

Safety Data Sheet

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REVISION (see box 16)

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1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND COMPANY		
Product Name	DEGESCH FUMIGATION TABLETS	MAFF 09313
Description	An insecticide for professional use. Grey, spherical, tablets in a canister. The phosphine gas, which is produced when the tablets come into contact with moisture, has a garlic or carbide odour.	
Company	Rentokil Initial Supplies, Liverpool, L33 7SR. Product advice line: +44 (0)151 548 5050. Emergency line: +44 (0)1342 833 022 E-mail: sds@rentokil.com	
2 HAZARD IDENTIFICATION		
Classification (Supply – Use): In compliance with EC Directive 1999/45.		
F Highly Flammable	R15/29	Contact with water liberates toxic, extremely flammable gas.
T+ Very Toxic	R26/28	Very toxic by inhalation and if swallowed.
	R32	Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
	R21	Harmful in contact with skin.
N Dangerous for the environment	R50	Very toxic to aquatic organisms.
Adverse Physical, Chemical, Significant Human Health and Environmental Effects (See also box 11):		
Contact with water liberates toxic, extremely flammable gas. Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas. Spontaneous combustion can arise due to sudden release of phosphine gas if a flask, having been opened once, is then re-opened. Mild exposure by inhalation causes malaise, ringing in the ears, fatigue, nausea and pressure in the chest. Moderate poisoning causes weakness, vomiting, and pains just above the stomach and in the chest, diarrhoea and difficulty in breathing. In severe cases coma, convulsions, pulmonary oedema and death occur. Adverse effects on the environment are unlikely, provided that the product is used as intended.		
3 COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS (SEE ALSO BOX 16)		
% w/w	Common*/Chemical Name, ELINCS/EINECS & CAS No. of Ingredients	EC 1999/45 Classification
56	Aluminium phosphide* EINECS : 244-088-0 CAS : 20859-73-8	F : R15/29 T+ : R28, R32 N : R50
>25.0 ≤50.0	Ammonium carbamate* EINECS : 214-185-2 CAS : 1111-78-0	Xn : R22
N.B. The hazard from this product is caused by the evolution of phosphine gas on contact with atmospheric moisture.		
>25.0 ≤50.0	Phosphine*/hydrogen phosphide EINECS : 232-260-8 CAS : 7803-51-2	F+ : R12, R17 T+ : R26 C : R34 N : R50
>2.5 ≤10.0	Ammonia* EINECS : 232-260-8 CAS : 7803-51-2	C : R34 N : R50
4 FIRST-AID MEASURES (SEE ALSO “ADVERSE EFFECTS” IN BOX 2)		
Inhalation	Do not enter contaminated atmosphere, otherwise, wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Remove patient to fresh air, keep warm and at rest. Apply supportive measures if necessary. DO NOT give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek medical attention.	
Eye Contact	Rinse affected eye with clean running water, or eyewash solution, for at least 15 minutes holding eyelids well apart. Rinse entire surface and do not allow run-off to contaminate unaffected eye. Seek medical attention.	
Skin Contact	Remove immediately, brush, or shake any residues from clothing and skin in a well-ventilated area. Allow clothes to aerate for a number of hours prior to washing. Seek medical attention.	
Ingestion (Swallowing)	Do NOT induce vomiting. If unconscious place in the recovery position and apply supportive measures if necessary. If conscious give patient up to ½ litre or 1 pint of water to drink. Seek medical attention.	
Emergency Equipment Suggested Note To Doctor	Appropriate first-aid equipment should be provided. For the UK this should be in accordance with the Health & Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981. See also the Approved Code of Practice “First-aid at Work”. Further information on all Rentokil Initial formulations is lodged with the National Poisons Information Service in the UK.	

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5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES	
Fire Extinguisher Type	Use carbon dioxide, sand or dry powder extinguishers. DO NOT USE WATER.
Special Fire-Fighting Procedures	Wear suitable personal protective equipment.
Special Exposure Hazards	Fires containing phosphine or metal phosphides may produce phosphoric acid.

6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES	
Personal Precautions (See also box 8)	Wear suitable personal protective equipment.
Environmental Precautions	This product is classified as dangerous for the environment. Keep away from drains, surface and ground water, and soil.
Clean-up Procedure (See also box 13)	Evacuate the spillage area and ensure the area is well-ventilated. Wear a full-face respirator with appropriate gas filter cartridge (which also meets P3 standard for particulates), and personal protective equipment. Carefully transfer tablets into a bucket containing water and detergent. Afterwards, adequately ventilate spillage area. It is advisable to establish that the environment is free from phosphine gas using appropriate gas sampling equipment. If the spillage occurs outdoors, work upwind from the spillage area.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE (SEE ALSO BOX 8)	
Handling	At least two operators should be present. Open the container outdoors immediately before use and ensure the container is pointing away from you. Read the product label carefully for further instructions about handling and usage.
Storage	Store in original container in a cool, dry, ventilated place out of the reach of children and away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. USE ALL THE CONTENTS OF THE FLASK. DO NOT RE-SEAL. Spontaneous combustion can arise due to a sudden release of phosphine gas if a container having been opened once, is then re-opened.

8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION	
Exposure Standard - Directive EC/98/24 (1st IOELV Directive)	Workplace Exposure Limit (WEL) for phosphine is 0.14 mg/m ³ long-term exposure (8 hour Time Weighted Average) and 0.28 mg/m ³ short-term exposure (15 minute reference period).
Engineering Controls	Where exposure may occur, engineering controls, rather than the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be employed. On completion of a risk assessment, the following PPE may be required:
Eye Protection	When opening the container, point away from face and other people. Wear a full-face respirator with appropriate gas filter cartridge (which also meets P3 standard for particulates), or other respiratory equipment offering equivalent protection.
Hand Protection	Suitable hand protection such as synthetic rubber/PVC gloves.
Skin Protection	Suitable skin protection such as coveralls.
Breathing Protection	Suitable respiratory protection such as a full-face respirator with appropriate gas filter cartridge (which also meet P3 standard for particulates), or other respiratory equipment offering equivalent protection.
Environmental Exposure Controls	Use only in accordance with instructions given. Any spillage should be dealt with as a priority in order that contamination of watercourses or ground is avoided.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES			
Appearance and Odour	Grey, spherical, tablets. The phosphine gas has a garlic or carbide odour.		
pH	Not applicable.	Solubility in Water	Product decomposes on contact with water. Phosphine: 26mL/100mL at 17°C.
Density	Aluminium phosphide: 2.3 g/cm ³ Phosphine: SG: 1.17	Solubility in Other Solvents	Phosphine: Insoluble.
Flash Point	Not applicable.	Explosive Properties	Phosphine: LEL: 1.8% vol. UEL: Not available.
Flammability	Highly flammable.	Combustibility	Phosphine is spontaneously combustible at concentrations over 1.8%.
Boiling Point/Range	Phosphine: -87°C Aluminium phosphide: >500°C	Oxidising Properties	None.
Vapour Density	Not determined.	Evaporation Rate	Not applicable.
Vapour Pressure	Phosphine: 34.6 bar at 20°C.	Partition Coefficient	Not applicable.
Viscosity	Not applicable.	Other Data	Phosphine is considered to be corrosive to copper, copper alloys, silver and gold. But non-corrosive to aluminium. Product contains additives to prevent self-ignition.

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10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY	
Conditions to avoid	Avoid extremes of temperature, e.g. below 0°C and above 40°C and extreme damp. DO NOT use in wet weather as contact with water liberates phosphine gas.
Materials to avoid	Avoid contact with water and dilute strong acids. Phosphine gas is considered to be corrosive to copper, copper alloys, silver and gold.
Hazardous Breakdown Products	Fires containing phosphine or metal phosphides may produce phosphoric acid.

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION (SEE ALSO BOX 2)	
Acute Toxicity	<p>Oral: For aluminium phosphide: LD₅₀ (rat) : 8.7 mg/kg For product: LD₅₀ (rat) : 11.5 mg/kg</p> <p>Inhalation: For phosphine: LC₅₀ (rat) (4hr) : 0.015 mg/L LC₅₀ (rat) (6hr) : >15.5 mg/m³</p>
Corrosivity/Irritation	<p>Dermal: For aluminium phosphide: LD₅₀ (rat) : 500-1000 mg/kg Contact with water liberates very toxic highly flammable gas which may be irritating to the skin.</p> <p>Skin: Contact with water liberates very toxic highly flammable gas which is irritating to the skin.</p> <p>Eyes: Contact with water liberates very toxic highly flammable gas which is irritating to the eyes.</p> <p>Respiratory tract: Contact with water liberates very toxic highly flammable gas which is irritating to the respiratory system.</p>
Sensitisation	<p>Skin: Contains no known skin sensitisers.</p> <p>Respiratory: Contains no known respiratory sensitisers.</p>
Repeat-Dose Toxicity	Product does not contain any components known to have any effects relating to repeated-dose toxicity.
Mutagenicity	Product does not contain any components known to have a mutagenic effect.
Carcinogenicity	Product does not contain any components known to have a carcinogenic effect.
Reproductive Toxicity	<p>Fertility: Product does not contain any components known to have effects on fertility.</p> <p>Development: Product does not contain any components known to be toxic to the reproductive system.</p>
Other Information	There is no effective treatment for phosphine poisoning. Less than one sixth of a 3g tablet (0.5g) is a fatal dose for a 70kg human. Phosphine directly inhibits cytochrome oxidase in an action similar to that of cyanide. Symptoms of poisoning include: epigastric burning, vomiting thirst, cardiovascular collapse, acidosis, and hypokalemia (potassium deficiency). IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health = 282mg/m ³ = 200ppm phosphine).

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION	
General Information	This product is classified as very toxic to aquatic organisms. However, when used in accordance with instructions given, controlled release of this product is not expected to cause environmental contamination.
Ecotoxicity Data	<p>For Degesch Fumigation Tablets:</p> <p>LC₅₀ (Rainbow trout) (96 hrs) : 9.7 x 10⁻³ ppm</p> <p>EC₅₀ (Daphnia magna) (24 hrs) : 0.2 mg/L</p>
Mobility	Not determined.
Persistence and Degradability	Phosphine decomposes in the atmosphere within 5 - 28 hours.
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not likely to bioaccumulate.
Other Adverse Effects	None known.

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS					
Disposal of Waste / Containers	<p>This product is dangerous for the environment. Do not discharge waste washings or waste product to sewers, drains or watercourses.</p> <p>Disposal must be in accordance with the relevant Approved Code of Practice.</p>				
Classification (Council Directive 91/689/EC, Commission Decision 2000/532/EC (amended) Commission Decision 2001/118/EC))	<p><u>Hazard Code</u>: H3A(v)- Highly flammable, H6 – Toxic H12 – Production of toxic gases in contact with water, air or acid, H14 - Ecotoxic</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Components making the waste hazardous</u></td> <td><u>Concentrations (%)</u>:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aluminium phosphide</td> <td>56%</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Components making the waste hazardous</u>	<u>Concentrations (%)</u> :	Aluminium phosphide	56%
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Note for Disposal	For further advice about disposal, in the UK, contact the local office of the Environment Agency (England and Wales) or Scottish Environment Protection Agency. Local rate from anywhere in the UK: +44 (0) 870 850 6506.				

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14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION (INTERNATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)				
UN No.	UN1397	Tremcard Reference No.	CEFIC TEC (R)- 43GWT2-I	RIS Code
Transport Category	1	UK Hazchem EAC	Not required.	FD02
ADR 2007 (International Road)	Class 4.3	ADR HIN	Not required.	Labels  
Proper Shipping Name	ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE, MIXTURE.			
Limited Quantity Exemptions	Not required.			
Special Requirements	Not required. Packing Group I			
IMDG 2006 (Sea)	Class 4.3	IMDG EMS	F-G, S-N	Labels  
Proper Shipping Name	ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE, MIXTURE.			
Limited Quantity Exemptions	Not required.			
Special Requirements	Not required. Packing Group I			
Note for Transport	Local, State or National requirements may apply to the carriage of this product.			

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION (HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION (SEE ALSO BOX 2))	
Safety Phrases	S7/8 Keep container tightly closed and dry. S3/9/49 Keep only in the original container in a cool well-ventilated place. S22 Do not breathe dust. S28 After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water. S30 Never add water to this product. S35 This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. S36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves. S38 In case of insufficient ventilation wear suitable respiratory equipment. S43 In case of fire, use dry sand, powder or carbon dioxide extinguishers. Never use water. S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible). S57 Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. S61 Avoid release into the environment. Refer to special instructions/safety data sheet.
Additional Label Phrases Legislation	To avoid risks to man and the environment, comply with the instructions for use. Labelling is in accordance with UK regulations implementing the EC Directive 1999/45. Additional labelling requirements may be necessary in accordance with other National legislation. Outside the UK, the registration of this product may be necessary before use and any additional local requirements must be observed at all times. The information given on this Safety Data Sheet (SDS) does not constitute an assessment in accordance with Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002, in the UK. Other National measures or guidance should be followed where appropriate.

16 Other Information and indication of revisions	
Packaging Information	22 x 1kg aluminium flask. Each flask contains approximately 334 x 3g tablets.
Revisions	Changes have been made to the content of boxes 01, 08, 09, 13, 14 & 16 (as indicated by the thick lines on the left-hand side of the boxes) compared with issue 03.
Risk phrase text (From box 3 - These refer to the ingredients only. See box 2 for the product risk phrases)	R12 : Extremely flammable. R15/29 : Contact with water liberates toxic, extremely flammable gas. R17 : Spontaneously flammable in air. R22 : Harmful if swallowed. R26 : Very toxic by inhalation. R28 : Very toxic if swallowed. R32 : Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas. R34 : Causes burns. R50 : Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

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Before using any product, ensure that you read and understand its label.

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