

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product Name: **AgMerch Simazine 900 WG Herbicide**

**Other Names:** Simazine is a 1,3,5-triazine derivative, triazine herbicide.  
**Use:** A selective agricultural water dispersible granule herbicide.  
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## SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia.  
Not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the ADG Code.**

**Globally Harmonised System (GHS) classification of the substance/mixture:**  
Carcinogenicity: Hazard Category 2.  
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment - Long-Term Hazard: Hazard Category 4.

**Signal Word:** WARNING.

**Hazard Statements:**

- H351 Suspected of causing cancer.
- H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Precautionary Statements:**

*Prevention:*

- P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
- P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
- P273 Avoid release to the environment.
- P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

*Response:*

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

*Storage & Disposal:*

- P405 Store locked up.

*Disposal:*

- P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with national regulations.

**Pictograms:**



**SECTION 3 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS****Ingredients:**

<b>CHEMICAL</b>	<b>CAS NUMBER</b>	<b>PROPORTION</b>
Simazine	122-34-9	900 g/kg
Other ingredients determined not to be hazardous		Balance

**SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES****FIRST AID**

**Ingestion:** If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth out with water. If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone 131 126.

**Eye contact:** Gently brush granules away and rinse with water. If irritation occurs and persists, seek medical advice.

**Skin contact:** Gently brush granules away. Wash skin with soap and water. If irritation occurs and persists, seek medical advice. Irritation is not expected.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air and observe until recovered. If effects persist, seek medical advice.

**Advice to Doctor:** Treat symptomatically. No specific antidote.

**SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Specific Hazard:** Generally considered a low risk.

**Extinguishing media:** Extinguish fire using carbon dioxide, foam or dry agent. If not available, use waterfog or fine water spray but ensure all runoff is contained. Contain all runoff.

**Hazards from combustion products:** Product will decompose when burnt and will emit toxic fumes. Fire-fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to vapour or smoke. There is no risk of explosion.

**Precautions for fire-fighters and special protective equipment:** Isolate fire area. Evacuate downwind residents. Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Do not breathe smoke or vapours generated.

**SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Emergency Procedures:** In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. As a minimum, wear overalls, goggles and chemical resistant gloves. If there is a significant chance of that dust is likely to build up in the cleanup area, the use of a respirator is recommended.

In the case of spillage, stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Prevent spillage entering drains or watercourses. Contain and absorb spilled material with absorbent material such as sand, clay, cat litter or material such as vermiculite. Collect recoverable product for use as labelled on the product.

Vacuum, shovel or pump contaminated spilled material into an approved container and dispose of waste as per the requirements of Local or State Waste Management Authorities. Keep out animals and unprotected persons. Launder protective clothing before storage or re-use.

Large spills should be dyked or covered to prevent dispersal. If possible, granules may be recovered and used for their intended use. Vacuum shovel or pump spilled material into an approved container and dispose of waste as per the requirements of Local or State Waste Management Authorities. Keep out animals and unprotected persons.

**Material and methods for containment and cleanup procedures:** To clean spill area, tools and equipment, wash with a solution of soap, water and acetic acid/vinegar. Follow this with a neutralisation step of washing the area with a bleach or caustic soda ash solution. Finally, wash with a strong soap and water solution. Absorb, as above, any excess liquid and add both solutions to the drums of waste already collected.

**SECTION 7****HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** No special protection equipment required. Keep exposure to this product at a minimum. After use and before eating, drinking and smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** Not classified as a Dangerous Good. Store in the closed, original container in a well-ventilated area away from children, animals, food, feedstuffs, seed and fertilisers. Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight.

**SECTION 8****EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION****Exposure Guidelines:**

No exposure limits have been assigned by Safe Work Australia for the ingredients in this product.

**Biological Limit Values:**

No biological limit allocated.

**Engineering controls:**

Keep containers closed when not in use. No special engineering controls are required, however make sure that the work environment remains clean, and that dusts, vapours and mists are minimised.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

General: No special protective equipment required; however, standard hygiene should include gloves and the use of respirators if dust or sprays indicate use.

Personal Hygiene: After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. Clean water should be available for washing in case of eye or skin contamination. Wash skin before eating, drinking or smoking. Shower at the end of the workday.

**SECTION 9****PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Appearance:</b>	Whitish coloured granule.
<b>Odour:</b>	Faint odour.
<b>Boiling point:</b>	No data available.
<b>Solubility in Water:</b>	Disperses in water.
<b>pH:</b>	No data available.
<b>Flammability:</b>	Not flammable.
<b>Poisons Schedule:</b>	Not classified as a scheduled poison.
<b>Formulation type:</b>	Water Dispersible Granule (WG).

**SECTION 10****STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Chemical Stability:** Product is considered stable in ambient conditions for a period of at least 2 years after manufacture.

**Conditions to avoid:** Keep cool and dry until ready to use. Protect from sunlight.

**Incompatible materials:** Strong oxidizing agent such as chlorates, nitrates, peroxides etc.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** This product will decompose when burnt. Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen and its compounds and oxides, smoke and in some circumstances hydrogen cyanide gas may be produced.

**Hazardous reactions:** Avoid contact of the concentrate with strong alkalis and alkaline materials such as lime. Polymerisation is unlikely.

**SECTION 11****TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No specific data is available for this product as no toxicity tests have been conducted on this product. Information presented is our best judgement based on similar products and/or individual components. As with all products for which limited data is available, caution must be exercised through the use of protective equipment and handling procedures to minimise exposure.

**SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION (Continued)****Potential Health Effects:****ACUTE EFFECTS**

**Swallowed:** Slight to moderate toxicity. Acute Oral LD<sub>50</sub> > 2000 mg/kg (rats).

**Eye:** The granules can cause physical discomfort if in the eye causing irritation, stinging, reddening and watering of the eyes. Simazine is not irritating.

**Skin:** This product is non irritating and non-sensitising to the skin. Acute dermal LD<sub>50</sub> > 2,000 mg/kg (rats) and > 10,000 mg/kg (rabbits).

**Inhaled:** As this is a granule and the acute oral toxicity was very low, no studies have been performed. Toxicity by inhalation is expected to be very low.

**Long Term Exposure:**

Prolonged and repeated exposure can occasionally cause skin irritation, conjunctivitis and bronchitis.

**Chronic Toxicity:** Other than an occasional transient skin eruption in a few rare cases, no chronic effects have been documented. There is a warning that regular exposure to simazine may result in irreversible effects.

**Mutagenicity:** The weight of evidence indicates that simazine does not present a mutagenic risk.

**Carcinogenicity:** Worksafe Australia has classified simazine in the occupational environment as a Carcinogen Category 3 substance. This means the *evidence of carcinogenicity is inadequate* in humans but *sufficient* in experimental animals and may be placed in this category when there is strong evidence that the mechanism of carcinogenicity in experimental animals does not operate in humans.

**SECTION 12****ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Environmental Toxicology:** Simazine is practically non-toxic to birds. The reported LD<sub>50</sub> values in mallard and Japanese quail are > 4600 mg/kg and 1785 mg/kg, respectively. Similar high values are reported for other species. Simazine is slightly to practically non-toxic to most aquatic species. However, highly to very highly toxic to various species of algae. While many mammals may be insensitive to Simazine, sheep and cattle are especially sensitive. Simazine is non-toxic to bees. A soil LC<sub>50</sub> in earthworms of >1000 mg/kg has been reported.

**Environmental Fate:** Simazine is moderately persistent with an average field half-life of 60 days. Reported soil half-lives range from 28 to 149 days. Residual soil activity (at rates of 2 – 4 kg/ha) may remain for a year after application in high pH soils. Simazine is moderately to poorly bound to soils. It does, however, adsorb to clays and mucks. Its low water solubility, however, makes it less mobile, limiting its leaching potential. The average half-life of Simazine in ponds where it has been applied is 30 days, with the actual half-life dependent on the level of algae present, the degree of weed infestation, and other factors. Simazine may undergo hydrolysis at lower pH. It does not readily undergo hydrolysis in water at pH = 7. Plants absorb Simazine mainly through the roots, with little or no foliar penetration. From the roots, it is translocated upward to the stems, leaves, and growing shoots of the plant. It acts to inhibit photosynthesis. Resistant plants readily metabolize Simazine. Plants that are sensitive to Simazine accumulate it unchanged. It is possible that livestock or wildlife grazing on these plants could be poisoned.

**SECTION 13****DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Spills and Disposal:** Persons involved in cleanup require adequate skin protection - see section 8. Keep material out of streams and sewers. Dispose of drummed wastes, including decontamination solution in accordance with the requirements of Local or State Waste Management Authorities.

**Disposal of empty containers:** Shake empty bag into spray tank. Single rinse plastic bags before disposal. Add rinsings to spray tank. Do not dispose of undiluted chemicals onsite. Puncture or shred and bury empty containers in a local authority landfill. If no landfill is available, bury the containers below 500mm in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots. Empty containers and products should not be burnt.

**SECTION 14****TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**Road & Rail Transport:** This product is not classified as a Dangerous Goods under the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

**Marine and Air Transport:** Product is a not classified as a Dangerous Good according to International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

**SECTION 15****REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Under the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP), this product is not a scheduled poison.

This product is registered under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994. Product Registration No. 84795.

This product is classified as a Hazardous Substance under the criteria of Safe Work Australia.

This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the ADG Code (7<sup>th</sup> Ed).

This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good according to International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

*Requirements concerning special training:*

Check State or Territory regulations that require people who use pesticides in their job or business to have training in the application of the materials.

**SECTION 16****OTHER INFORMATION**

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Key to abbreviations and acronyms used in this SDS:

ADG Code Australian Dangerous Goods Code (for the transport of dangerous goods by Road and Rail).

Carcinogen An agent which is responsible for the formation of a cancer.

Genotoxic Capable of causing damage to genetic material, such as DNA.

HCIS Hazardous Chemical Information System.

Lacrimation The production, secretion, and shedding of tears.

Lavage A general term referring to cleaning or rinsing.

Mutagen An agent capable of producing a mutation.

Pneumonitis A general term that refers to inflammation of lung tissue.

PPE Personal protective equipment.

Teratogen An agent capable of causing abnormalities in a developing foetus.

TWA The Time Weighted Average airborne concentration over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week over an entire working life.

Safe Work Australia: Australian government statutory body established in 2008 to develop national policy relating to Worker Health & Safety and workers' compensation.

**References**

1. "Hazardous Chemicals Information System". Safe Work Australia HCIS website. (2021).
2. "Classifying Hazardous Substances" Safe Work Australia. August 2018.
3. Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). United Nations, 2017 (7<sup>th</sup> Ed).

*This SDS summarises our best knowledge of the health and safety hazard information of the product and how to safely handle and use the product in the workplace. Each user should read this SDS and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used in the workplace including in conjunction with other products.*

*If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate risk assessment can be made, the user should contact this company.*

End SDS.