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### **Azalea & Camellia Plant Food**

## Section 1 - Identification of the Material and Supplier

**Chemical nature:** Blend of fertiliser ingredients.

Trade Name: Amgrow Azalea & Camellia Plant Food

Product Use: Garden fertiliser for Gardenias, Azaleas, Camellias and other acid loving plants

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### Section 2 - Hazards Identification

#### Statement of Hazardous Nature

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA OF ASCC NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG, IATA or IMDG/IMSBC criteria.

Risk Phrases: Not Hazardous - No criteria found.

Safety Phrases: S23, S36, S24/25. Do not breathe dusts. Wear suitable protective clothing. Avoid contact with skin

and eyes.

SUSMP Classification: None allocated.

ADG Classification: None allocated. Not a Dangerous Good according to Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG)

Code, IATA or IMDG/IMSBC criteria. **UN Number:** None allocated

## GHS Signal word: NONE. Not hazardous.

### **PREVENTION**

P102: Keep out of reach of children.

P262: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. P281: Use personal protective equipment as required.

#### **RESPONSE**

P353: Rinse skin or shower with water.

P301+P330+P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. P370+P378: Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials.

#### **STORAGE**

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

#### **DISPOSAL**

P501: Dispose of small quantities and empty containers by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage. For larger quantities, if recycling or reclaiming is not possible, use a commercial waste disposal service.

#### **Emergency Overview**

Physical Description & Colour: Mixed white, dark brown and red granular solid

Odour: Slight odour.

Major Health Hazards: no significant risk factors have been found for this product.

# Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc%	TWA (mg/m	n3) STEL (mg/m3)
Sulphate of Ammonia	7783-20-2		not set	not set
Potassium Chloride (Muriate of Potash)	7447-40-7	100	not set	not set
Mother Earth*	n/a		not set	not set

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

The 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 should not be exceeded for more than 15 minutes and should not be repeated for 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 1126 from anywhere in Australia and is available at all times. Have this MSDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** If exposed, remove victim to fresh air. Recovery is rapid after removal from exposure. Seek medical attention if irritation persists or breathing difficulties arise

**Skin Contact:** Remove contaminated clothing and wash thoroughly with soap and water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops. Launder clothing before reuse.

**Eye Contact:** Hold eye open and flush gently with copious amounts of water for 15 minutes. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, immediately rinse mouth out with water. Give water. Contact Poisons Information Centre or doctor. Do not induce vomiting.

Advice to Doctor: Treat symptomatically

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Fire and Explosion Hazards: Non-flammable. No fire or explosion hazards exist.

**Decomposition:** May give rise to toxic and noxious fumes

**Extinguishing Media:** Media to suit materials involved in fire.

**Fire Fighting:** If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade.

Flash point:

Upper Flammability Limit: Not applicable
Lower Flammability Limit: Not applicable
Auto ignition temperature: Not applicable
Flammability Class:
Does not burn.
Hazchem Code:
None allocated

#### Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Minor spills do not normally need any special cleanup measures. In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. As a minimum, wear overalls, goggles and gloves. Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Sweep up and shovel or collect recovered product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. 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:** Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

**Storage:** Store in cool, dry, well ventilated area removed from combustible materials, herbicides, fungicides and foodstuffs. Do not allow to come into contact with water either from rain, condensation or the surface on which it is stored Ensure containers are labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use. Keep from extreme heat and open flames and make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Materials to avoid" in Section 10. Bagged fertilisers should be stored under cover and out of direct sunlight

# Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment:

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Respiratory equipment: AS/NZS 1715, Protective Gloves: AS 2161, Industrial

Clothing: AS2919, Industrial Eye Protection: AS1336 and AS/NZS 1337,

Occupational Protective Footwear: AS/NZS2210.

Exposure Limits TWA (mg/m<sup>2</sup>) STEL (mg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Exposure limits have not been set for any ingredients in product.

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: Avoid high dust concentration and provide local exhaust ventilation where necessary.

**Eye Protection:** Eye protection such as protective glasses or goggles is recommended when using this product. **Skin Protection:** Wear gloves or gauntlets and long sleeves when using this product to protect against skin irritation

Respirator: Use P2 type canister respirator where high concentrations of airborne dust is present

Provision of eye wash facilities and safety shower recommended.

Wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking or going to toilet, launder protective clothing before re-use.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:

Physical Description & colour: Mixed white, dark brown and red granular solid

Odour: Little odour
Melting Point: no data
Decomposition Temperature: no data

Flash Point: Non-flammable

Vapour Pressure:N/ADensity:no dataSolubility:ImmisciblepH:no data

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity**: This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions.

Conditions to Avoid: Heat, flames.

Incompatibilities: no special incompatibilities

Fire Decomposition Products: May evolve toxic and noxious fumes when heated to decomposition.

**Polymerisation:** This product is unlikely to undergo polymerisation processes.

# Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**Inhalation:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. However product may be mildly irritating, although unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort. No data for health effects associated with long term inhalation.

**Skin Contact:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. It should present no hazards in normal use. However product may be irritating, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort. No data for health effects associated with long term skin exposure.

**Eye Contact:** This product may be irritating to eyes, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort. No data for health effects associated with long term eye exposure.

**Ingestion:** Significant oral exposure is considered to be unlikely. This product, while believed to be not harmful, is likely to cause headache and gastric disturbance such as nausea and vomiting if ingested in significant quantities. However, this product may be irritating to mucous membranes but is unlikely to cause anything more than transient discomfort. 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.

**Toxicity to Animals:** 

LD50 No data available for this product



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# Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Environment:** Avoid contamination of waterways. Fertilisers, particularly those containing nitrogen and phosphorus can stimulate weed and algal growth in static surface waters. Nitrogen fertilisers can also can also contain or form Nitrate which can contaminate surface and ground water. High nitrate concentrations may render the water unsuitable for human and livestock consumption.

**Ecotoxicity effects:** Dissolves slowly in water. Harmful to aquatic life

Persistence/degradation: Will persist for weeks in soil, but is a plant nutrient.

### Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

**Disposal:** There are many pieces of legislation covering waste disposal and they differ in each state and territory, so each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked. The Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle and only if all else fails should disposal be considered. Special help is available for the disposal of Agricultural Chemicals. The product label will give general advice regarding disposal of small quantities, and how to cleanse containers. However, for help with the collection of unwanted rural chemicals, contact ChemClear 1800 008 182 http://www.chemclear.com.au/ and for help with the disposal of empty drums, contact DrumMuster http://www.drummuster.com.au/

## 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

**Poison Schedule:** A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSMP)

**AICS:** All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are to be found in the public AICS Database.

### 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 fire-fighters

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.

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