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1. Product and Company Identification

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Registrant: Whitmire Micro-Gen Research Laboratories, Inc. 3568 Tree Court Industrial Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63122

Substance number: Synonyms: 000000471574 fipronil (active ingredient)

2. Hazards Identification

Emergency overview

CAUTION: KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. HARMFUL IF INHALED. May cause moderate but temporary irritation to the eyes. Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid inhalation of dusts. Wash thoroughly after handling.

See Product Label for additional precautionary statements.

State of matter: solid Colour: white Odour: odourless

Potential health effects

Primary routes of exposure:

Routes of entry for solids and liquids include eye and skin contact, ingestion and inhalation. Routes of entry for gases include inhalation and eye contact. Skin contact may be a route of entry for liquified gases.

Acute toxicity:

Slightly toxic after single ingestion. Slightly toxic after short-term skin contact. Slightly toxic after short-term inhalation.

Irritation / corrosion:

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May cause slight irritation to the skin. May cause slight irritation to the respiratory tract. May cause slight irritation to the eyes.

Sensitization:

Skin sensitizing effects were not observed in animal studies.

Signs and symptoms of overexposure:

lethargy, tremors, convulsions

3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

CAS Number 120068-37-3 <u>Content (W/W)</u> 0.5 % 99.5 % Chemical name Fipronil Proprietary ingredients

4. First-Aid Measures

General advice:

First aid providers should wear personal protective equipment to prevent exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible. Call a poison control center or physician for treatment advice. Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.

If inhaled:

Remove the affected individual into fresh air and keep the person calm.

If on skin:

Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 - 20 minutes.

If in eyes:

Hold eyes open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing.

If swallowed:

Never induce vomiting or give anything by mouth if the victim is unconscious or having convulsions. Do not induce vomiting. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow.

Note to physician

Antidote: Treatment: No known specific antidote. Treat symptomatically.

5. Fire-Fighting Measures

Flash point:

not applicable

Suitable extinguishing media:

water spray, carbon dioxide, foam, dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media for safety reasons: water jet

Hazards during fire-fighting:

carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, nitrogen oxide, If product is heated above decomposition temperature, toxic vapours will be released. The substances/groups of substances mentioned can be released in case of fire.

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Protective equipment for fire-fighting:

Firefighters should be equipped with self-contained breathing apparatus and turn-out gear.

Further information:

Evacuate area of all unnecessary personnel. Contain contaminated water/firefighting water. Do not allow to enter drains or waterways.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions:

Take appropriate protective measures. Clear area. Shut off source of leak only under safe conditions. Extinguish sources of ignition nearby and downwind. Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear suitable personal protective clothing and equipment.

Environmental precautions:

Do not discharge into the subsoil/soil. Do not discharge into drains/surface waters/groundwater.

Contain contaminated water/firefighting water.

Cleanup:

Dike spillage. Pick up with suitable absorbent material. Place into suitable containers for reuse or disposal in a licensed facility. Spilled substance/product should be recovered and applied according to label rates whenever possible. If application of spilled substance/product is not possible, then spills should be contained, solidified, and placed in suitable containers for disposal. After decontamination, spill area can be washed with water. Collect wash water for approved disposal.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling

General advice:

RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FOR MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL BLENDING, AND PACKAGING WORKERS. PESTICIDE APPLICATORS & WORKERS must refer to the Product Label and Directions for Use attached to the product for Agricultural Use Requirements in accordance with the EPA Worker Protection Standard 40 CFR part 170. Ensure adequate ventilation. Provide good ventilation of working area (local exhaust ventilation if necessary). Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Keep container tightly sealed. Protect contents from the effects of light. Protect against heat. Protect from air. Handle and open container with care. Do not open until ready to use. Once container is opened, content should be used as soon as possible. Avoid aerosol formation. Avoid dust formation. Provide means for controlling leaks and spills. Do not return residues to the storage containers. Follow label warnings even after container is emptied. The substance/ product may be handled only by appropriately trained personnel. Avoid all direct contact with the substance/product. Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid inhalation of dusts/mists/vapours. Wear suitable personal protective clothing and equipment.

Protection against fire and explosion:

The relevant fire protection measures should be noted. Fire extinguishers should be kept handy. Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame. Sources of ignition should be kept well clear. Avoid extreme heat. Keep away from oxidizable substances. Electrical equipment should conform to national electric code. Ground all transfer equipment properly to prevent electrostatic discharge. Electrostatic discharge may cause ignition.

Storage

General advice:

Keep only in the original container in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place away from ignition sources, heat or flame. Protect containers from physical damage. Protect against contamination. The authority permits and storage regulations must be observed.

Storage incompatibility:

General advice: Segregate from foods and animal feeds.

Temperature tolerance

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Protect from temperatures above: 40 °C

Changes in the properties of the product may occur if substance/product is stored above indicated temperature for extended periods of time.

8. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Users of a pesticidal product should refer to the product label for personal protective equipment requirements.

Components with workplace control parameters

Microcrystalline cellulose	OSHA	PEL 5 mg/m3 Respirable fraction ; PEL 15 mg/m3
		Total dust ;
	ACGIH	TWA value 10 mg/m3 ;

Advice on system design:

Whenever possible, engineering controls should be used to minimize the need for personal protective equipment.

Personal protective equipment

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Respiratory protection:

Wear respiratory protection if ventilation is inadequate. Wear a NIOSH-certified (or equivalent) organic vapour/particulate respirator. For situations where the airborne concentrations may exceed the level for which an air purifying respirator is effective, or where the levels are unknown or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH), use NIOSH-certified full facepiece pressure demand self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or a full facepiece pressure demand supplied-air respirator (SAR) with escape provisions.

Hand protection:

Chemical resistant protective gloves, Protective glove selection must be based on the user's assessment of the workplace hazards.

Eye protection:

Safety glasses with side-shields. Tightly fitting safety goggles (chemical goggles). Wear face shield if splashing hazard exists.

Body protection:

Body protection must be chosen depending on activity and possible exposure, e.g. head protection, apron, protective boots, chemical-protection suit.

General safety and hygiene measures:

Wear long sleeved work shirt and long work pants in addition to other stated personal protective equipment. Work place should be equipped with a shower and an eye wash. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Personal protective equipment should be decontaminated prior to reuse. Gloves must be inspected regularly and prior to each use. Replace if necessary (e.g. pinhole leaks). Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Store work clothing separately. Hands and/or face should be washed before breaks and at the end of the shift. No eating, drinking, smoking or tobacco use at the place of work. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Form: Odour: Colour:	powder odourless white	
pH value:	5.0 - 7.0	
Melting point:		not applicable
Bulk density: Solubility in water:	0.2 - 0.4 kg/m3	(20 °C) dispersible, not soluble

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10. Stability and Reactivity

Dust explosivity characteristics: Kst: 86 m.bar/s

Dust explosion class:

Dust explosion class 1 (Kst-value >0 up to 200 bar m s-1) (St 1)

Minimum ignition energy:

> 500 mJ, 415 °C

Conditions to avoid:

Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame. Avoid extreme temperatures. Avoid prolonged exposure to extreme heat. Avoid contamination. Avoid electro-static discharge. Avoid prolonged storage. This product may form an explosive mixture if: 1. the dust is suspended in the atmosphere as a dust cloud AND 2. the concentration of the dust is above the lower explosion limit (LEL) AND 3. the limiting oxygen concentration (LOC) is exceeded.

Substances to avoid:

strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous reactions:

The product is chemically stable. Hazardous polymerization will not occur. No hazardous reactions if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Decomposition products:

No hazardous decomposition products if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated., Prolonged thermal loading can result in products of degradation being given off.

Thermal decomposition:

170 °C, 2.5 K/min (DSC (OECD 113))

Possible thermal decomposition products:

carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxide, nitrogen dioxide Stable at ambient temperature. If product is heated above decomposition temperature toxic vapours may be released. To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat.

Corrosion to metals:

Corrosive effects to metal are not anticipated.

Oxidizing properties: Not an oxidizer

Not an oxidizer.

11. Toxicological information

Acute toxicity

Oral: Type of value: LD50 Species: rat Value: > 2,000 mg/kg (OECD Guideline 423)

Dermal: Type of value: LD50 Species: rat Value: > 2,000 mg/kg (OECD Guideline 402)

Irritation / corrosion

Skin: Species: rabbit

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Result: Slightly irritating.

Eye:

Species: rabbit Result: Slightly irritating.

Sensitization:

Buehler test Species: guinea pig Result: Skin sensitizing effects were not observed in animal studies. Method: OECD Guideline 406

Genetic toxicity

Information on: fipronil

Results from a number of mutagenicity studies with microorganisms, mammalian cell culture and mammals are available. Taking into account all of the information, there is no indication that the substance is mutagenic.

Carcinogenicity

Information on: fipronil

In long-term studies in rats the substance induced thyroid tumors. In long-term studies in rodents exposed to high doses, a tumorigenic effect was found; however, these results are thought to be due to a rodent-specific liver effect that is not relevant to humans.

Reproductive toxicity

Information on: fipronil

Animal studies gave no indication of a developmental toxic effect at doses that were not toxic to the parental animals.

Development:

Information on: fipronil No indications of a developmental toxic / teratogenic effect were seen in animal studies.

12. Ecological Information

Fish

Information on: fipronil Acute: Oncorhynchus mykiss/LC50 (96 h): 0.25 mg/l Lepomis macrochirus/LC50 (96 h): 0.0852 mg/l Cyprinus carpio/LC50 (96 h): 0.43 mg/l

Aquatic invertebrates

Information on: fipronil Acute: Daphnia magna/EC50 (48 h): 0.19 mg/l

Aquatic plants

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green algae/EC50 (96 h): 0.068 mg/l Common duckweed/EC50 (336 h): > 0.160 mg/l green algae/EC50 (120 h): > 0.140 mg/l Algae/EC50 (120 h): > 0.170 mg/l Algae/EC50 (120 h): > 0.120 mg/l

Degradability / Persistence Biological / Abiological Degradation

Information on: fipronil

Evaluation:

Not readily biodegradable (by OECD criteria).

13. Disposal considerations

Waste disposal of substance:

Pesticide wastes are regulated. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mix or rinsate is a violation of federal law. If pesticide wastes cannot be disposed of according to label instructions, contact the State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

Container disposal:

Rinse thoroughly at least three times (triple rinse) in accordance with EPA recommendations. Consult state or local disposal authorities for approved alternative procedures such as container recycling. Recommend crushing, puncturing or other means to prevent unauthorized use of used containers.

RCRA:

The waste codes are manufacturer's recommendations based on the designated use of the product. Other use and special waste disposal treatment on customer's location may require different waste-code assignents. This product is not regulated by RCRA.

14. Transport Information

Reference Bill of Lading

15. Regulatory Information

Federal Regulations

Registration status: Chemical	TSCA, US	blocked / not listed		
Crop Protection	TSCA, US	released / exempt		
OSHA hazard category:		hronic target organ effects reported; ACGIH TLV established		
EPCRA 311/312 (Hazard categories): Acute; Chronic				

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16. Other Information

Refer to product label for EPA registration number.

Recommended use: insecticide

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