# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET ABC POWDER

#### 1. Identification of Product

Physical form: Dry Chemical Powder

Chemical name: Ammonium Dihydrogen Orthophosphate

Molecular formula:  $NH_4H_2PO_4$ 

Product application: Fire Extinguishing Powder for use on Class A, B and C fires

Product name: Monoammonium Phosphate

### 2. Composition and ingredient information

There are no hazardous components based upon current legislation. Please see section 8 for respirable dust information.

## 3. Hazard Identification

Not regarded as a health or environmental hazard under current legislation. No known acute health effects when used as intended.

#### 4. First Aid Measures

Inhalation: Remove casualty from exposure. Provide rest, warmth and fresh air.

Skin contact: Wash the skin immediately with soap and water.

Eye contact: Promptly wash eyes with plenty of water while lifting the eye lids.

Continue to rinse for at least 15 minutes,

Ingestion: Rinse mouth with water and give plenty of water to drink.

If other symptoms persist seek medical advice and treat

symptomatically.

#### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

No specific measures required, as this product is a fire extinguishing medium. If the product containers are involved in fire then suitable extinguishing media should be applied.

#### 6. Accidental release measures

Do not allow to enter public sewers and watercourses. If contamination of drainage systems or watercourses is unavoidable, immediately inform the appropriate authorities.

Shovel into dry containers. Cover and move the containers. Vacuum cleaning is recommended to minimise dust formation. Flush the area with water.

### 7. Handling & Storage

Handling: When handling this product use suitable containment methods to

avoid generation of dust and local exhaust ventilation to limit

personal exposure.

Storage: Keep cool and dry in the absence of vibration. Maintain good

housekeeping practice, store away from sodium hypochlorite

(bleach)

#### 8. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Ingredient comments: Product contains respirable Silica, which has a MEL of 0.3mg/m<sup>3</sup>

(8 hour TWA).

Personal protection: Use of gloves, goggles and protective clothing is recommended.

Ventilation: Provide sufficient ventilation for operations causing dust

formation.

Respirators: Respiratory protection (P1) must be used if air concentration

exceeds acceptable level.

Protective gloves: No specific hand protection noted but gloves may still be

advisable. Use protective gloves made of Impermeable material.

Eye protection: Wear approved chemical safety goggles where eye exposure is

reasonably probable.

Hygenic work practices: Wash at the end of each work shift and before eating, smoking

and using toilet.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Fine powder. Odour: Odourless.

pH: 4.5 of 5% solution in water.

Density: Settled apparent density 1000-1300 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Solubility: Soluble in water but silicon additive delays dissolution.

Flammability: Non-flammable.

Decomposition: at 190° in flame zone.

#### 10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability: Normally stable.

Conditions to avoid: Avoid contact with alkalis. Avoid contact with water. Avoid

contact with strong oxidisers.

## 11. Toxicological Properties

Toxic dose – LD 50: Ammonium sulphate: >3000 mg/kg (oral rat).

Monoammonium phosphate: Unknown toxicity, it is a general

purpose food additive.

Ingestion: May cause discomfort if swallowed.

Skin contact: Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause irritation.

Inhalation Dust may irritate respiratory system or lungs.

Eye Contact Particles in the eyes may cause irritation and smarting.

#### 12. Ecological Information

Mobility: Soluble in water therefore it could lower the pH if washed into

watercourses.

Bioaccumulation: Low potential for bioaccumulation.

Degradability: Not readily biodegradable. Note: Ammonium salts and

phosphates act as plant nutrients.

Acute fish toxicity: Not toxic at limit of solubility.

In the event of large spillage, advise appropriate authority.

## 13. Disposable Considerations

Disposal methods: Powder or contaminated packaging to be collected, sealed tightly

in bags and disposed on approved landfills. Do not dispose with

alkalis.

Waste class: European Waste Catalogue 160304

#### 14. Transport Information

Not classified as hazardous for transport.

## 15. Regulatory Information

Risk phrases: Not classified.

Safety phrases: S-22 Do not breathe dust.

UK regulatory references: Classification, Packaging and Labelling Regulations 1984. The

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1988. Chemicals (Hazard Information & Packaging) Regulations 1993.

EU directives: Dangerous Preparations Directive 88\379. System of specific

information relating to Dangerous Preparations 91\155. Safety

Data Sheet Directive 2001\58.

Statutory instruments: Chemicals (Hazard information and Packaging) Regulations.

Control of Substances Hazardous to Heath.

Approved code of practice: Safety Data Sheets for Substances and Preparations L62.

Classification and Labelling of Substances and Preparations

Dangerous for Supply.

Guidance notes: Occupational Exposure Limits EH40. CHIP for everyone

HSG(108).

#### 16. Other Information

User notes: N/A.

Information sources: Croner's: Substances Hazardous to Health, Croner's:

Emergency First Aid Guide. Croner's: Emergency Spillage

Guide. Croner's: Dangerous Substances.

The information in this Safety Data Sheet is based on the present state of knowledge and current national Legislation. It provides guidance on safety, health and environmental aspects of the product and should not be construed as any guarantee of performance. The product should not be used for any other purpose than fire fighting without first referring to the supplier. The user is responsible for ensuring that requirements of relevant Legislation are complied with.