



## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

#### 1.1 Product identifier

**Product name** ZINC SULFATE MONOHYDRATE  
**Synonyms** 62160 - PRODUCT CODE • ZINC SULPHATE MONOHYDRATE

#### 1.2 Uses and uses advised against

**Uses** GRANULAR ZINC FERTILISER • GRANULAR ZINC FERTILIZER

#### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

**Supplier name** INCITEC PIVOT  
**Address** Level 9, South Tower Rialto, 525 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, AUSTRALIA  
**Telephone** (03) 8695 4400; 1800 009 832  
**Fax** (03) 8695 4419  
**Email** [lpf.customer.service@incitecpivot.com.au](mailto:lpf.customer.service@incitecpivot.com.au)  
**Website** <http://www.incitecpivotfertilisers.com.au>

#### 1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

**Emergency** 1800 033 111

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

##### Physical Hazards

Not classified as a Physical Hazard

##### Health Hazards

Acute Toxicity: Oral: Category 4  
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation: Category 1

##### Environmental Hazards

Aquatic Toxicity (Chronic): Category 1

#### 2.2 GHS Label elements

**Signal word** DANGER

##### Pictograms



##### Hazard statements

H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

##### Prevention statements

P264 Wash 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/face protection/hearing protection.

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### Response statements

P305 + P351 + P338    IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P310    Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.  
P330    Rinse mouth.  
P391    Collect spillage.

### Storage statements

None allocated.

### Disposal statements

P501    Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations.

### 2.3 Other hazards

No information provided.

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## 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances / Mixtures

| Ingredient                | CAS Number | EC Number | Content |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| ZINC SULPHATE MONOHYDRATE | 7446-19-7  | 616-096-8 | 100%    |

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

**Eye**    If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.

**Inhalation**    If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.

**Skin**    If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water.

**Ingestion**    For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.

**First aid facilities**    Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available.

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

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

### 4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire. If water used in fire fighting cannot all be contained on site, block drains with sandbags, waterproof tarpaulins or earth to prevent run-off from site. Zinc sulfate is potentially toxic to marine and freshwater organisms. Dispose of contaminated water in accordance with regulatory requirements.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Non flammable. May evolve toxic gases (zinc/ sulphur oxides) when heated to decomposition.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Toxic gases may be evolved in a fire situation. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Wear full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when combating fire. Use waterfog to cool intact containers and nearby storage areas.

### 5.4 Hazchem code

2Z  
2    Fine Water Spray.  
Z    Wear full fire kit and breathing apparatus. Contain spill and run-off.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Contact emergency services where appropriate.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

### **6.3 Methods of cleaning up**

Recover spilt fertiliser as soon as possible, and place in suitable containers.

If in the open, and the product cannot be immediately recovered, take steps to protect the product from the elements and loss to waterways. Cover the spilt product with a water-proof tarpaulin, weighed down to prevent it being blown off by wind.

This product is classified as an Environmentally Hazardous Substance. It is potentially toxic to marine or freshwater organisms in aquatic environments.

For disposal options, see Section 13.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

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## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Before use, read the product label, including sections on "Safety Directions" and "Care of Equipment". Use safe work practices. Avoid eye or skin contact and dust inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. When lifting Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers, use properly designed and approved equipment that meets Australian Standards AS3668 and AS2359. Refer to the Incitec Pivot pamphlet "Guidance for the Safe Handling of Fertiliser Bulk Bags".

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Fertilisers should be stored in a cool, dry, covered and well-ventilated area. Do not allow to get wet. Ensure the store is above known flood heights and protected against flooding, and away from water courses and open stormwater channels. Packaged fertiliser should be stored in such a manner that in the event of a spill it cannot escape from the compound. Store away from farm chemicals, e.g. insecticides, fungicides and herbicides; and foodstuffs. Ensure stockpiles of bulk bags are stable. Place the bags as close as reasonably practical to each other without causing undue damage. If stacking more than two high, stack in a pyramidal style. Ensure the third and subsequent layers are placed so as to straddle and bind the bags below them. When walking near, or between rows of stacked bags, maintain a distance equal to the height of the stack from the product. Bagged fertilisers should be stored under cover and out of direct sunlight (which degrades woven polypropylene packs). If stored in the open, do so for short periods only, and cover the bags with a tarpaulin. Avoid high stacking as this promotes caking. The Pallet Capacity Rating (design weight) must not be exceeded on the bottom tier.

### **7.3 Specific end uses**

No information provided.

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## **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Exposure standards**

No exposure standards have been entered for this product.

#### **Biological limits**

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

### **8.2 Exposure controls**

#### **Engineering controls**

Avoid inhalation. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain dust levels below the recommended exposure standard.

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### PPE

The selection of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be based on a Risk Assessment of the level of exposure, including the amount of product being handled, the task being performed and the work environment in which it is being conducted. Normal work clothing may suffice in the field, e.g. when handling bags and filling fertiliser boxes, and where contact with the product is limited under well ventilated conditions and occupational exposure limits are not exceeded.

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| <b>Eye / Face</b>  | Where eye contact may occur, wear safety glasses with side shields.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Hands</b>       | Cotton gloves, which can be washed or disposed of if heavily soiled, will suffice under most circumstances. Use impervious PVC or rubber gloves in high risk situations.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Body</b>        | Where skin contact may occur and for individuals with sensitive skin, wear ankle length and long sleeved clothing or overalls.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Respiratory</b> | Wear a dust mask where exposure to dust is light. Where the dust nuisance is high and ventilation is inadequate, use a properly fitted particulate filter respirator, either full face-piece or half mask plus goggles, that meets Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716 "Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices". |

Wash dust from hands and exposed skin. In risk situations, locate an eyewash station nearby. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or reuse. Ensure all PPE conforms to the relevant Australian Standards. Read the labels on the PPE.



## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Appearance</b>                | OFF-WHITE GRANULES |
| <b>Odour</b>                     | MILD ODOUR         |
| <b>Flammability</b>              | NON FLAMMABLE      |
| <b>Flash point</b>               | NOT RELEVANT       |
| <b>Boiling point</b>             | NOT AVAILABLE      |
| <b>Melting point</b>             | 280°C              |
| <b>Evaporation rate</b>          | NOT AVAILABLE      |
| <b>pH</b>                        | NOT AVAILABLE      |
| <b>Vapour density</b>            | NOT AVAILABLE      |
| <b>Relative density</b>          | 3.3                |
| <b>Solubility (water)</b>        | SOLUBLE            |
| <b>Vapour pressure</b>           | NOT AVAILABLE      |
| <b>Upper explosion limit</b>     | NOT RELEVANT       |
| <b>Lower explosion limit</b>     | NOT RELEVANT       |
| <b>Partition coefficient</b>     | NOT AVAILABLE      |
| <b>Autoignition temperature</b>  | NOT AVAILABLE      |
| <b>Decomposition temperature</b> | NOT AVAILABLE      |
| <b>Viscosity</b>                 | NOT AVAILABLE      |
| <b>Explosive properties</b>      | NOT AVAILABLE      |
| <b>Oxidising properties</b>      | NOT AVAILABLE      |
| <b>Odour threshold</b>           | NOT AVAILABLE      |

### 9.2 Other information

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| <b>Bulk density</b> | 1700 to 1800 kg/m <sup>3</sup> |
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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Polymerization is not expected to occur.

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### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

No information provided.

### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

May evolve toxic gases (zinc/ sulphur oxides) when heated to decomposition.

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## **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity**                      Harmful if swallowed.

#### **Information available for the ingredients:**

| <b>Ingredient</b>         | <b>Oral LD50</b>                | <b>Dermal LD50</b> | <b>Inhalation LC50</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| ZINC SULPHATE MONOHYDRATE | 1891 mg/kg<br>(mouse-anhydrous) | --                 | --                     |

**Skin**                                      Contact may result in irritation, redness, pain and rash.

**Eye**                                       Causes serious eye damage. Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain, redness, blurring or dimness of vision and possible damage.

**Sensitisation**                        Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.

**Mutagenicity**                         Not classified as a mutagen.

**Carcinogenicity**                    Not classified as a carcinogen.

**Reproductive**                       Not classified as a reproductive toxin.

**STOT - single exposure**           Over exposure may result in irritation of the nose and throat, coughing, dizziness, drowsiness and headache.

**STOT - repeated exposure**        Not classified as causing organ damage from repeated exposure.

**Aspiration**                            Not classified as causing aspiration.

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## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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### **12.1 Toxicity**

Zinc Sulphate is classified as very toxic to aquatic organisms and may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

### **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

### **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

All living organisms have homeostasis mechanisms that actively regulate zinc uptake and absorption/excretion from the body. However, bioaccumulation and biomagnification can still occur under certain conditions.

### **12.4 Mobility in soil**

No information provided.

### **12.5 Other adverse effects**

Avoid contamination of drains and waterways. Limited ecotoxicity data was available for this product at the time this report was prepared. Ensure appropriate measures are taken to prevent this product from entering the environment. Zinc sulfate is classified as an Environmentally Hazardous Substance. It is potentially toxic to marine or freshwater organisms in aquatic environments. Avoid contamination of waterways.

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## **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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**PRODUCT NAME    ZINC SULFATE MONOHYDRATE****13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Waste disposal**      Ideally, the fertiliser should be used for its intended purpose. Beneficial reuse is the preferred disposal option. For fertiliser that is physically degraded but not contaminated in any way, this may necessitate using different application equipment and methods to apply it. If the fertiliser is contaminated with other fertilisers, soil, or other non-harmful substances, and it can be satisfactorily applied, use it for its nutrient value in pasture, crops or on a recreational area, e.g. lawns and parks. If contaminated with other materials, e.g. fuel, oil or chemicals, the fertiliser waste must be disposed of in accordance with relevant local legislation. Contact the Waste Management Authority for advice.

**Legislation**            Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE**



|                                    | LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)                                                                    | SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)                                                              | AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)                                                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>14.1 UN Number</b>              | 3077                                                                                    | 3077                                                                                    | 3077                                                                                    |
| <b>14.2 Proper Shipping Name</b>   | ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (contains zinc sulphate monohydrate) | ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (contains zinc sulphate monohydrate) | ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (contains zinc sulphate monohydrate) |
| <b>14.3 Transport hazard class</b> | 9                                                                                       | 9                                                                                       | 9                                                                                       |
| <b>14.4 Packing Group</b>          | III                                                                                     | III                                                                                     | III                                                                                     |

**14.5 Environmental hazards**

Marine Pollutant.

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

**Hazchem code**            2Z  
**GTEPG**                    9C1  
**EmS**                        F-A, S-F

**Other information**            The environmentally hazardous substance mark is not required when transported in packages of less than 5 kg/L (UN Model Regulations: Special Provision 375; IATA: Special Provision A197; IMDG: Special Provision 969) or less than 500 kg/L by Australian Road and Rail.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

**Poison schedule**            Classified as a Schedule 6 (S6) Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

**Classifications**            Safe Work Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Revision 7).

**Inventory listings**            **AUSTRALIA: AIIC (Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals)**  
All components are listed on AIIC, or are exempt.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Additional information**            RESPIRATORS: In general the use of respirators should be limited and engineering controls employed to avoid exposure. If respiratory equipment must be worn ensure correct respirator selection and training is undertaken. Remember that some respirators may be extremely uncomfortable when used for long periods. The use of air powered or air supplied respirators should be considered where prolonged or repeated use is necessary.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:**

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

**HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:**

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

**Abbreviations**

|                   |                                                                                                 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACGIH             | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists                                       |
| CAS #             | Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds                 |
| CNS               | Central Nervous System                                                                          |
| EC No.            | EC No - European Community Number                                                               |
| EMS               | Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)                   |
| GHS               | Globally Harmonized System                                                                      |
| GTEPG             | Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide                                                            |
| IARC              | International Agency for Research on Cancer                                                     |
| LC50              | Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration                                         |
| LD50              | Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose                                                           |
| mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Milligrams per Cubic Metre                                                                      |
| OEL               | Occupational Exposure Limit                                                                     |
| pH                | relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline). |
| ppm               | Parts Per Million                                                                               |
| STEL              | Short-Term Exposure Limit                                                                       |
| STOT-RE           | Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)                                              |
| STOT-SE           | Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)                                                |
| SUSMP             | Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons                                    |
| SWA               | Safe Work Australia                                                                             |
| TLV               | Threshold Limit Value                                                                           |
| TWA               | Time Weighted Average                                                                           |

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