laundered separately. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Use good occupational work practice.
- Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.
- Organic powders when finely divided over a range of concentrations regardless of particulate size or shape and suspended in air or some other oxidizing medium may form explosive dust-air mixtures and result in a fire or dust explosion (including secondary explosions)
- Minimise airborne dust and eliminate all ignition sources. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, and flame.
- Safe handling Establish good housekeeping practices.
  - Remove dust accumulations on a regular basis by vacuuming or gentle sweeping to avoid creating dust clouds.
  - Use continuous suction at points of dust generation to capture and minimise the accumulation of dusts. Particular attention should be given to overhead and hidden horizontal surfaces to minimise the probability of a "secondary" explosion. According to NFPA Standard 654, dust layers 1/32 in.(0.8 mm) thick can be sufficient to warrant immediate cleaning of the area.
  - Do not use air hoses for cleaning.
  - Minimise dry sweeping to avoid generation of dust clouds. Vacuum dust-accumulating surfaces and remove to a chemical disposal area. Vacuums with explosion-proof motors should be used.
  - Control sources of static electricity. Dusts or their packages may accumulate static charges, and static discharge can be a source of ignition.
  - Solids handling systems must be designed in accordance with applicable standards (e.g. NFPA including 654 and 77) and other national guidance.
  - Do not empty directly into flammable solvents or in the presence of flammable vapors.
  - The operator, the packaging container and all equipment must be grounded with electrical bonding and grounding systems. Plastic bags and plastics cannot be grounded, and antistatic bags do not completely protect against development of static charges.

Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.

- Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers.
- In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

# Other information

- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.

  Store in a cool dry area protected from environmental extreme
- Store in a cool, dry area protected from environmental extremes.
- $\mbox{\ensuremath{\,^{\blacktriangleright}}}$  Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
   Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.

# For major quantities:

- Consider storage in bunded areas ensure storage areas are isolated from sources of community water (including stormwater, ground water, lakes and streams).
- Ensure that accidental discharge to air or water is the subject of a contingency disaster management plan; this may require consultation with local authorities.

# Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

# Suitable container

- ▶ Glass container is suitable for laboratory quantities
- ► Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- ► Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

# Storage incompatibility

- Avoid strong bases
- Avoid reaction with oxidising agents















- X Must not be stored together
- May be stored together with specific preventions
- May be stored together

Note: Depending on other risk factors, compatibility assessment based on the table above may not be relevant to storage situations, particularly where large volumes of dangerous goods are stored and handled. Reference should be made to the Safety Data Sheets for each substance or article and risks assessed accordingly.

# SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

## **Control parameters**

Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

INGREDIENT DATA

Not Available

**Emergency Limits** 

Ingredient TEEL-1 TEEL-2 TEEL-3

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Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
ammonium sulfate	13 mg/m3	140 mg/m3	840 mg/m3
urea	30 mg/m3	280 mg/m3	1,700 mg/m3

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
ammonium sulfate	Not Available	Not Available
urea	Not Available	Not Available

#### Occupational Exposure Banding

Ingredient	Occupational Exposure Band Rating	Occupational Exposure Band Limit
ammonium sulfate	E	≤ 0.01 mg/m³
urea	E ≤ 0.01 mg/m³	
Notes:	Occupational exposure banding is a process of assigning chemicals into specific categories or bands based on a chemical's potency and the	

## MATERIAL DATA

#### Exposure controls

Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection. The basic types of engineering controls are:

adverse health outcomes associated with exposure. The output of this process is an occupational exposure band (OEB), which corresponds to a

Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.

Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use.

Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.

- Local exhaust ventilation is required where solids are handled as powders or crystals; even when particulates are relatively large, a certain proportion will be powdered by mutual friction.
- If in spite of local exhaust an adverse concentration of the substance in air could occur, respiratory protection should be considered. Such protection might consist of:
- (a): particle dust respirators, if necessary, combined with an absorption cartridge;

range of exposure concentrations that are expected to protect worker health.

(b): filter respirators with absorption cartridge or canister of the right type;

(c): fresh-air hoods or masks.

Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

# Appropriate engineering controls

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 4-10 m/s (800-2000 f/min) for extraction of crusher dusts generated 2 metres distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

## Personal protection











# Eye and face protection

Safety glasses with side shields

Chemical goggles.
Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1336 or

# Skin protection

national equivalent]
See Hand protection below

The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.

# Hands/feet protection

The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.

Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

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Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- · chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).

- · When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.
- · When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.
- Some glove polymer types are less affected by movement and this should be taken into account when considering gloves for long-term use.
- Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

As defined in ASTM F-739-96 in any application, gloves are rated as:

- Excellent when breakthrough time > 480 min
- Good when breakthrough time > 20 min
- Fair when breakthrough time < 20 min</li>
- Poor when glove material degrades

For general applications, gloves with a thickness typically greater than 0.35 mm, are recommended.

It should be emphasised that glove thickness is not necessarily a good predictor of glove resistance to a specific chemical, as the permeation efficiency of the glove will be dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Therefore, glove selection should also be based on consideration of the task requirements and knowledge of breakthrough times.

Glove thickness may also vary depending on the glove manufacturer, the glove type and the glove model. Therefore, the manufacturers' technical data should always be taken into account to ensure selection of the most appropriate glove for the task.

Note: Depending on the activity being conducted, gloves of varying thickness may be required for specific tasks. For example:

- · Thinner gloves (down to 0.1 mm or less) may be required where a high degree of manual dexterity is needed. However, these gloves are only likely to give short duration protection and would normally be just for single use applications, then disposed of.
- · Thicker gloves (up to 3 mm or more) may be required where there is a mechanical (as well as a chemical) risk i.e. where there is abrasion or puncture potential

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.

- polychloroprene.
- nitrile rubber.
- butyl rubber.
- fluorocaoutchouc
- polyvinyl chloride

Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.

#### **Body protection**

See Other protection below

# Other protection

- Overalls.
- P.V.C apron.Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.
- Eye wash unit.

# Respiratory protection

Particulate. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 10 x ES	P1 Air-line*	-	PAPR-P1
up to 50 x ES	Air-line**	P2	PAPR-P2
up to 100 x ES	-	P3	-
		Air-line*	-
100+ x ES	-	Air-line**	PAPR-P3

\* - Negative pressure demand \*\* - Continuous flow

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO2), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH3), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- · Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory protection. These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- · Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- · Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU)
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

Class P2 particulate filters are used for protection against mechanically and thermally generated particulates or both.

P2 is a respiratory filter rating under various international standards, Filters at least 94% of airborne particles Suitable for:

- · Relatively small particles generated by mechanical processes eg. grinding, cutting, sanding, drilling, sawing.
- Sub-micron thermally generated particles e.g. welding fumes, fertilizer and bushfire smoke.
- Biologically active airborne particles under specified infection control applications e.g. viruses, bacteria, COVID-19, SARS

# **SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties**

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# Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Granules; soluble in water.		
Physical state	Divided Solid	Relative density (Water = 1)	Not Available
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	Not Applicable
pH (as supplied)	Not Available	Decomposition temperature	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	Not Available	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Applicable
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	Not Applicable	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Not Applicable
Flash point (°C)	Not Applicable	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Available	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	Not Applicable	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Applicable
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Available
Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Applicable	Gas group	Not Available
Solubility in water	Miscible	pH as a solution (%)	Not Available
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Available	VOC g/L	Not Available

# **SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity**

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	<ul> <li>Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>Product is considered stable.</li> <li>Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

# **SECTION 11 Toxicological information**

Information on toxicological e	ffects
Inhaled	The material is not thought to produce either adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract following inhalation (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, adverse systemic effects have been produced following exposure of animals by at least one other route and good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting.  Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.  If prior damage to the circulatory or nervous systems has occurred or if kidney damage has been sustained, proper screenings should be conducted on individuals who may be exposed to further risk if handling and use of the material result in excessive exposures.  Urea in small quantities is considered to be practically non-harmful by all exposure routes. The dust should be regarded as a nuisance dust and exposure should be kept as low as practical. Confirmed asthmatics should avoid prolonged contact with urea dust. Urea may cause irritation of the respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing, shortness of breath. Urea may be absorbed into the bloodstream producing symptoms similar to those caused by ingestion.
Ingestion	Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.
Skin Contact	Skin contact is not thought to produce harmful health effects (as classified under EC Directives using animal models). Systemic harm, however, has been identified following exposure of animals by at least one other route and the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions. Good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting.  Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material  Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects.  Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.  Urea ointment acts to soften dry scally skin, promotes skin absorption of other chemicals and is a common ingredient (2-20%) of skin ointments.  Adverse reactions to clinical use of high doses of urea solution include nausea and vomiting.  Prolonged skin contact may cause stinging sensation and mild irritation and may result in dermatitis
Еуе	Evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material may cause eye irritation in a substantial number of individuals and/or may produce significant ocular lesions which are present twenty-four hours or more after instillation into the eye(s) of experimental animals. Repeated or prolonged eye contact may cause inflammation characterised by temporary redness (similar to windburn) of the conjunctiva (conjunctivitis); temporary impairment of vision and/or other transient eye damage/ulceration may occur.
Chronic	Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.  Limited evidence shows that inhalation of the material is capable of inducing a sensitisation reaction in a significant number of individuals at a greater frequency than would be expected from the response of a normal population.

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Pulmonary sensitisation, resulting in hyperactive airway dysfunction and pulmonary allergy may be accompanied by fatigue, malaise and aching. Significant symptoms of exposure may persist for extended periods, even after exposure ceases. Symptoms can be activated by a variety of nonspecific environmental stimuli such as automobile exhaust, perfumes and passive smoking.

Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function (i.e. pneumoconiosis) caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. A prime symptom is breathlessness. Lung shadows show on X-ray.

High levels of exposure to urea in the Russian workplace have been reported to produce emphysema, a high incidence of protein metabolism disturbances and chronic weight loss.

The backs of rats were treated by dermal application with 10%, 20%, 40% urea ointment daily for 4 to 24 weeks. No erythema or other responses were noted at the application site. At 25 weeks there was a decrease, in the 40% urea ointment group, of brain and prostrate weights. In medicine, avoid urea in cases of renal or hepatic impairment. Urea is excreted as a product of normal body metabolic processes Levels above 10 ug/m3 of suspended inorganic sulfates in the air may cause an excess risk of asthmatic attacks in susceptible persons

Nrich Ammo 30N	TOXICITY  Not Available	IRRITATION  Not Available
ammonium sulfate	TOXICITY  dermal (rat) LD50: >2000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup> Oral(Mouse) LD50; 610 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>	IRRITATION  Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup> Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
	TOXICITY  dermal (rat) LD50: 8200 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>	IRRITATION  Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
urea	Oral(Rat) LD50; ~14 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup> Skin (human): 22 mg/3 d (I)- mild  Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>	
Legend:	<ol> <li>Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2.* Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances</li> </ol>	

for ammonium sulfate

As ammonium sulfate dissociates in biological systems studies with other ammonium and sulfate salts can be used to cover these endpoints: A screening study according to OECD TG 422 with ammonium phosphate as analogue substance, which forms ammonium ions in aqueous solutions is available. Fully valid fertility studies with analogue compounds containing sulfate ions are however lacking. Two limited studies with sodium sulfate can be used for assessment of fertility and

developmental toxicity, however, in none of these studies have the foetuses been examined histologically. There are no in vivo data on genotoxicity for ammonium sulfate. To bridge the data gap, data for ammonium chloride, which dissociates in aqueous media to form ammonium ions, as does ammonium sulfate, will be used.

In aqueous media, ammonium sulfate dissociates in the ammonium and sulfate ions (NH4+, SO4 2-). These can be taken up into the body by the oral and respiratory routes. Absorbed ammonium is transported to the liver and there metabolised to urea and excreted via the kidneys. Ammonium is also an endogenous substance that serves a major role in the maintenance of the acid-base balance. Minor amounts of ammonium nitrogen are incorporated in the physiological N-pool. Sulfate is a normal intermediate in the metabolism of endogenous sulfur compounds, and is excreted unchanged or in conjugated form in urine.

Acute toxicity: Ammonium sulfate is of relatively low acute toxicity (LD50, oral, rat: 2000 - 4250 mg/kg bw; LD50 dermal, rat/mouse > 2000 mg/kg bw; 8-h LC50, inhalation, rat > 1000 mg/m3). Clinical signs after oral exposure included staggering, prostration, apathy, and laboured and irregular breathing immediately after dosing at doses near to or exceeding the LD50 value. In humans, inhalation exposure to 0.1-0.5 mg ammonium sulfate/m3 aerosol for two to four hours produced no pulmonary effects. At 1 mg ammonium sulfate/m3 very slight pulmonary effects in the form of a decrease in expiratory flow, in pulmonary flow resistance and dynamic lung compliance were found in healthy volunteers after acute exposure.

Neat ammonium sulfate was not irritating to the skin and eyes of rabbits. There is no data on sensitisation available.

Repeat dose toxicity: A 14-day inhalation study on rats exposed to 300 mg/m3, the only tested dose, did not report histopathological changes in the lower respiratory tract. As the respiratory tract is the target organ for inhalation exposure, the NOEL for toxicity to the lower respiratory tract is 300 mg/m3.

The NOAEL after feeding diets containing ammonium sulfate for 13 weeks to rats was 886 mg/kg bw/day. The only toxicity sign found was diarrhea in male animals of the high-dose group (LOAEL: 1792 mg/kg bw/day).

Reproductive toxicity: There are no valid studies available on the effects of ammonium sulfate on fertility and development. Based on data from a similar ammonium compound (diammonium phosphate), which has been tested up to 1500 mg/kg bw in a screening study according to OECD TG 422 in rats it can be concluded that ammonium ions up to the dose tested have no negative effects on fertility. In the 13-week feeding study of ammonium sulfate with rats, no histological changes of testes were observed up to 1792 mg/kg bw. The ovaries were not examined. Fully valid studies with sulfate on fertility are not available.

In a limited study (pretreatment time short, low number of animals, no fertility indices measured) where female mice were treated with up to ca. 6550 mg sulfate/kg bw (as sodium sulfate) no effects on litter size were found.

Developmental toxicity: Studies of developmental toxicity for ammonium sulfate are not available. In the screening study according to OECD TG 422 with up to 1500 mg diammonium phosphate/kg bw no effects on development have been detected in rats. In another limited screening study with exposure of mice to a single dose of 2800 mg sodium sulfate/kg bw no macroscopic effects or adverse effects on body weight gain have been detected in the pups. In both studies foetuses were not examined histopathologically

**Genotoxicity:** Ammonium sulfate was not mutagenic in bacteria (Ames test) and yeasts with and without metabolic activation systems. It did not induce chromosomal aberrations in mammalian or human cell cultures. No in vivo genotoxicity tests are available. Based on the negative results from in vitro studies and the negative results in the micronucleus test in vivo with ammonium chloride a mutagenic activity of ammonium sulfate in vivo is unlikely.

Similarly to other salts, high doses of ammonium sulfate may have the capability of tumour promotion in the rat stomach; it is, however, much less potent than sodium chloride when tested under identical conditions.

Altered sleep time, change in motor activity, antipsychosis, dyspnea, methaemoglobinaemia, convulsions, lymphomas recorded. Carcinogenic by RTECS criteria.

The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce a contact dermatitis (nonallergic). This form of dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling epidermis. Histologically there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis.

For urea:

UREA

AMMONIUM SULFATE

There is little data that relates urea to human health other than its use in dermatology and some more limited applications in clinical medicine. The use of urea (at 10% concentration or less) in ointments and creams to treat dry skin has been widespread, and long term follow-up studies have indicated that the substance is nonallergenic and virtually free from side effects. Among other clinical therapeutic uses, the treatment of inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone (SIADH) should be noted, because its chronic form has involved long term oral administration of large amounts of urea. Most patients have tolerated urea well, although diarrhoea is sometimes reported after ingestion of 60-90 g/day. The

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possibility exists that infection of H. pylori in human stomach may aggravate local effects by urea because of ammonia generation. Acute toxicity: The acute toxicity by urea is well delineated by the oral route. Toxicity is low in mammals other than ruminants, especially cattle, and sheep, in which the rumen micro-organisms contain urease activity and metabolise urea to ammonia at a high rate. In mice and rats, urea is of low toxicity even by the subcutaneous and intravenous route.

Repeated dose toxicity: No well-conducted repeated dose toxicity studies on urea were located. Chronic toxicity and carcinogenicity screening studies in mice and rats fed with 4500, 9000 or 45000 ppm in diet (up to about 6750 mg/kg body weight/day for mice and about 2250 mg/kg body weight/day for rats) did not uncover any treatment-related toxic syndromes in the various organs studied. Neither was any weight depression noted at terminal necropsy for animals of either sex or species at any dose levels. Thus the NOAELs were about 6750 mg/kg body weight/day for mice and about 2250 mg/kg body weight/day for rats.

Repeated dose toxicity studies with rats by skin application over 4 weeks and 25 weeks were conducted using urea ointment at 10%, 20% and 40% concentrations, and no consistent treatment-related toxic effects were found. The ointments were applied on a 20 cm2 area of the back skin; it is concluded that the repeated dose toxicity of urea by dermal route is low.

Reproductive/developmental toxicity: The studies cited under repeated dose toxicity did not indicate any toxic effects on the reproductive organs of mice and rats. No adequate teratogenicity/developmental toxicity studies of urea with mammals were located. According to one rat study, 50 g/kg body weight/day administered by gavage in two doses 12 hours apart for an average of 14 days did not cause outstanding (external) teratogenicity; the mean birthweight of the newborn was lower but the litter size greater. Injection of urea into the air sack of eggs shows that urea is toxic to the development of chick embryo.

No NOAEL can be given for the reproductive/developmental toxicity of urea because appropriate studies are lacking.

Genetic toxicity: Urea has been negative in several appropriately conducted bacterial mutagenicity tests. Urea caused DNA single strand breaks in mammalian cells in vitro and was clastogenic for mammalian cells in vitro and in vivo but only at concentrations much beyond the physiological range (about 50-100 higher concentrations than found in human blood). The mechanism of genotoxicity is probably non-specific (e.g. difference in osmotic pressure across the cell membrane).

NOTE: Substance has been shown to be mutagenic in at least one assay, or belongs to a family of chemicals producing damage or change to cellular DNA.

#### **AMMONIUM SULFATE &** UREA

Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.

Acute Toxicity	<b>~</b>	Carcinogenicity	×
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	×	Reproductivity	×
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	✓	STOT - Single Exposure	×
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	×	STOT - Repeated Exposure	x
Mutagenicity	×	Aspiration Hazard	×

Leaend:

- Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification

Data available to make classification

# **SECTION 12 Ecological information**

# Toxicity

	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
Nrich Ammo 30N	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	EC50(ECx)	24h	Fish	0.068mg/L	5
ammonium sulfate	EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	190mg/l	2
	LC50	96h	Fish	34.6mg/l	2
	EC50	48h	Crustacea	60mg/l	2
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
urea	NOEC(ECx)	168h	Fish	200mg/l	2
	LC50	96h	Fish	>1000mg/l	4
	EC50	48h	Crustacea	6119-7061mg/l	4

Legend:

Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. EPIWIN Suite V3.12 (QSAR) - Aquatic Toxicity Data (Estimated) 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data

# DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways

May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

# Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
ammonium sulfate	HIGH	HIGH
urea	LOW	LOW

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#### Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
ammonium sulfate	LOW (LogKOW = -2.2002)
urea	LOW (BCF = 10)

## Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
ammonium sulfate	LOW (KOC = 6.124)
urea	LOW (KOC = 4.191)

# **SECTION 13 Disposal considerations**

# Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal

- ▶ DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.
- It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
- ▶ In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.
- Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.

Ensure that the hazardous substance is disposed in accordance with the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017

#### **Disposal Requirements**

Packages that have been in direct contact with the hazardous substance must be only disposed if the hazardous substance was appropriately removed and cleaned out from the package. The package must be disposed according to the manufacturer's directions taking into account the material it is made of. Packages which hazardous content have been appropriately treated and removed may be recycled.

The hazardous substance must only be disposed if it has been treated by a method that changed the characteristics or composition of the substance and it is no longer hazardous. Only dispose to the environment if a tolerable exposure limit has been set for the substance.

Only deposit the hazardous substance into or onto a landfill or sewage facility or incinerator, where the hazardous substance can be handled and treated appropriately.

## **SECTION 14 Transport information**

#### Labels Required

Marine Pollutant	NO	
HAZCHEM	Not Applicable	

Land transport (UN): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code

Not Applicable

# Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code

Product name	Group
ammonium sulfate	Not Available
urea	Not Available

# Transport in bulk in accordance with the ICG Code

Product name	Ship Type
ammonium sulfate	Not Available
urea	Not Available

# **SECTION 15 Regulatory information**

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

This substance is to be managed using the conditions specified in an applicable Group Standard

HSR Number	Group Standard
HSR002571	Fertilisers Subsidiary Hazard Group Standard 2020

Please refer to Section 8 of the SDS for any applicable tolerable exposure limit or Section 12 for environmental exposure limit.

# ammonium sulfate is found on the following regulatory lists

New Zealand Approved Hazardous Substances with controls

New Zealand Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act - Classification

New Zealand Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act - Classification of Chemicals - Classification Data
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC)

urea is found on the following regulatory lists

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#### **Hazardous Substance Location**

Subject to the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

Hazard Class	Quantities
Not Applicable	Not Applicable

## **Certified Handler**

Subject to Part 4 of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

Class of substance	Quantities
Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Refer Group Standards for further information

## Maximum quantities of certain hazardous substances permitted on passenger service vehicles

Subject to Regulation 13.14 of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

Hazard Class	Gas (aggregate water capacity in mL)	Liquid (L)	Solid (kg)	Maximum quantity per package for each classification
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

## **Tracking Requirements**

Not Applicable

#### **National Inventory Status**

National Inventory	Status	
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	Yes	
Canada - DSL	Yes	
Canada - NDSL	No (ammonium sulfate; urea)	
China - IECSC	Yes	
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes	
Japan - ENCS	Yes	
Korea - KECI	Yes	
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes	
Philippines - PICCS	Yes	
USA - TSCA	Yes	
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes	
Mexico - INSQ	Yes	
Vietnam - NCI	Yes	
Russia - FBEPH	Yes	
Legend:	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory and are not exempt from listing(see specific ingredients in brackets)	

# **SECTION 16 Other information**

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# **SDS Version Summary**

Version	Date of Update	Sections Updated
2.1.4.8	16/07/2021	Classification, Ingredients

# Other information

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

# **Definitions and abbreviations**

PC—TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average PC—STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit.

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations

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ES: Exposure Standard OSF: Odour Safety Factor

NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level

TLV: Threshold Limit Value LOD: Limit Of Detection OTV: Odour Threshold Value BCF: BioConcentration Factors BEI: Biological Exposure Index

AIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

DSL: Domestic Substances List NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List

IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

NLP: No-Longer Polymers ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory

KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory

NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas

NCI: National Chemical Inventory
FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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