

1. Identification of Substance & Company

Product

Product name	McGregor's Amitrole
Product code	WAMIT200, WAMIT500
HSNO approval	HSR000423
Approval description	400 g/litre amitrole
UN number	3082
Proper Shipping Name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (Amitrole 40%)
DG class	9
Packaging group	III
Hazchem code	3Z
Uses	Herbicide

Company Details

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2. Hazard Identification

Approval

This product has been approved under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO, Approval HSR000423, 400 g/litre amitrole), and is classified as follows:

Classes	Hazard Statements
6.4A	H320 - Causes eye irritation.
6.8B	H361 - Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
6.9A	H372 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
9.1B	H411 - Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
9.2A	H421 - Very toxic to the soil environment.

SYMBOLS

DANGER



Other Classifications

There are no other classifications that are known to apply.

Precautionary Statements

Precautionary	P103 - Read label before use.
	P201 - Obtain special instructions before use.
	P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
	P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
	P264 - Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
	P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
	P273 - Avoid release to the environment.
	P280 - Wear eye protection.
	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.

P308+P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
 P391 - Collect spillage.
 P405 - Store locked up

3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS/ Identification	Conc (%)
Amitrole	61-82-5	40%
ingredients not contributing to HSNO classes	mixture	balance

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary. Trace quantities of impurities are also likely.

4. First Aid

General Information

If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. You should call the National Poisons Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 0800 764 766 (0800 POISON) (24 hr emergency service).

Recommended first aid facilities Ready access to running water is required. Accessible eyewash is required.

Exposure

Swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water to drink. Contact a doctor.

Eye contact

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.

Skin contact

This product is non-irritating to skin. No further measures should be required.

Inhaled

Generally, inhalation of fumes is unlikely to result in adverse health effects. If coughing, dizziness or shortness of breath is experienced, remove the patient to fresh air immediately. If patient is unconscious, place in the recovery position (on the side) for transport and contact a doctor.

Advice to Doctor

Treat symptomatically

5. Firefighting Measures

Fire and explosion hazards:

There are no specific risks for fire/explosion for this chemical. It is non-flammable.

Suitable extinguishing substances:

Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water jet. Fight larger fires with water jet or alcohol resistant foam.

Unsuitable extinguishing substances:

Unknown.

Products of combustion:

Carbon dioxide, and if combustion is incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Water. May form toxic mixtures in air and may accumulate in sumps, pits and other low-lying spaces, forming potentially explosive mixtures.

Protective equipment:

Self-contained breathing apparatus. Safety boots, non-flammable overalls, gloves, hat and eye protection.

Hazchem code:

3Z

6. Accidental Release Measures

Containment

If greater than 1000L is stored, secondary containment and emergency plans to manage any potential spills must be in place. In all cases design storage to prevent discharge to storm water.

Emergency procedures

In the event of spillage alert the fire brigade to location and give brief description of hazard. Stop the source of the leak, if safe to do so. Shut off all possible sources of ignition. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin, eye and respiratory exposure. Clear area of any unprotected personnel. Contain using sand, earth or vermiculite. Do not use sawdust. Prevent by whatever means possible any spillage from entering drains, sewers, or water courses. (If this occurs contact your regional council immediately).

Clean-up method

Use absorbent (soil, sand or other inert material). Rags are not recommended for the clean-up of spills, as they may create fire or environmental hazard. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal. If contamination of crops, sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

Disposal

Mop up and collect recoverable material into labelled containers for recycling or salvage. Recycle containers wherever possible. This material may be suitable for approved

Precautions landfill. Dispose of only in accord with all regulations. Floors may be slippery when wet. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contamination and the inhalation of vapours. Work up wind or increase ventilation.

7. Storage & Handling

Storage Avoid storage of harmful substances with food. Store out of reach of children. Containers should be kept closed in order to minimise contamination. Keep from extreme heat and open flames. Avoid contact with incompatible substances as listed in Section 10.

Handling Keep exposure to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. See section 8 with regard to personal protective equipment requirements. Avoid skin and eye contact and inhalation of vapour, mist or aerosols.

8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protective Equipment

Workplace Exposure Standards

A workplace exposure standard (WES) has not been established by WorkSafe NZ for this product. There is a general limit of 3mg/m³ for respirable particulates and 10mg/m³ for inhalable particulates when limits have not otherwise been established.

NZ Workplace Exposure Stds (2016)	Ingredient	WES-TWA*	WES-STEL*
	Amitrole	0.2mg/m ³	No data

* These workplace exposure standards are also Prescribed Exposure Standards (PES) under the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016.

Engineering Controls

In industrial situations, it is expected that employee exposure to hazardous substances will be controlled to a level as far below the WES as practicable by applying the hierarchy of control required by the Health and Safety at Work Act (2015) and the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eyes



Avoid contact with eyes. Use safety glasses and or chemical splash goggles if splashes are possible.

Skin

Avoid repeated or prolonged skin contact. Wear overalls, rubber boots and impervious gloves. Replace frequently. Gloves should be checked for tears or holes before use. Remove protective clothing and wash exposed areas with soap and water prior to eating, drinking or smoking.

Respiratory

A respirator when airborne concentrations approach the WES (section 8). Use a respirator with an organic vapour cartridge with a particulate filter. If using a respirator, ensure that the cartridges are correct for the potential air contamination and are in good working order.

WES Additional Information

Not applicable

9. Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance	Amber liquid
Odour	none
pH	4.0-6.0
Vapour pressure	no data
Viscosity	no data
Boiling point	no data
Volatile materials	no data
Freezing / melting point	no data
Solubility	soluble in water
Specific gravity / density	1.15g/ml (approx)
Flash point	no data
Danger of explosion	not explosive
Auto-ignition temperature	no data
Upper & lower flammable limits	no data
Corrosiveness	non corrosive

10. Stability & Reactivity

Stability	Stable
Conditions to be avoided	Containers should be kept closed in order to avoid contamination. Keep from extreme heat and open flames.
Incompatible groups	Strong acids and strong bases.
Substance Specific Incompatibility	none known
Hazardous decomposition products	Oxides of carbon
Hazardous reactions	none known

11. Toxicological Information

Summary

IF SWALLOWED: may cause burning sensation in throat and chest, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and nosebleeds.

IF IN EYES: may cause eye irritation.

IF ON SKIN: may cause mild skin irritation. Sensitised individuals may experience an allergic skin reaction.

IF INHALED: vapours may cause irritation.

CHRONIC TOXICITY: in animal experiments, extended animal feeding studies showed that rats fed amitrol had fewer pups per litter and the pup weight was reduced. At high doses the thyroid and spleen was affect and increases pup mortality occurred. Amitrole was found to affect the liver, kidney and the thyroid.

Supporting Data

Acute	Oral	Using LD ₅₀ 's for ingredients, the calculated LD ₅₀ (oral, rat) for the mixture is >5,000 mg/kg.	
	Dermal	No evidence of dermal toxicity.	
	Inhaled	No evidence of inhalation toxicity.	
	Eye	The mixture is considered to be an eye irritant, because amitrole is considered an eye irritant.	
	Skin	The mixture is not considered to be a skin irritant.	
	Chronic	Sensitisation	No ingredient present at concentrations > 0.1% is considered a sensitizer.
		Mutagenicity	No ingredient present at concentrations > 0.1% is considered a mutagen.
		Carcinogenicity	No ingredient present at concentrations > 0.1% is considered a carcinogen.
	Reproductive / Developmental		The mixture is considered to be a suspected reproductive or developmental toxicant. Amitrole is classed 6.8B by EPA, it is considered a suspected reproductive and developmental toxicant.
		Systemic	The mixture is considered to be a known or presumed target organ toxicant. Amitrole may affect the liver, kidney or thyroid
	Aggravation of existing conditions	None known.	

12. Ecological Data

Summary

This mixture is toxic towards aquatic organisms and in the soil environment.

Supporting Data

Aquatic	Using EC ₅₀ 's for ingredients, the calculated EC ₅₀ for the mixture is between 1 mg/L and 10 mg/L Data considered includes: Amitrole 1.54mg/L (48hr, Daphnia magna), 2.3mg/L (96h, Scenedesmus subspicatus (Algae)), 65mg/L (96h, rainbow trout).
Bioaccumulation	No data
Degradability	No data
Soil	EPA has classified the mixture as highly ecotoxic to the soil environment. This substance is very toxic to plants (non selective herbicide)
Terrestrial vertebrate	This mixture is not considered ecotoxic towards terrestrial vertebrates.
Terrestrial invertebrate	No evidence of toxicity towards terrestrial invertebrates.
Biocidal	no data
Environmental effect levels	No EELs are available for this mixture or ingredients

13. Disposal Considerations

Restrictions	There are no product-specific restrictions, however, local council and resource consent conditions may apply, including requirements of trade waste consents.
Disposal method	Disposal of this product must comply with the requirements of the Resource Management Act for which approval should be sought from the Regional Authority. The substance must be treated and therefore rendered non-hazardous before discharge to the environment.
Contaminated packaging	Rinse containers with water before disposal. Preferably re-cycle container, otherwise send to landfill or similar.

14. Transport Information

Transport according to NZS 5433 (Transport of Hazardous Substances on Land). Considered a dangerous good for transport.

UN number:	3082	Proper shipping name:	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (Amitrole 40%)
Class(es)	9	Packing group:	III
Precautions:	Marine pollutant.	Hazchem code:	3Z

15. Regulatory Information

This product is an approved substance under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO). Approval code: HSR000423, 400 g/litre amitrole (Substance A).

Specific Workplace Controls (as per HSNO approval referenced to Controls Matrix)

Key workplace requirements are:

SDS	To be available within 10 minutes in workplaces storing > 0.1L.
Labelling	No removal of labels and/or decanting of product into other containers can occur.
Emergency plan	Required if > 1000L is stored.
Approved handler	Required if applied in a wide dispersive manner or by a commercial contractor.
Tracking	Not required.
Bunding & secondary containment	Required if > 1000L is stored.
Signage	Required if > 100L is stored.
Location test certificate	Not required
Flammable zone	Not required
Fire extinguisher	Not required

Note: The above workplace requirements apply if only this particular substance is present. The complete set of controls for a location will depend on the classification and total quantities of other substances present in that location.

Other Legislation

In New Zealand, the use of this product may come under the Resource Management Act and Regulations, the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016, local Council Rules and Regional Council Plans.

All aspects of storage, handling use, disposal and record keeping must be in accordance with NZS 8409:2004 Management of Agrichemicals.

16. Other Information

Abbreviations

Approval Code	Approval HSR000423, 400 g/litre amitrole (Substance A) Controls, EPA. www.epa.govt.nz
CAS Number	Unique Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
Ceiling	Ceiling Exposure Value: The maximum airborne concentration of a biological or chemical agent to which a worker may be exposed at any time.
EC₅₀	Ecotoxic Concentration 50% – concentration in water which is fatal to 50% of a test population (e.g. daphnia, fish species)
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority (New Zealand)
HAZCHEM Code	Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services, especially fire fighters
HSNO	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Act and Regulations)
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LEL/UEL	Lower Explosive Limit/Upper Explosive limit.
LD₅₀	Lethal Dose 50% – dose which is fatal to 50% of a test population (usually rats).
LC₅₀	Lethal Concentration 50% – concentration in air which is fatal to 50% of a test population (usually rats)
MSDS (SDS)	Material Safety Data Sheet (or Safety Data Sheet)
PES	Prescribed Exposure Standard means a WES or a biological exposure standard that is prescribed in a regulation, a safe work instrument or an approval under HSNO (including group standards).
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit - The maximum airborne concentration of a chemical or biological agent to which a worker may be exposed in any 15 minute period, provided the TWA is not exceeded
TWA	Time Weighted Average – generally referred to WES averaged over typical work day (usually 8 hours)
UN Number	United Nations Number
WES	Workplace Exposure Standard - The airborne concentration of a biological or chemical agent to which a worker may be exposed during work hours (usually 8 hours, 5 days a week). The WES relates to exposure that has been measured by personal monitoring using procedures that gather air samples in the worker's breathing zone.

References

Data	Unless otherwise stated comes from the EPA HSNO chemical classification information database (CCID).
EPA Transfer Gazettes WES 2016	Classifications and controls assigned for specific ingredients (consolidated gazette, 2004) The NZ Workplace Exposure Standards Effective from 2016, published by WorkSafe NZ and available on their web site – www.worksafe.govt.nz.
WES 2002	Workplace Exposure Standards published by the Occupational Safety and Health Service, Department of Labour, January 2002, ISBN 0-477-03660-0. These are the WES referred to under the Group Standard (HSNO approval) and may constitute a PES.
Other References:	Suppliers SDS

Review

Date	Reason for review
June 2017	Not applicable – new SDS

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