

# **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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**Chemical nature:** Active ingredient is a pyrethroid derivative.

Trade Name: Vanquish Long Wool Spray-on Lice Treatment and Blowfly Strike

**Preventive for Long Woolled Sheep and Unshorn Lambs** 

**Recommended Use:** A lice treatment and blowfly preventative for long woolled sheep and unshorn lambs.

**APVMA No:** 38354

Creation Date: August, 2009

**This version issued:** September, 2021 and is valid for 5 years from this date.

Poisons Information Centre: Phone 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia

#### **Section 2 - Hazards Identification**

#### **Statement of Hazardous Nature:**

**This product is classified as:** Xn, Harmful. Xi, Irritating. Hazardous according to the criteria of SWA. Not a Dangerous Good according to Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code, IATA and IMDG/IMSBC criteria.

**SUSMP Classification: S6** 

ADG Classification: None allocated. Not a Dangerous Good under the ADG Code.

UN Number: None allocated



# **GHS Signal word: WARNING**

Skin Sensitisation Category 1

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 2B

Acute Toxicity Inhalation Category 4

Hazardous to aquatic environment Short term/Chronic Category 3

#### **HAZARD STATEMENT:**

H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H320: Causes eye irritation.

H332: Harmful if inhaled.

H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

#### **PREVENTION**

P102: Keep out of reach of children.

P261: Avoid breathing fumes, mists, vapours or spray.

P262: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling.

P271: Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area.

P272: Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

P273: Avoid release to the environment.

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P280: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye or face protection.

#### **RESPONSE**

P312: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor if you feel unwell.

P363: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P301+P330+P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P302+P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P333+P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice.

P337+P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice.

P370+P378: Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials.

#### **STORAGE**

P410: Protect from sunlight.

P411: Store at temperatures not exceeding 30°C.

P402+P404: Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.

#### **DISPOSAL**

P501: Dispose of contents and containers as specified on the registered label.

## **Emergency Overview**

Physical Description & Colour: Pink aqueous suspension.

Odour: No data.

**Major Health Hazards:** Symptoms of high dermal exposure include numbness, tingling, itching, burning sensation, loss of bladder control, incoordination, seizures, and possible death. Pyrethroids like cypermethrin may adversely affect the central nervous system. Symptoms of high-dose ingestion include nausea, prolonged vomiting, stomach pains, and diarrhoea which progresses to convulsions, unconsciousness, and coma. Cypermethrin is a slight skin or eye irritant, and may cause allergic skin reactions and facial skin numbness. Product is irritating to eyes and skin, harmful if swallowed, possible skin sensitiser.

# Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc,%	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m³)
Alpha Cypermethrin	52315-07-8	50g/L	not set	not set
Other non hazardous ingredients	secret	to 100	not set	not set

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary slightly. Minor quantities of other non hazardous ingredients are also possible.

The SWA TWA exposure value is the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for a 5 day working week. The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that may be equalled (but should not be exceeded) for no longer than 15 minutes and should not be repeated more than 4 times per day. There should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The term "peak "is used when the TWA limit, because of the rapid action of the substance, should never be exceeded, even briefly.

#### **Section 4 - First Aid Measures**

#### **General Information:**

You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 13 11 26 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this SDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** If symptoms of poisoning become evident, contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call a doctor at once. Remove source of contamination or move victim to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, oxygen may be beneficial if



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administered by trained personnel, preferably on a doctor's advice. DO NOT allow victim to move about unnecessarily. Symptoms of pulmonary oedema can be delayed up to 48 hours after exposure.

**Skin Contact:** Wash gently and thoroughly with water (use non-abrasive soap if necessary) for 5 minutes or until chemical is removed.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 15 minutes or until the product is removed, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face. Obtain medical attention immediately. Take special care if exposed person is wearing contact lenses.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth with water and contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call a doctor.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire.

Only small quantities of decomposition products are expected from this products at temperatures normally achieved in a fire. This will only occur after heating to dryness.

Fire decomposition products from this product may be toxic if inhaled. Take appropriate protective measures.

**Extinguishing Media:** Not Combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials. **Fire Fighting:** If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade.

**Flash point:** Will not burn until water component is driven off.

Upper Flammability Limit: Does not burn.
Lower Flammability Limit: Does not burn.
Autoignition temperature: Does not burn.
Flammability Class: Does not burn.

#### Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Accidental release:** In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. Wear full protective clothing including eye/face protection. All skin areas should be covered. See below under Personal Protection regarding Australian Standards relating to personal protective equipment. Suitable materials for protective clothing include butyl rubber. Eye/face protective equipment should comprise as a minimum, protective goggles. If there is a significant chance that vapours or mists are likely to build up in the cleanup area, we recommend that you use a respirator. Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned below (section 8). Otherwise, not normally necessary.

Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Absorb onto sand, vermiculite or other suitable absorbent material. If spill is too large or if absorbent material is not available, try to create a dike to stop material spreading or going into drains or waterways. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. Recycle containers wherever possible after careful cleaning. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. This material may be suitable for approved landfill. Ensure legality of disposal by consulting regulations prior to disposal. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Advise laundry of nature of contamination when sending contaminated clothing to laundry.

#### **Section 7 - Handling and Storage**

**Handling:** Keep exposure to this product to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. Check Section 8 of this SDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. The



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measures detailed below under "Storage" should be followed during handling in order to minimise risks to persons using the product in the workplace. Also, avoid contact or contamination of product with incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

**Storage**: This product is a Scheduled Poison. Observe all relevant regulations regarding sale, transport and storage of this schedule of poison. Protect this product from light. Store in the closed original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Incompatibilities" in Section 10. Some liquid preparations settle or separate on standing and may require stirring before use. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

## **Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection**

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment: Respiratory equipment: **AS/NZS 1715**, Protective Gloves: **AS 2161**, Occupational Protective Clothing: AS/NZS 4501 set 2008, Industrial Eye Protection: **AS1336** and **AS/NZS 1337**, Occupational Protective Footwear: **AS/NZS2210**.

SWA Exposure Limits TWA (mg/m³) STEL (mg/m³)

Exposure limits have not been established by SWA for any of the significant ingredients in this product.

The ADI for Alpha Cypermethrin is set at 0.05mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL is set at 5mg/kg/day. ADI means Acceptable Daily Intake; NOEL means No-observable-effect-level. Taken from Australian ADI List, June 2014.

No special equipment is usually needed when occasionally handling small quantities. The following instructions are for bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs without proper containment systems.

**Ventilation:** No special ventilation requirements are normally necessary for this product. However make sure that the work environment remains clean and that vapours and mists are minimised.

**Eye Protection:** Protective glasses or goggles should be worn when this product is being used. Failure to protect your eyes may cause them harm. Emergency eye wash facilities are also recommended in an area close to where this product is being used.

**Skin Protection:** Prevent skin contact by wearing impervious gloves, clothes and, preferably, apron. Make sure that all skin areas are covered. See below for suitable material types.

**Protective Material Types:** There is no specific recommendation for any particular protective material type.

**Respirator:** Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned above. Otherwise, not normally necessary.

Eyebaths or eyewash stations should, if practical, be provided near to where this product is being handled commercially.

# **Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties**

Physical Description & Colour: Pink aqueous suspension.

Odour: No data.

**Boiling Point:** Approximately 100°C at 100kPa.

Freezing/Melting Point: Approximately 0°C. Volatiles: Water component.

**Vapour Pressure:** 2.37 kPa at 20°C (water vapour pressure).

Vapour Density: No data. Specific Gravity: No data.

**Water Solubility:** Completely soluble in water.

pH: No data.Volatility: No data.Odour Threshold: No data.Evaporation Rate: No data.



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Coeff Oil/water Distribution: No data
Autoignition temp: Does not burn.

## **Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity**

**Reactivity:** This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions. However, if you have any doubts, contact the supplier for advice on shelf life properties.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Protect this product from light. Store in the closed original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight.

**Incompatibilities:** strong acids, strong bases, strong oxidising agents.

**Fire Decomposition:** Only small quantities of decomposition products are expected from this products at temperatures normally achieved in a fire. This will only occur after heating to dryness. Carbon dioxide, and if combustion is incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Water. Carbon monoxide poisoning produces headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, dimness of vision, disturbance of judgment, and unconsciousness followed by coma and death.

**Polymerisation:** This product will not undergo polymerisation reactions.

# **Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

**Toxicity:** An information profile for Cypermethrin is available at http://extoxnet.orst.edu/pips/ghindex.html **Acute toxicity:** Cypermethrin is a harmful material by dermal absorption or ingestion. The oral LD50 for cypermethrin in rats is 250 mg/kg (in corn oil) or 4123 mg/kg (in water). The oral LD50 varies from 367 to 2000 mg/kg in female rats, and from 82 to 779 mg/kg in mice, depending on the ratio of cis/trans- isomers present. This wide variation in toxicity may reflect different mixtures of isomers in the materials tested. The dermal LD50 in rats is 1600 mg/kg and in rabbits is greater than 2000 mg/kg.

Chronic toxicity: Not Available

**Reproductive effects:** No adverse effects on reproduction were observed in a three-generation study with rats given doses of 37.5 mg/kg/day, the highest dose tested.

**Teratogenic effects:** Cypermethrin is not teratogenic. No birth defects were observed in the offspring of rats given doses as high as 70 mg/kg/day nor in the offspring of rabbits given doses as high as 30 mg/kg/day.

**Mutagenic effects:** Cypermethrin is not mutagenic, but tests with very high doses on mice caused a temporary increase in the number of bone marrow cells with micronuclei. Other tests for mutagenic effects in human, bacterial, and hamster cell cultures and in live mice have been negative.

**Carcinogenic effects:** EPA has classified cypermethrin as a possible human carcinogen because available information is inconclusive. It caused benign lung tumors in female mice at the highest dose tested (229 mg/kg/day); however, no tumors occurred in rats given high doses of up to 75 mg/kg/day.

**Organ toxicity:** Pyrethroids like cypermethrin may cause adverse effects on the central nervous system. Rats fed high doses (37.5 mg/kg) of the cis-isomer of cypermethrin for five weeks exhibited severe motor incoordination, while 20 to 30% of rats fed 85 mg/kg died 4 to 17 days after treatment began. Long-term feeding studies have shown increased liver and kidney weights and adverse changes in liver tissues in test animals. Pathological changes in the cortex of the thymus, liver, adrenal glands, lungs, and skin were observed in rabbits repeatedly fed high doses of cypermethrin.

**Fate in humans and animals:** In humans, urinary excretion of cypermethrin metabolites was complete 48 hours after the last of five doses of 1.5 mg/kg/day. Studies in rats have shown that cypermethrin is rapidly metabolized by hydroxylation and cleavage, with over 99% being eliminated within hours. The remaining 1% becomes stored in body fat. This portion is eliminated slowly, with a half-life of 18 days for the cis-isomer and 3.4 days for the trans-isomer. There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

Alpha Cypermethrin is Classed by SWA as a potential sensitiser by skin contact.

## **Classification of Hazardous Ingredients**

Ingredient Risk Phrases
Alpha Cypermethrin >=1%Conc<20%: Xi; R43



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#### **Potential Health Effects**

Persons sensitised to Alpha Cypermethrin should avoid contact with this product.

#### Inhalation:

**Short Term Exposure:** Available data shows that this product is harmful, but symptoms are not available. In addition product may be mildly irritating, although unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term inhalation.

**Skin Contact:** 

**Short Term Exposure:** This product causes temporary facial skin numbness but further symptoms are not available. In addition product may be irritating, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term skin exposure.

**Eye Contact:** 

**Short Term Exposure:** This product is an eye irritant. Symptoms may include stinging and reddening of eyes and watering which may become copious. Other symptoms may also become evident. If exposure is brief, symptoms should disappear once exposure has ceased. However, lengthy exposure or delayed treatment may cause permanent damage.

**Long Term Exposure**: No data for health effects associated with long term eye exposure.

Ingestion:

**Short Term Exposure**: Significant oral exposure is considered to be unlikely. However, this product is an oral irritant. Symptoms may include burning sensation and reddening of skin in mouth and throat. Other symptoms may also become evident, but all should disappear once exposure has ceased.

**Long Term Exposure**: No data for health effects associated with long term ingestion.

Carcinogen Status:

**SWA:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by SWA. **NTP:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by NTP. **IARC:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by IARC.

#### **Section 12 - Ecological Information**

This product is biodegradable. It will not accumulate in the soil or water or cause long term problems.

**Effects on birds:** Cypermethrin is practically non-toxic to birds. No adverse reproductive effects occurred in mallards or bobwhite quail given 50 ppm, the highest dose tested.

**Effects on aquatic organisms:** Cypermethrin is very highly toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates. Cypermethrin is metabolized and eliminated significantly more slowly by fish than by mammals or birds, which may explain this compound's higher toxicity in fish compared to other organisms. The half-lives for elimination of several pyrethroids by trout are all greater than 48 hours, while elimination half-lives in birds and mammals range from 6 to 12 hours. The bioconcentration factor for cypermethrin in rainbow trout was 1200 times the ambient water concentration, indicating that there is a moderate potential to accumulate in aquatic organisms. Elimination of half of the accumulated amount of the compound took nearly eight days.

**Effects on other organisms:** Cypermethrin is highly toxic to bees.

**Environmental Fate:** 

**Breakdown in soil and groundwater:** Cypermethrin has a moderate persistence in soils. Under laboratory conditions, cypermethrin degrades more rapidly on sandy clay and sandy loam soils than on clay soils, and more rapidly in soils low in organic material. In aerobic conditions, its soil half-life is 4 days to 8 weeks. Cypermethrin is not soluble in water and has a strong tendency to adsorb to soil particles. It is therefore unlikely to cause groundwater contamination.



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**Breakdown in water:** In neutral or acid aqueous solution, cypermethrin hydrolyzes slowly, with hydrolysis being more rapid at pH 9 (basic solution). Under normal environmental temperatures and pH, cypermethrin is stable to hydrolysis with a half-life of greater than 50 days and to photodegradation with a half-life of greater than 100 days. In pond waters and in laboratory degradation studies, pyrethroid concentrations decrease rapidly due to sorption to sediment, suspended particles and plants. Microbial degradation and photodegradation also occur.

**Breakdown in vegetation:** When applied to strawberry plants, 40% of the applied cypermethrin remained after one day, 12% remained after three days, and 0.5% remained after seven days, with a light rain occurring on day 3. When cypermethrin was applied to wheat, residues on the wheat were 4 ppm immediately after spraying and declined to 0.2 ppm 27 days later. No cypermethrin was detected in the grain.

## **Section 13 - Disposal Considerations**

**Disposal:** This product may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. If it has been contaminated, it may be possible to separate the contamination in some way. Only if neither of these options is suitable, consider landfill.

## **Section 14 - Transport Information**

**UN Number:** This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good by ADG, IATA or IMDG/IMSBC criteria. No special transport conditions are necessary unless required by other regulations.

## **Section 15 - Regulatory Information**

**AICS:** All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are compliant with NICNAS regulations. The following ingredient: Alpha cypermethrin is mentioned in the SUSMP.

## **Section 16 - Other Information**

This SDS contains only safety-related information. For other data see product literature.

#### Acronyms:

**ADG Code** Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (7<sup>th</sup> edition)

AICS

Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

SWA

Safe Work Australia, formerly ASCC and NOHSC

CAS number

Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number

Hazchem Code Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency

services especially firefighters

IARC International Agency for Research on Cancer

NOS Not otherwise specified

NTP National Toxicology Program (USA)

R-Phrase Risk Phrase

SUSMP Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines & Poisons

**UN Number** United Nations Number

THIS SDS SUMMARISES OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD INFORMATION OF THE PRODUCT AND HOW TO SAFELY HANDLE AND USE THE PRODUCT IN THE WORKPLACE. EACH USER MUST REVIEW THIS SDS IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THE PRODUCT WILL BE HANDLED AND USED IN THE WORKPLACE.

IF CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE RISK ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE, THE USER SHOULD CONTACT THIS COMPANY SO WE CAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OUR SUPPLIERS OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IS SUBJECT TO OUR STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, A COPY OF WHICH IS SENT TO

OUR CUSTOMERS AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Please read all labels carefully before using product.

This SDS is prepared in accord with the SWA document "Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for



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Hazardous Chemicals - Code of Practice" (Feb 2016)