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Product Name **FUMITOXIN Coated Insecticide Tablets**

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## 1. Identification

<b>GHS Product Identifier</b>	FUMITOXIN Coated Insecticide Tablets
<b>Product Code</b>	1203
<b>Product Type</b>	Group 24A Insecticide
<b>Company Name</b>	NUFARM AUSTRALIA LIMITED. (ABN 80 004 377 780)
<b>Address</b>	103-105 Pipe Road Laverton North Victoria 3026 Australia
<b>Telephone/Fax Number</b>	Tel: +61 3 9282-1000 Fax: +61 3 9282-1001
<b>Emergency phone number</b>	1800 033 498 (24hr Australia)
<b>Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use</b>	For control of insect pests of stored products in certain situations as per the Directions for Use table on the label.
<b>Other Information</b>	

## 2. Hazard Identification

<b>GHS classification of the substance/mixture</b>	EF1 Substances and Mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases: Category 1 OT2 Acute Toxicity - Oral: Category 2 ED1 Eye Damage/Irritation: Category 1 AA1 Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment - Acute Hazard: Category 1
<b>Signal Word (s)</b>	DANGER
<b>Hazard Statement (s)</b>	H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously. H300 Fatal if swallowed. H318 Causes serious eye damage. H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.
<b>General Precautionary Statement (s)</b>	P101 If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. P102 Keep out of reach of children. P103 Read label before use.
<b>Pictogram (s)</b>	Flame, Skull and crossbones, Corrosion, Environment, The below pictograms are GHS Hazard symbols for workplace use only. See SECTION 14 for Dangerous Goods information.



<b>Precautionary statement – Prevention</b>	P223 Keep away from any possible contact with water, because of violent reaction and possible flash fire. P232 Protect from moisture. P280 Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye and face protection. P264 Wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly after handling. P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
<b>Precautionary statement – Response</b>	P335+P334 Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water/wrap in wet bandages. P370+P378 In case of fire: Use dry agents only for extinction. P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. 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 CENTER or doctor/physician.
<b>Other Information</b>	Poisons Schedule S7 DANGEROUS POISON

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

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<b>Chemical Characterization</b>	Solid		
<b>Ingredients</b>	<u>Name</u>	<u>CAS</u>	<u>Proportion</u>
	Phosphine (PH3) present as Aluminium Phosphide	20859-73-8	330 g/kg
	Ammonium carbamate		10-30 %
	Inert ingredients		Balance
<b>Other Information</b>	Fumitoxin contains ammonium carbamate which liberates ammonia and carbon dioxide. These gases are essentially non-flammable and act as an interfering agent to reduce fire hazards. The ammonia also acts as a warning agent.		

#### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove victim from exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Obtain medical attention urgently. The rescuer must wear breathing protection. If the victim has any breathing difficulties, oxygen may be given by a trained person. If breathing has stopped, give artificial resuscitation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Accidental ingestion is highly unlikely, the product is in tablet form. If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting; seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label or contact the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Aust). Make every effort to prevent vomit from entering the lungs by careful placement of the patient. Do not give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if swallowed. To protect rescuer, use air-viva, oxy-viva or one-way mask. Resuscitate in a well-ventilated area. CAUTION: The person assisting the victim must be aware that the victim may exhale phosphine. The assisting person should consider breathing protection.
<b>Skin</b>	If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly with water. Remove contaminated clothing and launder before re-use. CAUTION: The product reacts with water to form highly toxic phosphine gas. If major contamination exists, decontamination must be done in a manner which keeps people safe from the gas that will be generated.
<b>Eye contact</b>	If in eyes, hold eyelids open and wash with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or the Poisons Information Centre (Australia) on 13 11 26.
<b>Advice to Doctor</b>	Exposure cases should be kept at rest in bed and under continuous medical supervision. Persons who inhaled the gas at levels exceeding the TLV should be considered as potential 'exposure cases'. Pulmonary oedema usually results within 24 hrs but can appear several days later. In this case, a physician may administer oxygen at atmospheric pressure. Since positive pressure breathing apparatus requires an effort on the part of the patient, the physician must use this only after evaluation of each case. Absolute rest seems essential. Steroid therapy should be considered on about the fourth day if pulmonary oedema persists or recurs. (1) Magnesium therapy may reduce the likelihood of a fatal outcome. Dose: 3g magnesium sulfate during first 24 hrs as a continuous infusion, followed by 6g / 24 hrs for next 3 to 5 days. (2)

#### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	USE DRY AGENTS ONLY.
<b>Hazards from Combustion Products</b>	If involved in a fire, it will emit toxic fumes that may contain phosphine, oxides of phosphorous and possibly nitrogen oxides.
<b>Special Protective Equipment for fire fighters</b>	Breathable air apparatus must be worn when fighting a fire in which this product is involved.

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**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**      Fire water will react with any spilled tablets to form the highly toxic and flammable phosphine gas. Be especially wary of this possibility during clean-up after a fire has been extinguished.

**Hazchem Code**      4W

## 6. Accidental release measures

**Spills & Disposal**      If tablets are spilled, vacate the area and put on breathing apparatus before cleaning up spill. Keep other persons well away from the area. Keep the tablets dry. Collect the tablets in sealed containers for disposal. If tablets have become wet or the circumstances are such that the tablets could be moist, evacuate the area. Keep others well away. If uncertain what to do, get professional advice and/or involve emergency authorities. If it is certain that the area down wind has been totally evacuated, then a final hose down with water (after picking up all the visible product) is advisable to ensure that the area is totally safe. Ensure that water is sprayed from up-wind and that any person doing so is wearing full breathing protection.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling**      **WARNING: ALWAYS OPEN CONTAINERS OF FUMITOXIN IN THE OPEN AIR BECAUSE, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THEY MAY FLASH UPON OPENING.**  
When opening, point the top of the container away from face and body and open slowly. Never open a container while in a flammable atmosphere or close to flammable materials.  
The containers of tablets **MUST** be kept dry. In that form, they may be handled using natural ventilation only. Fumitoxin tablets give off phosphine gas on reaction with moisture.  
Phosphine gas is toxic and heavier than air. Once the container is opened, breathing protection should be worn when handling the tablets. For effective protection from phosphine gas, wear breathable air apparatus (SCBA). Phosphine smells like decaying fish. If the odour is detected, vacate the area immediately and put on SCBA before re-entry.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**      Store in the closed, original container in a dry, well ventilated area out of direct sunlight.  
Store in a locked enclosure.  
Keep container tightly sealed and do not store with seed, fertilisers or foodstuffs.  
Do not allow product to become wet or overheated in storage.

**Other Information**      Always read the label and any attached leaflet before use.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

**Occupational exposure limit values**      No exposure standards have been set for this product.  
Safe Work Australia has set the following exposure standard for phosphine :  
TLV (TWA) 0.3 ppm or 0.42 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, STEL 1 ppm or 1.4 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Appropriate engineering controls**      **WARNING: The odour threshold of phosphine is 2 ppm which is higher than these exposure limits. Impurities in the product may lower the odour threshold to 0.2 ppm.**  
**DO NOT RELY ON ODOUR** of phosphine to determine if the atmosphere is safe. **IF ODOUR OF PHOSPHINE IS DETECTED**, the concentration of phosphine may be above the exposure limit and the area should be evacuated immediately.  
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**Personal Protective Equipment**      Wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist, eye protection (chemical goggles preferred), PVC gloves and breathing protection (self contained breathing apparatus - SCBA).  
**RE-ENTRY PERIOD:**

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After application, wait until the exposure period has passed, then thoroughly ventilate for the required ventilation period to the required Standard. Re-entry to fumigation areas is not recommended until measuring device(s) indicate that they are free of phosphine. The use of gas detection tubes or other measuring devices is recommended for monitoring gas levels in fumigation areas as phosphine gas may still be present even after treated commodities have been removed and fumigation areas ventilated. Do not re-enter a storage after application has commenced or once treated grain/commodity has been emptied without wearing a full face respirator with particulate (P1) and self-contained breathing apparatus, until a measuring device indicates that it is free of phosphine or the total fumigation period (minimum exposure period plus ventilation period) has elapsed.

**Hygiene Measures** After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water.  
After each day's use, wash contaminated clothing and safety equipment.

**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.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Form</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	Grey coloured tablets
<b>Vapour Density (Air=1)</b>	1.18
<b>Volatile Component</b>	33% as phosphine on reaction with water.
<b>Flammability</b>	Aluminium phosphide forms a flammable gas on reaction with moisture. The gas may ignite in air, however, materials have been added to release carbon dioxide and ammonia which suppresses spontaneous ignition of the gas under normal circumstances.
<b>Auto-Ignition Temperature</b>	38°C for phosphine
<b>Flammable Limits - Lower</b>	1% for phosphine
<b>Flammable Limits - Upper</b>	~100% for phosphine
<b>Other Information</b>	Reacts vigorously with water, liberating toxic phosphine gas which may ignite spontaneously.

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Reacts with atmospheric moisture to form phosphine gas.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Avoid contact with water and acids. Phosphine reacts with copper, copper alloys, brass and precious metals such as gold and silver.

## 11. Toxicological Information

<b>Acute Toxicity - Oral</b>	LD50 (rat) 8.7 mg/kg for aluminium phosphide
<b>Acute Toxicity - Inhalation</b>	LC50 (rat) (4hr) 0.015 mg/l for phosphine The lowest recorded toxic dose of phosphine for humans is recorded at 1000 ppm over 5 minutes.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Ingestion is an extreme hazard due to the rapid release of phosphine gas. The symptoms of exposure are described under 'Inhalation'.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Inhalation of dust or liberated phosphine gas is an extreme hazard to lungs. The inhalation of phosphine causes coughing, dyspnoea and severe pulmonary oedema. The symptoms of poisoning include headache, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, jaundice, paraesthesia, ataxia, intention tremor, diplopia, coma and death.
<b>Skin</b>	May cause burns. Dermal moisture will promote decomposition, phosphine gas will be released.
<b>Eye</b>	Dust from tablets or released gas may cause serious damage.

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**Chronic Effects** Exposure leading to chronic effects seems to be rare. However, if exposure was regular, the likely effects include anemia, bronchitis, gastrointestinal disturbances and visual, speech and motor disturbances.

## 12. Ecological information

**Other Precautions** Do not contaminate dams, waterways or sewers with this product or the containers which have held this product.

**Acute Toxicity - Fish** LC50 (96hr) for rainbow trout is 9.7 µg/l.

**Acute Toxicity - Daphnia** EC50 (24hr) for daphnia is 0.2 mg/l for phosphine.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Product Disposal** Ideally, all tablets should be used for the intended purpose. Seek expert advice regarding disposal of unwanted tablets.

**Container Disposal** Ensure that containers are totally empty before disposal. Crush containers and dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not use the containers for any other purpose. Because of its ability to produce highly toxic phosphine gas, never dispose of surplus or part-filled containers in tips or other rubbish disposal or by burial, be aware that others, especially children, could locate the container and be exposed to risk.

## 14. Transport information

**U.N. Number** 1397

**UN proper shipping name** ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE

**Transport hazard class(es)** 4.3

**Sub.Risk** 6.1

**Hazchem Code** 4W

**Packaging Method** 3.8.4.1

**Packing Group** I

**Storage and Transport** Considered dangerous for transport by the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

**EPG Number** 4B3

**IERG Number** 27

## 15. Regulatory information

**Regulatory Information** WHS Schedule 11: item 21, item 33.

**Poisons Schedule** S7

**Packaging & Labelling** DANGEROUS POISON  
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN  
READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING

**Other Information** This product is registered with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). APVMA product number: 32069.

## 16. Other Information

**Date of preparation or last revision of SDS** Revised 07/05/2019.  
This SDS replaces document dated August 2016.

**Literature References** (1) Encyclopedia of Occupational Health and Safety, ILO Geneva.  
(2) Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisonings, 5th Ed. USEPA.

**Contact Person/Point** Normal Hours: Mrs Kathleen Marsh Phone: +61 3 9282 1000  
After Hours: Shift Supervisor Phone: 1800 033 498

**Revisions Highlighted** The SDS was reviewed. Minor changes were made to the information.  
Product type group insecticide corrected to match the label.  
Hazard Identification information in section 2 to include environmental



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