



# Material Safety Data Sheet

## SureGuard™ Herbicide

This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) serves different purposes than and DOES NOT REPLACE OR MODIFY THE EPA-APPROVED PRODUCT LABELING (attached to and accompanying the product container). This MSDS provides important health, safety, and environmental information for employers, employees, emergency responders and others handling large quantities of the product in activities generally other than product use, while the labeling provides that information specifically for product use in the ordinary course.

Use, storage and disposal of pesticide products is regulated by the EPA under the authority of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) through the product labeling. All necessary and appropriate precautionary, use, and storage, and disposal information is set forth on that labeling. It is a violation of federal law to use a pesticide product in any manner not prescribed on the EPA-approved label.

## 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT NAME:** SureGuard™ Herbicide  
**VC NUMBER(S):** 1420  
**ITEM:** 88550  
**SYNONYM(S):** None  
**EPA REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 59639-120

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**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**  
HEALTH EMERGENCY OR SPILL (24 hr):  
(800) 892-0099  
TRANSPORTATION (24 hr.): CHEMTREC  
(800) 424-9300 or (202) 483-7616

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**  
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: (800) 682-5368  
PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTS: (800) 898-2536

The current MSDS is available through our website or by calling the product information numbers listed above. ([www.valent.com](http://www.valent.com))

## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| Chemical Name                                                                                                                                    | Weight/Percent | ACGIH Exposure Limits                                                                           | OSHA Exposure Limits                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Flumioxazin (2-[7-fluoro-3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-4-(2-propynyl)-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-6-yl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-isoindole-1,3(2H)-dione) * (103361-09-7) | 51             | None                                                                                            | None                                                                                 |
| Kaolin clay (1332-58-7)                                                                                                                          | 16             | 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (respirable fraction)                                                   | 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA<br>5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA                                  |
| Others ** (including particulates not otherwise classified) (No CAS#)                                                                            | 32             | 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (inhalable particulate); 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (respirable fraction) | 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (total dust); 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (respirable fraction) |

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\* Active Ingredient

\*\* Other ingredients, which are maintained as trade secrets, are any substances other than an active ingredient contained in this product. Some of these may be hazardous, but their identity is withheld because they are considered trade secrets. The hazards associated with the other ingredients are addressed in this document. Specific information on other ingredients for the management of exposures, spills, or safety assessments can be obtained by a treating physician or nurse by calling **1-800-892-0099** at any time.

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

##### CAUTION

- Harmful if inhaled or absorbed through skin.
- Avoid breathing dust or spray mist.
- Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.
- Keep out of reach of children.

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

##### Acute Toxicity (Primary Routes of Exposure)

**Signs and Symptoms of Systemic Effects:** No signs or symptoms occurred in animals exposed to high oral or dermal doses of Flumioxazin Technical. Exposure to very high concentrations of Flumioxazin Technical in the air resulted in breathing difficulties, decreased activity and some changes in the tissues of the respiratory system.

**Acute Eye Contact:** Based on an evaluation of the ingredients and/or similar products, this product may cause brief and/or minor eye irritation. The expected adverse health effects resulting from an exposure may include redness and possible swelling.

**Acute Skin Contact:** Based on an evaluation of the ingredients and/or similar products, this product may cause brief and/or minor skin irritation. The expected adverse health effects resulting from an exposure may include redness and possibly some minor swelling. This product may be slightly toxic when absorbed through the skin. This product is not expected to cause allergic skin reactions.

**Acute Ingestion:** Based on an evaluation of the ingredients and/or similar products, this product may be minimally toxic when ingested.

**Acute Inhalation:** Based on an evaluation of the ingredients and/or similar products, this product is expected to be slightly toxic when inhaled. Exposure to high concentrations of dust may result in respiratory irritation. Signs and symptoms may include, but not be limited to, nasal discharge, sore throat, coughing and difficulty in breathing.

**Chronic Toxicity (including cancer):** Repeated exposures to Flumioxazin Technical in animals have produced anemia and other blood formation changes, organ weight changes and changes in blood chemistry. Flumioxazin Technical did not produce cancer in life-time feeding studies in laboratory animals.

**Developmental Toxicity (birth defects):** Birth defects were produced in the offspring of female rats exposed to Flumioxazin Technical. No effects were observed in rabbits.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Reproductive effects were observed in rats exposed to Flumioxazin Technical.

**Potentially Aggravated Medical Conditions:** Individuals with anemia or preexisting diseases of the blood may have increased susceptibility to the toxicity of excessive exposures.

For complete discussion of the toxicology data from which this evaluation was made, refer to Section 11. For Regulatory Information, refer to Section 15.

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**EMERGENCY NUMBER (800) 892-0099**

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. You may also contact **1-800-892-0099** for emergency medical treatment information.

**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 poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

**SKIN CONTACT:**

Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

**INGESTION:**

Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have a person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**INHALATION:**

Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:**

None

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

|                             |                                               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>FLASH POINT:</b>         | Not applicable                                |
| <b>AUTOIGNITION:</b>        | No data available                             |
| <b>EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:</b> | Water fog, carbon dioxide, foam, dry chemical |

|                                             |                |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR - LOWER (%):</b> | Not applicable |
| <b>FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR - UPPER (%):</b> | Not applicable |

**NFPA RATING:**

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Health:       | 1    |
| Flammability: | 1    |
| Reactivity:   | 0    |
| Special:      | None |

(Least-0, Slight-1, Moderate-2, High-3, Extreme-4). These values are obtained using professional judgement. Values were not available in the guidelines or published evaluations prepared by the National Fire Protection Association, NFPA.

**FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:** Products of combustion from fires involving this material may be toxic. Avoid breathing smoke and mists. Avoid personnel and equipment contact with fallout and runoff. Minimize the amount of water used for fire fighting. Do not enter any enclosed area without full protective equipment, including self-contained breathing equipment. Contain and isolate runoff and debris for proper disposal. Decontaminate personal protective equipment and fire fighting equipment before reuse. Read the entire document.

**HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:** Normal combustion forms carbon dioxide, water vapor and may produce: Oxides of nitrogen. Combustion may produce toxic: Nitrogen compounds. Fluorine compounds. Incomplete combustion can produce carbon monoxide.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**VALENT EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: (800) 892-0099**  
**CHEMTREC EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: (800) 424-9300**  
**OBSERVE PRECAUTIONS IN SECTION 8: PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Stop the source of the spill if safe to do so. Contain the spill to prevent further contamination of the soil, surface water, or ground water. For additional spill response information refer to the North American Emergency Response Guidebook.

### FOR SPILLS ON LAND:

**CONTAINMENT:** Reduce airborne dust. Avoid runoff into storm sewers or other bodies of water.

**CLEANUP:** Clean up spill immediately. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a chemical waste container. Wash area with soap and water. Pick up wash liquid with additional absorbent and place in a chemical waste container.

### FOR SPILLS IN WATER:

**CONTAINMENT:** This material will disperse or dissolve in water. Stop the source of the release. Contain and isolate to prevent further release into soil, surface water and ground water.

**CLEANUP:** Clean up spill immediately. Absorb spill with inert material. Remove contaminated water for treatment or disposal.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### END USER MUST READ AND OBSERVE ALL PRECAUTIONS ON PRODUCT LABEL.

Keep pesticide in original container. Do not store or transport near food or feed. Do not contaminate food or feed. Do not put concentrate into food or drink containers. Do not dilute concentrate in food or drink containers. Store in a cool, dry place, out of direct sunlight.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### END USER MUST READ AND OBSERVE ALL PRECAUTIONS ON PRODUCT LABEL.

**EYES:** Do not get this material in your eyes. Eye contact can be avoided by wearing protective eyewear.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Use this material only in well ventilated areas. Unless ventilation is adequate to keep airborne concentrations below recommended exposure standards, approved respiratory protection should be worn.

This material may be a respiratory irritant and, unless ventilation is adequate, the use of approved respiratory protection is recommended. Use this material only in well ventilated areas.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Avoid contact with skin or clothing. Skin contact should be minimized by wearing protective clothing including gloves.

**EXPOSURE LIMITS - See Section 2.**

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**PHYSICAL STATE:**

**COLOR:**

**ODOR:**

**MELTING POINT:**

**BULK DENSITY:**

Granule

Light brown

Slight

Not applicable

0.49 g/cc (30.8 lb./cu. ft.)

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>VAPOR PRESSURE:</b>            | Not applicable               |
| <b>pH:</b>                        | 5.4 @ 25°C (1% suspension)   |
| <b>CORROSION CHARACTERISTICS:</b> | Not corrosive to containers. |
| <b>SOLUBILITY:</b>                | Dispersible in water         |

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

|                                          |                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CHEMICAL STABILITY:</b>               | This material is considered chemically and thermally stable.                         |
| <b>INCOMPATIBILITY:</b>                  | May react with strong oxidizing agents, such as chlorates, nitrates, peroxides, etc. |
| <b>OXIDATION/REDUCTION PROPERTIES:</b>   | Not an oxidizing or reducing agent.                                                  |
| <b>EXPLODABILITY:</b>                    | Not expected to be explosive.                                                        |
| <b>HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:</b> | No data available                                                                    |

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### ACUTE (Product Specific Information):

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Eye Irritation:</b>      | No product specific data available. Based on an evaluation of the ingredients and/or similar products, this product may cause brief and/or minor eye irritation. (Toxicity Category III)                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Skin Irritation:</b>     | Based on an evaluation of the ingredients and/or similar products, this product may cause brief and/or minor skin irritation. (Toxicity Category IV)                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Oral Toxicity:</b>       | No product specific data available. The oral LD <sub>50</sub> in rats for a similar product is > 5,000 mg/kg. (Toxicity Category IV)                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Dermal Toxicity:</b>     | No product specific data available. The dermal LD <sub>50</sub> in rabbits for a similar product is > 2000 mg/kg (Toxicity Category III)                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Inhalation Toxicity:</b> | No product specific data available. No rats died in a 4-hour inhalation study with a similar product at the maximum attainable concentration of 0.969 mg/l. (Toxicity Category III) Exposure to very high concentrations in the air resulted in breathing difficulties, decreased activity and some changes in the tissues of the respiratory system. |
| <b>Skin Sensitization:</b>  | Based on an evaluation of the ingredients and/or similar products, this product is not expected to cause allergic skin reactions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

### TOXICITY OF FLUMIOXAZIN TECHNICAL

**SUBCHRONIC:** Compound related effects of Flumioxazin Technical noted in rats following subchronic exposures at high dose levels were hematotoxicity including anemia, and increases in liver, spleen, heart, kidney and thyroid weights. In dogs, the effects produced at high dose levels included a slight prolongation in activated partial thromboplastin time, increased cholesterol and phospholipid, elevated alkaline phosphatase, increased liver weights and histological changes in the liver. The lowest no-observable-effect-level (NOEL) in subchronic studies was 30 ppm in the three-month toxicity study in rats.

**CHRONIC/CARCINOGENICITY:** In a one year dog feeding study, Flumioxazin Technical produced treatment-related changes in blood chemistry and increased liver weights at 100 and 1000 mg/kg/day. Minimal treatment-related histological changes were noted in the livers of animals in the 1000 mg/kg/day group. Based on these data the NOEL is 10 mg/kg/day. Dietary administration of Flumioxazin Technical for 18 months produced liver changes in mice of the 3000 and 7000 ppm groups. There was no evidence of any treatment-related oncogenic effect. The NOEL for this study is 300 ppm. Dietary administration of Flumioxazin Technical for 24 months produced anemia and chronic nephropathy in rats of the 500 and 1000 ppm groups. The anemia lasted throughout the treatment period, however, it was not progressive nor aplastic in nature. No evidence of an oncogenic effect was observed. The NOEL for this study is 50 ppm.

**DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY:** Flumioxazin Technical produces developmental toxicity in rats in the absence of maternal toxicity at doses of 30 mg/kg/day by the oral route and 300 mg/kg/day by the dermal route. The developmental effects noted consisted primarily of decreased number of live fetuses and fetal weights, cardiovascular abnormalities, wavy ribs and decreased number of ossified sacrococcygeal vertebral bodies. The developmental NOEL in the rat oral and dermal developmental toxicity studies were 10 and 100 mg/kg/day, respectively. The response in rabbits was very different from that in rats. No developmental toxicity was noted in rabbits at doses up to 3000 mg/kg/day, a dose well above the maternal NOEL of 1000 mg/kg/day.

**REPRODUCTION:** Reproductive toxicity was observed in F1 males, P1 females and F1 females at 300 ppm Flumioxazin Technical, the highest dose tested and a dose that also produced signs of systemic toxicity. Toxicity was also observed in the F1 and F2 offspring at doses of 200 ppm and greater.

**MUTAGENICITY:** Flumioxazin Technical was not mutagenic in most *in vitro* assays: gene mutation and a chromosome aberration assay in the absence of metabolic activation. In three *in vivo* assays, chromosome aberration, unscheduled DNA synthesis and micronucleus assay, Flumioxazin Technical was not mutagenic. The only positive response was observed in the *in vitro* chromosome aberration assay in the presence of metabolic activation. Overall, Flumioxazin Technical does not present a genetic hazard.

For a summary of the potential for adverse health effects from exposure to this product, refer to Section 3. For information regarding regulations pertaining to this product, refer to Section 15.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### AVIAN TOXICITY:

Flumioxazin Technical is practically non-toxic to avian species. The following results were obtained from studies with Flumioxazin Technical:

Oral LD<sub>50</sub> bobwhite quail: greater than 2250 mg/kg;  
Dietary LC<sub>50</sub> bobwhite quail: greater than 5620 ppm;  
Dietary LC<sub>50</sub> mallard duck: greater than 5620 ppm.

No reproductive effects were observed in bobwhite quail exposed to 500 ppm Flumioxazin Technical in the diet. In mallard ducks, a slight, but not statistically significant reduction in hatchlings and 14-day old survivors was observed. Based on a possible, slight effect on egg production at 500 ppm, the NOEL for this study was 250 ppm.

**AQUATIC ORGANISM TOXICITY:** Flumioxazin Technical is slightly to moderately toxic to freshwater fish; moderately toxic to freshwater invertebrates; moderately toxic to estuarine/marine fish and moderately to highly toxic estuarine/marine invertebrates, based on the following tests:

96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> rainbow trout: 2.3 mg/l;  
96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> bluegill sunfish: greater than 21 mg/l;  
48-hour LC<sub>50</sub> Daphnia magna: 5.5 mg/l;  
96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> sheepshead minnow: greater than 4.7 mg/l;  
96-hour (shell deposition) EC<sub>50</sub> eastern oyster: 2.8 mg/l;  
96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> mysid shrimp: 0.23 mg/l;  
Fish early life-stage (rainbow trout): MATC >7.7 µg/l, <16 µg/l;  
Chronic toxicity (mysid shrimp): MATC >15 µg/l, <27 µg/l;  
Chronic toxicity (Daphnia magna): MATC >52 µg/l, <99 µg/l.

**OTHER NON-TARGET ORGANISM TOXICITY:** Flumioxazin Technical is practically non-toxic to bees. The acute contact LC<sub>50</sub> in bees was greater than 105 µg/bee.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**END USERS MUST DISPOSE OF ANY UNUSED PRODUCT AS PER THE LABEL RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**DISPOSAL METHODS:** Check government regulations and local authorities for approved disposal of this material. Dispose in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

|                                      |                                             |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>DOT (ground) SHIPPING NAME:</b>   | Compounds, weed killing, dry, non-regulated |
| <b>DOT TECHNICAL SHIPPING NAME:</b>  | Flumioxazin 51% Solid                       |
| <b>DOT REPORTABLE QUANTITY (RQ):</b> | None                                        |
| <b>UN/NA NUMBER:</b>                 | Not applicable                              |
| <b>HAZARD CLASS:</b>                 | Not applicable                              |
| <b>REMARKS:</b>                      | None                                        |
| <b>EXEMPTION REQUIREMENT:</b>        | None                                        |

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**REGULATIONS UNDER FIFRA:** All pesticides are governed under FIFRA (Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act). Therefore, the regulations presented below are pertinent only when handled outside of the normal use and applications of pesticides. This includes waste streams resulting from manufacturing/formulation facilities, spills or misuse of products, and storage of large quantities of products containing hazardous or extremely hazardous substances.

**OTHER U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:**

**CWA Section 311:** No data

| Chemical Name                                                                                                                                    | SARA 313 Chemicals | SARA Section 302 | CERCLA Reportable Quantity (RQ): |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
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| Kaolin clay (1332-58-7)                                                                                                                          | Not listed         | Not listed       | None                             |
| Others ** (including particulates not otherwise classified) (No CAS#)                                                                            | Not listed         | Not listed       | None                             |

**SARA (311, 312):**

Immediate Health: Yes  
Chronic Health: Yes  
Fire: No  
Sudden Pressure: No  
Reactivity: No

**STATE REGULATIONS:**

Each state may promulgate standards more stringent than the federal government. This section cannot encompass an inclusive list of all state regulations. Therefore, the user should consult state or local authorities. The state regulations reviewed include: California Proposition 65, California Directors List of Hazardous Substances, Massachusetts Right to Know, Michigan Critical Materials List, New Jersey Right to Know, Pennsylvania Right to Know, Rhode Island Right to Know and the Minnesota Hazardous Substance list. For Washington State Right to Know, see Section 2 for Exposure Limit information. For Louisiana Right to Know refer to SARA information listed under U.S. Regulations above.

| Chemical Name           | MI - Critical Materials List | MA Right To Know | NJ Right To Know |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Kaolin clay (1332-58-7) |                              | Present          |                  |

| Chemical Name           | PA Right To Know | RI Right To Know | MN Hazardous Substance                    |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Kaolin clay (1332-58-7) | Present          | Toxic            | Present (includes inert or nuisance dust) |

**California Proposition 65:** Not listed

**CANADIAN REGULATIONS:**

**WHMIS Hazard Class:** Not determined

For information regarding potential adverse health effects from exposure to this product, refer to Sections 3 and 11.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**REASON FOR ISSUE:** Product uses a kaolin clay without silica quartz or titanium dioxide. MSDS updated to exclude these ingredients.  
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