



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## SECTION 1

## IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** Apparent Affray 300 Herbicide

**Other Names:** 2,4-D, a phenoxy herbicide, Group 4 Herbicide.  
**Use:** An agricultural 2,4-D liquid broadleaf herbicide.  
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## SECTION 2

## HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia.  
Not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the ADG Code.  
Combustible Liquid (C1).**

### Globally Harmonised System (GHS) classification of the substance/mixture:

Flammable Liquids – Category 4.  
Acute Toxicity – Oral: Category 4.  
Sensitization – Skin: Category 1, 1A, 1B.  
Aspiration Hazard – Category 1.  
Eye Damage/Irritation: Category 1.  
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure): Category 3  
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment – Acute Hazard – Category 3.  
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment – Long-Term Hazard – Category 3.

**Signal Word:** DANGER

### Hazard statements:

H227 Combustible liquid.  
H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.  
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.  
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

### Precautionary Statements:

#### Prevention:

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces: — No smoking.  
P261 Avoid breathing mist, vapours or spray.  
P264 Wash (hands, arms and face) thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
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.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**SECTION 2****HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****Response:**

- P301 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
 P301 + P312 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if feel unwell.  
 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.  
 P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
 P312 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.  
 P321 Specific treatment (see Safety Directions on this label).  
 P330 Rinse mouth.  
 P331 Do NOT induce vomiting.  
 P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
 P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
 P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use carbon dioxide, foam or dry agent. for extinction.

**Storage:**

- P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.  
 P405 Store locked up.

**Disposal:**

- P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with national regulations.

**Pictograms:****SECTION 3****COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS****Ingredients:**

| <b>CHEMICAL</b>                                  | <b>CAS NUMBER</b> | <b>PROPORTION</b> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2,4-D  | 2008-39-1         | 300 g/L           |
| Hydrocarbon solvent                              | 64742-94-5        | 10-30%            |
| Other ingredients determined not to be hazardous |                   | Balance           |

**SECTION 4****FIRST AID MEASURES****FIRST AID**

- Ingestion:** If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth with water. If poisoning occurs, contact a Doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone 131 126.
- Eye contact:** Immediately hold eyes open and flood gently with clean water. Ensure irrigation under eyelids by occasionally lifting them. Do not try to remove contact lenses unless trained. If irritation persists, seek medical advice.
- Skin contact:** Remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin, or hair, with soap and water to remove chemical. If skin is irritated, seek medical advice.
- Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air and observe until recovered. If effects persist, seek medical advice. In severe case, symptoms of pulmonary oedema can be delayed up to 48 hours after exposure.

**Advice to Doctor:** In humans, prolonged breathing of 2,4-D causes coughing, burning, dizziness, and temporary loss of muscle coordination. Other symptoms of poisoning can be fatigue and weakness with possible nausea. On rare occasions following high levels of exposure, there can be inflammation of the nerve endings with muscular effects. Product is harmful if swallowed, may cause respiratory tract irritation and is a possible skin sensitiser.

**SECTION 5****FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Specific Hazard:** Combustible liquid (C1). Flashpoint 70°C.

**Extinguishing media:** Extinguish fire using carbon dioxide, foam or dry agent. If not available, use waterfog or fine water spray but ensure all runoff is contained.

**Hazards from combustion products:** Decomposition products are likely to be noxious and toxic. Firefighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to vapour or smoke.

**Precautions for fire-fighters and special protective equipment:** Isolate fire area. Evacuate downwind residents. Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Do not breathe smoke or vapours generated.

**SECTION 6****ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Emergency procedures:** Wear PVC or rubber apron and elbow-length PVC gloves and face shield to prevent skin/eye contamination. In the case of spillage, stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Prevent spillage entering drains or watercourses. Contain and absorb spilled material with absorbent material such as sand, clay, cat litter or material such as vermiculite. Collect recoverable product for use as labelled on the product. Vacuum, shovel or pump contaminated spilled material into an approved container and dispose of waste as per the requirements of Local or State Waste Management Authorities. Keep out animals and unprotected persons.

**Material and methods for containment and cleanup procedures:** To clean spill area, tools and equipment, wash with a solution of soap, water and acetic acid/vinegar. Follow this with a neutralisation step of washing the area with a bleach or caustic soda ash solution. Finally, wash with a strong soap and water solution. Absorb, as above, any excess liquid and add both solutions to the drums of waste already collected.

**SECTION 7****HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** No smoking, eating or drinking should be allowed where material is used or stored. Poisonous if swallowed. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. DO NOT inhale spray mist. When preparing spray wear PVC or rubber apron, elbow-length PVC gloves and face shield. When using the prepared spray wear face shield. If product on skin, immediately wash area with soap and water. After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. After each day's use, wash gloves, face shield and contaminated clothing.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** Store in the closed, original container in a well ventilated area away from children, animals, food, feedstuffs, seed and fertilisers. Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Not classified as a Dangerous Good. This product is a Schedule 6 Poison (S6) and must be stored, transported and sold in accordance with the relevant Health Department regulations.

**SECTION 8****EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION****Exposure Guidelines:**

Exposure guidelines have not been established for this product by Safe Work Australia, however the exposure standard for 2,4-D is presented below:

| Atmospheric Contaminant | Exposure Standard (TWA) | STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2,4-D                   | 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>    | -                         |

**Biological Limit Values:**

No biological limit allocated.

**Engineering controls:**

Use in ventilated areas adequate to keep exposure minimised. Keep containers closed when not in use.

## SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION (Continued)

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

**General:** When preparing spray wear PVC or rubber apron, elbow-length PVC gloves and face shield. When using the prepared spray wear face shield. If product on skin, immediately wash area with soap and water.

**Personal Hygiene:** Poisonous if swallowed. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. DO NOT inhale spray mist. Clean water should be available for washing in case of eye or skin contamination. After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. After each day's use, wash gloves, face shield and contaminated clothing.

## SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Appearance:</b>              | Light straw coloured liquid. |
| <b>Odour:</b>                   | Typical phenoxy odour.       |
| <b>Boiling point:</b>           | No data.                     |
| <b>Specific Gravity:</b>        | Approximately 1.             |
| <b>Solubility in Water:</b>     | Emulsifies in water.         |
| <b>pH:</b>                      | 2.8 to 3.2.                  |
| <b>Flammability:</b>            | Combustible liquid.          |
| <b>Corrosive hazard:</b>        | Not corrosive.               |
| <b>Flashpoint (°C):</b>         | 70°C.                        |
| <b>Flammability Limits (%):</b> | Not established.             |
| <b>Poisons Schedule:</b>        | S6.                          |
| <b>Formulation type:</b>        | Emulsifiable Concentrate.    |

## SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical Stability:** Product is considered stable in ambient conditions for a period of at least 2 years after manufacture.

**Conditions to avoid:** Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Store away from heat, sparks, open flames and other sources of ignition.

**Incompatible materials:** Strong acids, strong bases and strong oxidising agents.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, hydrogen chloride and other compounds of chlorine smoke and possible other toxic fumes.

**Hazardous reactions:** Product will not undergo polymerisation.

## SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No specific data is available for this product as no toxicity tests have been conducted on this product. Information presented is our best judgement based on similar products and/or individual components. As with all products for which limited data is available, caution must be exercised through the use of protective equipment and handling procedures to minimise exposure.

### Potential Health Effects:

#### ACUTE EFFECTS

**Swallowed:** Harmful if swallowed. Acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> for 2,4-D ranges from 375 to 666 mg/kg.

**Eye:** This product may cause eye irritation. Symptoms may include stinging and reddening of eyes and watering. If exposure is brief, symptoms should disappear once exposure has ceased.

**Skin:** May cause sensitisation by skin contact especially with prolonged contact. Avoid skin contact. Can be absorbed through the skin. Acute dermal LD<sub>50</sub> > 1500 mg/kg.

**Inhaled:** product is an inhalation irritant. No adverse effects are anticipated from single exposure to vapour or mist.

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**SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION (Continued)****Long Term Exposure:**

**Chronic toxicity:** Rats given high amounts of 2,4-D in the diet for 2 years showed no adverse effects. Dogs fed lower amounts in their food for 2 years died, probably because dogs do not excrete organic acids efficiently. A human given a total of 16.3 g in 32 days therapeutically, lapsed into a stupor and showed signs of incoordination, weak reflexes, and loss of bladder control.

**Reproductive effects:** High levels of 2,4-D administered orally to pregnant rats did not cause any adverse effects. The evidence suggests that if 2,4-D causes reproductive effects in animals, this only occurs at very high doses. Thus reproductive problems associated with 2,4-D are unlikely in humans under normal circumstances.

**Teratogenic effects:** 2,4-D may cause birth defects at high doses. Rats fed 150 mg/kg/day on days 6 to 15 of pregnancy had offspring with increased skeletal abnormalities. This suggests that 2,4-D exposure is unlikely to be teratogenic in humans at expected exposure levels.

**Mutagenic effects:** 2,4-D was found to be non-mutagenic in most systems. 2,4-D did not damage DNA in human lung cells. However, one study found significant effects occurred in chromosomes in cultured human cells at low exposure levels. The data suggest that 2,4-D is not mutagenic or has low mutagenic potential.

**Carcinogenic effects:** 2,4-D fed to rats for 2 years caused an increase in malignant tumours. Female mice given a single injection of 2,4-D developed cancer (reticulum-cell sarcomas). In humans, a variety of studies give conflicting results. Several studies suggest an association of 2,4-D exposure with cancer. An increased occurrence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma was found among a Kansas and Nebraska farm population associated with the spraying of 2,4-D. Other studies done in New Zealand, Washington, New York, Australia, and on Vietnam veterans from the U.S. were all negative. There remains considerable controversy about the methods used in the various studies and their results. Thus, the carcinogenic status of 2,4-D is not clear.

**Organ toxicity:** Most symptoms of 2,4-D exposure disappear within a few days, but there is a report of liver dysfunction from long-term exposure.

**Fate in humans and animals:** The absorption of 2,4-D is almost complete in mammals after ingestion and nearly all of the dose is excreted in the urine. 2,4-D is readily absorbed through the skin and lungs. Men given 5 mg/kg excreted about 82% of the dose as unchanged 2,4-D. The half-life is between 10 and 20 hours in living organisms. There is no evidence that 2,4-D accumulates to significant level in mammals or in other organisms.

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**SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Environmental Toxicology:** This product is biodegradable. It will not accumulate in the soil or water or cause long term problems. 2,4-D is harmful to wildfowl and slightly to moderately toxic to birds. The LD<sub>50</sub> is 1000 mg/kg in mallards, 272 mg/kg in pheasants, and 668 mg/kg in quail and pigeons. Limited studies indicate a half-life of less than 2 days in fish and oysters. Concentrations of 10 mg/L for 85 days did not adversely affect the survival of adult dungeness crabs. For immature crabs, the 96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> is greater than 10 mg/L, indicating that 2,4-D is only slightly toxic. Brown shrimp showed a small increase in mortality at exposures of 2 mg/L for 48 hours. Moderate doses of 2,4-D severely impaired honeybees brood production. At lower levels of exposure, exposed bees lived significantly longer than the controls. The honeybee LD<sub>50</sub> is 0.0115 mg/bee.

**Environmental Fate:**

2,4-D has low soil persistence. The half-life in soil is less than 7 days. Soil microbes are primarily responsible for its breakdown. In aquatic environments, microorganisms readily degrade 2,4-D. Rates of breakdown increase with increased nutrients, sediment load, and dissolved organic carbon. Under oxygenated conditions the half-life is 1 week to several weeks. 2,4-D interferes with normal plant growth processes. Uptake of the compound is through leaves, stems, and roots. Breakdown in plants is by a variety of biological and chemical pathways. 2,4-D is toxic to most broad leaf crops especially cotton, tomatoes, beets, and fruit trees.

**SECTION 13****DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Spills and Disposal:** Persons involved in cleanup require adequate skin protection - see Section 8. In case of spillage, contain and absorb spilled material with absorbent material such as clay, sand or cat litter and dispose of waste as indicated below or in accordance to the Australian Standard 2507 - Storage and Handling of Pesticides. Keep out animals and unprotected persons. Keep material out of streams and sewers. Vacuum, shovel or pump waste into an approved drum.

**Disposal of empty containers:** Triple-rinse containers before disposal. Add rinsings to spray tank. Do not dispose of diluted chemicals on site. If recycling, replace cap and return clean containers to recycler or designated collection point. If not recycling, break, crush, or puncture and deliver empty packaging to an approved waste management facility. If an approved waste management facility is not available, bury the empty packaging 500 mm below the surface in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose, clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots, in compliance with relevant local, state or territory government regulations. Do not burn empty containers or product.

If there is a need to dispose of the product, approach local authorities who hold periodic collections of unwanted chemicals (ChemClear®).

**EXPLOSION WARNING:** "EMPTY" containers may contain liquid and/or vapour residue which can be explosive if exposed to an ignition source at temperatures above 90°C. Such conditions may occur during cutting or welding. DO NOT cut or weld these containers.

**SECTION 14****TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**Road & Rail Transport:** This product is not classified as a Dangerous Goods under the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. Not classified as a Dangerous Good for marine or air transport.

**SECTION 15****REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Under the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP), this product is a Schedule 6 poison.

This product is registered with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. APVMA number 56510

This product is classified as a Hazardous Substance under the criteria of Safe Work Australia. Xn: Harmful.

This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the ADG Code (7<sup>th</sup> Ed). 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.

**SECTION 16****OTHER INFORMATION**

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Key to abbreviations and acronyms used in this SDS:

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| ADG Code     | Australian Dangerous Goods Code (for the transport of dangerous goods by Road and Rail).  |
| Carcinogen   | An agent which is responsible for the formation of a cancer.  |
| Genotoxic    | Capable of causing damage to genetic material, such as DNA.   |
| HSIS:        | Hazardous Substances Information System.  |
| Lavage:      | A general term referring to cleaning or rinsing.  |
| Mutagen:     | An agent capable of producing a mutation.   |
| Pneumonitis: | A general term that refers to inflammation of lung tissue.  |
| PPE          | Personal protective equipment.  |
| Teratogen    | An agent capable of causing abnormalities in a developing foetus.   |
| TWA          | The Time Weighted Average airborne concentration over an eight-hour working day, for a five day working week over an entire working life. |



**SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)**

Safe Work Australia: Formally known as Australian Safety & Compensation Council (ASCC) which was formally known as the National Occupational Health & Safety Commission (NOHSC).

**References**

1. "Search Hazardous Substances". Australian Safety and Compensation Council website. (2016).
2. "Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances" 3rd Ed. NOHSC Australia. [NOHSC:1008 (2004)]. October 2004.
3. Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). United Nations, 2009.

*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 should read this SDS and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used in the workplace including in conjunction with other products.*

*If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate risk assessment can be made, the user should contact this company.*

End SDS