



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION: PRODUCT IDENTIFIER AND CHEMICAL IDENTITY

**Product Name:** 4FARMERS Glyphosate 450 MEA Herbicide**Other Means of Identification:** Soluble Liquid**Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restriction on Use:** Agricultural Herbicide**Details of Manufacturer or Importer:**

4Farmers Australia Pty Ltd

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Welshpool WA 6106

**Phone Number:** +61 8 9356 3445**Emergency telephone number:** National Poison Information Centre: 13 11 26

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**SUSMP Classification:** Schedule 5**ADG Classification:** Not classified as dangerous good according to Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code.**UN Number:** None Allocated**GHS:****Signal Word: DANGER**

Serious eye damage – Category 2

Skin irritation – Category 2

Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Acute) – Category 2

Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Chronic) – Category 2

**Hazard Statements:**

H315: Causes skin irritation.

H318: Causes serious eye damage.

H411: Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Precautionary Statements:**

P264 Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling.

P273 Avoid release to the environment

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response Statements:**

P332+P313

IF SKIN irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

P302+P352

IF ON SKIN: wash with plenty of water.

P305+P351+P338

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do - continue rinsing.

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Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

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P362 Take off contaminated clothing.  
P391 Collect spillage.

### Storage Statements:

P403+P233+P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep cool.

### Disposal Statements:

P501 Dispose of contents/container as specified on the registration label.

## 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc , (w/w %)	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Glyphosate as the monoethanolamine salt	40465-76-7	40-50	Not set	Not set
Other non hazardous ingredients	-	to 100	Not set	Not set

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary slightly. Minor quantities of other non hazardous ingredients are also possible.

The SWA TWA exposure value is the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for a 5 day working week. The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that may be equalled (but should not be exceeded) for no longer than 15 minutes and should not be repeated more than 4 times per day. There should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The term "peak "is used when the TWA limit, because of the rapid action of the substance, should never be exceeded, even briefly.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### **General Information:**

You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this MSDS with you when you call.

### **Inhalation:**

No first aid measures normally required. However, if inhalation has occurred, and irritation has developed, remove to fresh air and observe until recovered. If irritation becomes painful or persists, seek medical advice.

### **Skin Contact:**

In case of skin contact, immediately remove contaminated clothing and wash affected areas with water and soap. Seek medical attention if symptoms occur.

### **Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes or until the product is removed, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face. Obtain medical attention immediately if required.

### **Ingestion:**

If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth with water and contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call a doctor if symptoms develop.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Fire and Explosion Hazard:** There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire. The product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong

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heating. Fire decomposition products may be toxic if inhaled. When fighting a major fire wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective equipment.

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Preferred extinguishing media are carbon dioxide, dry chemical, foam, water fog.

**Fire Fighting:** if significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade.

**Flash Point:** Does not burn.

**Upper Flammability Limit:** Does not burn.

**Lower Flammability:** Does not burn.

**Auto ignition temperature:** Does not burn.

**Flammability Class:** Does not burn.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. Wear full protective clothing including overalls, goggles and gloves. All skin areas should be covered. See below under Personal Protection regarding Australian Standards relating to personal protective equipment. Suitable materials for protective clothing include rubber, PVC. Eye/face protective equipment should comprise as a minimum, protective goggles. If there is a significant chance that vapours or mists are likely to build up in the cleanup area, we recommend that you use a respirator. Normally, no respirator is needed when using this product. However if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned in section 8.

Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Absorb onto sand, vermiculite or other suitable absorbent material. If spill is too large or if absorbent material is not available, try to create a dike to stop material spreading or going into drains or waterways. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. Recycle containers wherever possible after careful cleaning. Refer to product label for specific instructions. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. Full details regarding disposal of used containers, spillage and unused material may be found on the label. If there is any conflict between this MSDS and the label, instructions on the label prevail. Ensure legality of disposal by consulting regulations prior to disposal. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Advise laundry of nature of contamination when sending contaminated clothing to laundry.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### Handling:

Keep exposure to this product to a minimum, and minimize the quantities kept in work areas. Check Section 8 of this SDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. The measures detailed below under "Storage" should be followed during handling in order to minimize risks to persons using the product in the workplace. Also, avoid contact or contamination of product with incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

#### Storage:

This product is a Scheduled Poison. Observe all relevant regulations regarding sale, transport and storage of this schedule of poison. Store in a cool, well ventilated area. Check containers periodically for leaks. Containers should be kept closed in order to minimize contamination. Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Incompatibilities" in Section 10.

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### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment:

Respiratory equipment: **AS/NZS 1715**, Protective Gloves: **AS 2161**, Occupational Protective Clothing: AS/NZS 4501 set 2008, Industrial Eye Protection: **AS1336** and **AS/NZS 1337**, Occupational Protective Footwear: **AS/NZS2210**.

#### SWA Exposure Limits

#### TWA (mg/m3)

#### STEL (mg/m3)

Exposure limits have not been established by SWA for any of the significant ingredients in this product.

No special equipment is usually needed when occasionally handling small quantities. The following instructions are for bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs without proper containment systems.

**Ventilation:** No special ventilation requirements are normally necessary for this product. However make sure that the work environment remains clean and that Vapours and mists are minimized.

**Eye Protection:** Protective glasses or goggles should be worn when this product is being used. Failure to protect your eyes may cause them harm. Emergency eye wash facilities are also recommended in an area close to where this product is being used.

**Skin Protection:** Prevent skin contact by wearing impervious gloves, clothes and, preferably, apron. Make sure that all skin areas are covered. See below for suitable material types.

**Protective Material Types:** We suggest that protective clothing be made from the following: rubber, PVC.

**Respirator:** Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product.

Eyebaths or eyewash stations and safety deluge showers should be provided near to where this product is being used.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical Description and colour:</b>	Blue Liquid
<b>Odour:</b>	Slight amine odour
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	Approximately 100 °C at 100 kPa.
<b>Freezing/Melting point:</b>	<0 °C
<b>Volatiles:</b>	Water component
<b>Vapour Pressure:</b>	2.37 kPa at 20 °C (water vapour pressure)
<b>Vapour Density:</b>	No data
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	Approximately 1.2
<b>Water Solubility:</b>	Completely soluble in water
<b>pH (neat):</b>	4-6
<b>Volatility:</b>	No data
<b>Odour Threshold:</b>	No data
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	No data
<b>Coeff Oil/Water Distribution:</b>	No data
<b>Autoignition temperature:</b>	No data

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity:** This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions. However if you have any doubts, contact the supplier for advice on shelf life properties.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Store in the closed original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight.

**Incompatibilities:** strong oxidizing agents.

**Fire Decomposition:** This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating. Combustion forms carbon dioxide, and if incomplete, carbon monoxide and possibly smoke. Water is also formed. May form nitrogen and its compounds, and under some circumstances, oxides of nitrogen. Occasionally

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hydrogen cyanide gas in reducing atmospheres. May form oxides of phosphorus and other phosphorus compounds. Carbon monoxide poisoning produces headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, dimness of vision, disturbance of judgment, and unconsciousness followed by coma and death.

**Polymerization:** This product will not undergo polymerization reactions

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicity:** An information profile for Glyphosate is available at <http://extoxnet.orst.edu/pips/ghindex.html>

**Acute toxicity:** Oral LD50 values for glyphosate are greater than 10,000 mg/kg in mice, rabbits, and goats. The toxicities of the technical acid (glyphosate) and the formulated product are nearly the same. It is practically nontoxic by skin exposure, with reported dermal LD50 values of greater than 5000 mg/kg for the acid and isopropylamine salt. The trimethylsulfonium salt has a reported dermal LD50 of greater than 2000 mg/kg. The reported 4-hour rat inhalation LC50 values for the technical acid and salts were 5 to 12 mg/L, indicating moderate toxicity via this route. Some formulations may show high acute inhalation toxicity. While it does contain a phosphatyl functional group, it is not structurally similar to organophosphate pesticides which contain organophosphate esters, and it does not significantly inhibit cholinesterase activity.

**Chronic toxicity:** Studies of glyphosate lasting up to 2 years, have been conducted with rats, dogs, mice, and rabbits, and with few exceptions no effects were observed. For example, in a chronic feeding study with rats, no toxic effects were observed in rats given doses as high as 400 mg/kg/day. Also, no toxic effects were observed in a chronic feeding study with dogs fed up to 500 mg/kg/day, the highest dose tested.

**Reproductive effects:** Laboratory studies show that glyphosate produces reproductive changes in test animals very rarely and then only at very high doses (over 150 mg/kg/day). It is unlikely that the compound would produce

reproductive effects in humans.

**Teratogenic effects:** In a teratology study with rabbits, no developmental toxicity was observed in the fetuses at the highest dose tested (350 mg/kg/day). Glyphosate does not appear to be teratogenic.

**Mutagenic effects:** Glyphosate mutagenicity and genotoxicity assays have been negative. It appears that glyphosate is not mutagenic.

**Carcinogenic effects:** Rats given oral doses of up to 400 mg/kg/day did not show any signs of cancer, nor did dogs given oral doses of up to 500 mg/kg/day or mice fed glyphosate at doses of up to 4500 mg/kg/day. It appears that glyphosate is not carcinogenic.

**Organ toxicity:** Some microscopic liver and kidney changes, but no observable differences in function or toxic effects, have been seen after lifetime administration of glyphosate to test animals.

**Fate in humans and animals:** Glyphosate is poorly absorbed from the digestive tract and is largely excreted unchanged by mammals. At 10 days after treatment, there were only minute amounts in the tissues of rats fed glyphosate for 3 weeks. Cows, chickens, and pigs fed small amounts of glyphosate had undetectable levels (less than 0.05 ppm) in muscle tissue and fat. Levels in milk and eggs were also undetectable (less than 0.025 ppm). Glyphosate has no significant potential to accumulate in animal tissue. There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This product is biodegradable. It will not accumulate in the soil or water or cause long term problems.

**Effects on birds:** Glyphosate is not harmful to wild birds. The dietary LC50 in both mallards and bobwhite quail is greater than 4500 ppm.

**Effects on aquatic organisms:** Technical glyphosate acid is practically nontoxic to fish and may be slightly toxic to aquatic invertebrates. The reported 96-hour LC50 values for other aquatic species include greater than 10 mg/L in Atlantic oysters, 934 mg/L in fiddler crab, and 281 mg/L in shrimp. The 48-hour LC50 for glyphosate in Daphnia (water flea), an important food source for freshwater fish, is 780 mg/L. Some formulations may be more toxic to fish and aquatic species due to differences in toxicity between the salts and the parent acid or to surfactants used in the formulation. There is a very low potential for the compound to build up in the tissues of aquatic invertebrates or other aquatic organisms.

**Effects on other organisms:** Glyphosate is nontoxic to honeybees. Its oral and dermal LD50 is greater than 0.1 mg/bee. The reported contact LC50 values for earthworms in soil are greater than 5000 ppm for both the

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glyphosate trimethylsulfonium salt and formulated product.

### Environmental Fate:

**Breakdown in soil and groundwater:** Glyphosate is moderately persistent in soil, with an estimated average half-life of 47 days. Reported field half-lives range from 1 to 174 days. It is strongly adsorbed to most soils, even those with lower organic and clay content.

**Breakdown in water:** In water, glyphosate is strongly adsorbed to suspended organic and mineral matter and is broken down primarily by microorganisms. Its half-life in pond water ranges from 12 days to 10 weeks.

**Breakdown in vegetation:** Glyphosate may be translocated throughout the plant, including to the roots. It is extensively metabolized by some plants, while remaining intact in others.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal:** Special help is available for the disposal of the Agricultural Chemicals. The product label will give general advice regarding disposal of small quantities, and how to cleanse containers. However, for help with the collection of unwanted rural chemicals, contact ChemClear 1800 008 182 <http://www.chemclear.com.au/> and for help with the disposal of empty drums, contact DrumMuster <http://www.drummuster.com.au/> where you will find contact details for your area.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

ADG Code: This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good. No special transport conditions are necessary unless required by other regulations.

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**AICS:** All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are compliant with NICNAS regulations.

**The following ingredients:** Glyphosate is mentioned in the SUSMP.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**This SDS contains only safety related information. For other data see product literature.**

#### Abbreviations and acronyms:

<b>ADG Code</b>	Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods Road and Rail (7 <sup>th</sup> Edition)
<b>AICS</b>	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
<b>CAS Number</b>	Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
<b>Hazchem Code</b>	Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services especially fire fighters
<b>IARC</b>	International Agency for Research on Cancer
<b>SWA</b>	Safe Work Australia, formerly ASCC and NOHSC
<b>NOS</b>	Not otherwise specified
<b>NTP</b>	National Toxicity Program (USA)
<b>R-Phrase</b>	Risk Phrase
<b>SUSMP</b>	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines & Poisons
<b>UN Number</b>	United Nation Number

#### Disclaimer

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**Please read all labels carefully before using this product.**

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