SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

Product identifier

Trade name	MERIT® 0.5 G INSECTICIDE
Product code (UVP)	79231857
SDS Number	102000018463
EPA Registration No.	432-1328

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use	Insecticide
Restrictions on use	See product label for restrictions.

Information on supplier

Supplier	Bayer Environmental Science 2 T.W. Alexander Drive Research Triangle PK, NC 27709 USA
Responsible Department	Email: SDSINFO.BCS-NA@bayer.com

Emergency telephone no.

Emergency Telephone Number (24hr/ 7 days)	1-800-334-7577
Product Information Telephone Number	1-800-331-2867

SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification in accordance with regulation HCS 29CFR §1910.1200
This material is not hazardous under the criteria of the Federal OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29CFR 1910.1200.

Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (HNOC)
No physical hazards not otherwise classified.
No health hazards not otherwise classified.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Hazardous Component Name	CAS-No.	Concentration % by weight
Imidacloprid	138261-41-3	0.50

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

General advice	When possible, have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Skin contact	Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Eye contact	Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Ingestion	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Rinse out mouth and give water in small sips to drink. DO NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by a physician or poison control center. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not leave victim unattended.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms	To date no symptoms are known.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treatment	Appropriate supportive and symptomatic treatment as indicated by the patient's condition is recommended. There is no specific antidote.

SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

Suitable	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
Unsuitable	High volume water jet
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture	Hazardous decomposition products due to incomplete combustion

Advice for firefighters

Special protective equipment for firefighters	Firefighters should wear NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.
Further information	Keep out of smoke. Fight fire from upwind position. Avoid contact with spilled product or contaminated surfaces. Do not allow water to come into direct contact with the product.

Flash point	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
Lower explosion limit	Not applicable
Upper explosion limit	Not applicable
Explosivity	No data available

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Precautions	Isolate hazard area. Keep unauthorized people away. Avoid contact with spilled product or contaminated surfaces. Use personal protective equipment.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up	Avoid dust formation. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean contaminated floors and objects thoroughly, observing environmental regulations.
Additional advice	If the product is accidentally spilled, do not allow to enter soil, waterways or waste water canal.
Reference to other sections	Information regarding safe handling, see section 7. Information regarding personal protective equipment, see section 8. Information regarding waste disposal, see section 13.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling	Handle and open container in a manner as to prevent spillage. Avoid dust formation. Use only in area provided with appropriate exhaust ventilation.
Hygiene measures	Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, using the toilet or applying cosmetics. Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area. Remove Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) immediately after handling this product. Before removing gloves clean them with soap and water. Remove soiled clothing immediately and clean thoroughly before using again. Wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Requirements for storage areas and containers Store in a cool, dry place and in such a manner as to prevent cross contamination with other crop protection products, fertilizers, food, and feed. Store in original container and out of the reach of children, preferably in a locked storage area.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Control parameters	Update	Basis
Imidacloprid	138261-41-3	0.7 mg/m3 (TWA)		OES BCS*

*OES BCS: Internal Bayer AG, Crop Science Division "Occupational Exposure Standard"

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment
In normal use and handling conditions please refer to the label and/or leaflet. In all other cases the following recommendations would apply.

Respiratory protection When respirators are required, select NIOSH approved equipment based on actual or potential airborne concentrations and in accordance with the appropriate regulatory standards and/or industry recommendations.

Hand protection Chemical resistant nitrile rubber gloves

Eye protection Tightly fitting safety goggles

Skin and body protection Wear long-sleeved shirt and long pants and shoes plus socks.

General protective measures Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and warm/tepid water.
Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance light tan to brown

Physical State granular

Odor characteristic

Odour Threshold No data available

pH No data available

Vapor Pressure No data available

Vapor Density (Air = 1) No data available

Specific Gravity No data available

Bulk density 56 - 64 lb/ft³

Evaporation rate	Not applicable
Boiling Point	Not applicable
Melting / Freezing Point	Not applicable
Water solubility	No data available
Minimum Ignition Energy	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Flash point	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
Lower explosion limit	Not applicable
Upper explosion limit	Not applicable
Explosivity	No data available

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	
Thermal decomposition	No data available
Chemical stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No hazardous reactions when stored and handled according to prescribed instructions.
Conditions to avoid	Elevated temperatures
Incompatible materials	Aluminium, Diazomethane
Hazardous decomposition products	Thermal decomposition can lead to release of: Sulphur oxides Calcium oxides

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Exposure routes	Eye contact, Skin Absorption, Inhalation, Ingestion
Immediate Effects	
Eye	Mild eye irritation.
Skin	Harmful if absorbed through skin.

Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute oral toxicity	LD50 (male/female combined Rat) > 4,820 mg/kg
Acute inhalation toxicity	LC50 (male/female combined Rat) > 5.09 mg/l Exposure time: 4 h Determined in the form of dust. (actual)
Acute dermal toxicity	LD50 (male/female combined Rabbit) > 2,000 mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation	No skin irritation (Rabbit)
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Mild eye irritation. (Rabbit)
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	Skin: Non-sensitizing. (Guinea pig)

Assessment STOT Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure

Imidacloprid did not cause specific target organ toxicity in experimental animal studies.

Assessment mutagenicity

Imidacloprid was not mutagenic or genotoxic based on the overall weight of evidence in a battery of in vitro and in vivo tests.

Assessment carcinogenicity

Imidacloprid was not carcinogenic in lifetime feeding studies in rats and mice.

ACGIH

None.

NTP

None.

IARC

None.

OSHA

None.

Assessment toxicity to reproduction

Imidacloprid caused reproduction toxicity in a two-generation study in rats only at dose levels also toxic to the parent animals. The reproduction toxicity seen with Imidacloprid is related to parental toxicity.

Assessment developmental toxicity

Imidacloprid caused developmental toxicity only at dose levels toxic to the dams. The developmental effects seen with Imidacloprid are related to maternal toxicity.

Further information

Acute toxicity studies have been bridged from a similar formulation(s).

The non-acute information pertains to the active ingredient(s).

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity to fish	LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)) 211 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h The value mentioned relates to the active ingredient imidacloprid.
Toxicity to aquatic invertebrates	EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)) 85 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h The value mentioned relates to the active ingredient imidacloprid. LC50 (Chironomus riparius (non-biting midge)) 0.0552 mg/l Exposure time: 24 h The value mentioned relates to the active ingredient imidacloprid.
Chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates	EC10 (Chironomus riparius (non-biting midge)): 2.09 µg/l Exposure time: 28 d The value mentioned relates to the active ingredient imidacloprid.
Toxicity to aquatic plants	EC50 (Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae)) > 10 mg/l Growth rate The value mentioned relates to the active ingredient imidacloprid.
Toxicity to bacteria	EC50 (activated sludge) > 10,000 mg/l The value mentioned relates to the active ingredient imidacloprid.
Biodegradability	Imidacloprid: Not rapidly biodegradable
Koc	Imidacloprid: Koc: 225
Bioaccumulation	Imidacloprid: Does not bioaccumulate.
Mobility in soil	Imidacloprid: Moderately mobile in soils
Environmental precautions	Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate surface or ground water by cleaning equipment or disposal of wastes, including equipment wash water. Do not allow to get into surface water, drains and ground water.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Product	Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by disposal. Dispose in accordance with all local, state/provincial and federal regulations. Follow advice on product label and/or leaflet.

Contaminated packaging	Completely empty container into application equipment, then dispose of empty container in a sanitary landfill, by incineration or by other procedures approved by state/provincial and local authorities. If burned, stay out of smoke. Follow advice on product label and/or leaflet.
RCRA Information	Characterization and proper disposal of this material as a special or hazardous waste is dependent upon Federal, State and local laws and are the user's responsibility. RCRA classification may apply.

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

According to national and international transport regulations this material is not classified as dangerous goods / hazardous material.

Freight Classification: INSECTICIDES OR FUNGICIDES, N.O.I., OTHER THAN POISON

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

EPA Registration No. 432-1328
US Federal Regulations
TSCA list
Calcium lignosulfonate 8061-52-7
US. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt D)
Not applicable.
SARA Title III - Section 302 - Notification and Information
None.
SARA Title III - Section 313 - Toxic Chemical Release Reporting
None.
US States Regulatory Reporting
CA Prop65
This product does not contain any substances known to the State of California to cause cancer.

This product does not contain any substances known to the State of California to cause reproductive harm.

US State Right-To-Know Ingredients

Calcium sulfate dihydrate (gypsum)	10101-41-4	MN, RI
Sodium aluminium silicate	1344-00-9	CA, MN

EPA/FIFRA Information:
This chemical is a pesticide product registered by the Environmental Protection Agency and is subject to certain labeling requirements under federal pesticide law. These requirements differ from the classification

criteria and hazard information required for safety data sheets, and for workplace labels of non-pesticide chemicals. Following is the hazard information required on the pesticide label:

Signal word: Caution!

Hazard statements: Harmful if swallowed or absorbed through skin.
Causes eye irritation.
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.
Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling.

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

Abbreviations and acronyms

49CFR	Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49
ACGIH	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values
ATE	Acute toxicity estimate
CAS-Nr.	Chemical Abstracts Service number
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
EINECS	European inventory of existing commercial substances
ELINCS	European list of notified chemical substances
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods
N.O.S.	Not otherwise specified
NTP	US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
TWA	Time weighted average
UN	United Nations
WHO	World health organisation

NFPA 704 (National Fire Protection Association):

Health - 1	Flammability - 1	Instability - 1	Others - none

HMIS (Hazardous Materials Identification System, based on the Third Edition Ratings Guide)

Health - 1	Flammability - 1	Physical Hazard - 1	PPE -

0 = minimal hazard, 1 = slight hazard, 2 = moderate hazard, 3 = severe hazard, 4 = extreme hazard

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