

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

AGROWBOR- 15%

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SECTION 1. Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Agrowbor-15% (Borax pentahydrate / Boron)

K-REACH Registration number : 04-1809-02019

1.2. Other means of identification

Chemical name/synonyms: Sodium tetraborate pentahydrate, disodium tetraborate pentahydrate.

1.3. Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

The product is used in industrial manufacturing, among others in:

- Ceramics
- Detergent
- Borosilicate glass
- Insulation fiberglass

There is no restriction on use of chemical.

SECTION 2. Hazard Identification

2.1. Classification of the substance according to GHS

Reproductive toxicant, Category 2

H361d: Suspected of damaging the unborn child

Eye irritant 2A

H319: Causes serious eye irritation.

Acute Oral 5

H303: May be harmful if swallowed.

2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Warning

H361d: Suspected of damaging the unborn child.

H303: May be harmful if swallowed.

H319: Causes serious eye irritation.

P201: Obtain special instructions before use.

P202: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P264: Wash eyes thoroughly after handling.

P280: Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

P308+P313: If exposed or concerned: get medical advice/attention.

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

P312: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

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

P405: Store locked up.

2.3. Other hazards which do not result in classification

Agrowbor-15% is a white odourless, powder/granular substance that is not flammable, combustible, or explosive, and has low acute oral and dermal toxicity

Potential health effects

Inhalation is the most significant route of exposure in occupational and other settings. Dermal exposure is not usually a concern because Agrowbor-15% is poorly absorbed through intact skin.

Inhalation

Occasional mild irritation effects to nose and throat may occur from inhalation of Agrowbor-15% dusts at levels higher than 10 mg/m³.

Eye contact

Agrowbor-15% is a serious eye irritant.

Skin contact

Agrowbor-15% does not cause irritation to intact skin.

Ingestion

Products containing Agrowbor-15% are not intended for ingestion. Agrowbor-15% has low acute toxicity. Small amounts (e.g. a teaspoonful) swallowed accidentally are not likely to cause effects; swallowing amounts larger than that may cause gastrointestinal symptoms.

Potential ecological effects

Large amounts of Agrowbor-15% can be harmful to plants and other species. Therefore releases to the environment should be minimized.

Signs and symptoms of exposure

Symptoms of accidental over-exposure to Agrowbor-15% have been associated with ingestion or absorption through large areas of damaged skin. These may include nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, with delayed effects of skin redness and peeling.

Refer to section 11 for details on Toxicological data.

SECTION 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

3.1. Substances

The product contains greater than 99.9 percent (%) Agrowbor-15% ($\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$)

Chemical Name	CAS No	EC No	Purity, %
Borax pentahydrate (Sodium tetraborate pentahydrate, disodium tetraborate pentahydrate)	12179-04-3	215-540-4	min. 99.9

For other "Chemical inventory listing", please refer to section 15

SECTION 4. First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

Skin contact

No treatment necessary because non-irritating.

Eye contact

Use eye wash fountain or fresh water to cleanse eye. If irritation persists for more than 30 minutes, seek medical attention.

Inhalation

If symptoms such as nose or throat irritation are observed, remove to fresh air.

Ingestion

If large amounts are swallowed (i.e. more than one teaspoon), contact a doctor or toxicity centre immediately.

Note to physicians

Observation only is required for adult ingestion of less than 7 grams of Agrowbor-15%. For ingestion in excess of 7 grams, maintain adequate kidney function and force fluids. Gastric lavage is recommended for symptomatic patients only. Hemodialysis should be reserved for massive acute ingestion or patients with renal failure. Agrowbor-15% analyses of urine or blood are

only useful for documenting exposure and should not be used to evaluate severity of poisoning or to guide treatment [1] (see section 11).

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

N.A.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

N.A.

SECTION 5. Fire-fighting measures

5.1. Suitable extinguishing media

Any fire extinguishing media may be used on nearby fires.

5.2. Specific hazards arising from the chemical

ArBor-48 is not flammable, combustible or explosive. The product is itself a flame retardant.

5.3. Special protective actions for fire-fighters

N.A.

SECTION 6. Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Avoid dust formation. In case of exposure to high level of airborne dust, wear a personal respirator in compliance with national legislation

6.2. Environmental precautions

Agrowbor-15% is a water-soluble white product that may, at high concentrations cause damage to trees or vegetation by root absorption (see section 12).

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Land spill

Vacuum, shovel or sweep up Agrowbor-15% and place in containers for disposal in accordance with applicable local regulations. Avoid contamination of water bodies during clean up and disposal. No personal protective equipment is needed to clean up land spills.

Spillage into water

Where possible, remove any intact containers from the water. Advise local water authority that none of the affected water should be used for irrigation or for the abstraction of potable water until natural dilution returns the Agrowbor-15% value to its normal environmental background level (see sections 12, 13 and 15).

SECTION 7. Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

To maintain package integrity and to minimize caking of the product, bags should be handled on a first-in first out basis. Good housekeeping procedures should be followed to minimize dust generation and accumulation. Your supplier can advise you on safe handling, please contact the supplier.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

No special handling precautions are required, but dry, indoor storage is recommended. No specific requirements. Provide appropriate ventilation and store bags such as to prevent any accidental damage. The product should be kept away from strong reducing agents.

SECTION 8. Exposure controls / Personal protection

Occupational exposure limits for dust (total and respirable) are treated by OSHA, Cal OSHA and ACGIH as “Particulate Not Otherwise Classified” or “Nuisance Dust”

ACGIH/TLV : 10 mg/m³

Cal OSHA/PEL : 10 mg/m³

OSHA/PEL (total dust) : 15 mg/m³

OSHA/PEL (respirable dust) : 5 mg/m³

8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Maintain air concentrations below occupational exposure standards. Use local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations of Agrowbor-15% dust below permissible exposure levels. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of the workday. Remove and wash soiled clothing.

8.3. Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Respiratory protection

In case of prolonged exposure to dust wear a personal respirator in compliance with national/international legislation (ISO standard).

Eyes and hands protection

Goggles and gloves are not required for normal industrial exposures, but may be warranted if environment is excessively dusty.

SECTION 9. Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance : White solid (**Granular/Powder**)

Odour : Odourless

Odour threshold : N.A.

pH @ 20°C : 9.2 (1 % solution)

Melting point : 741°C

Boiling point : 1575°C

Flash point : Non flammable

Evaporation rate : N.A.

Flammability (solid, gas) : N.A.

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits : Non explosive

Vapour pressure : Negligible @ 20°C

Vapour density : N.A.

Solubility in water : 3.7% @ 20°C; 51.2% @ 100°C

Partition coefficient :n-octanol/water : N.A.

Auto-ignition temperature : N.A.

Decomposition temperature : H₂O @ 120°C

Viscosity : N.A.

9.2. Other information

Molecular weight : 291.35

Specific gravity : 1.81 @ 20°C

SECTION 10. Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

Arbor-48 is a stable product.

10.2. Chemical stability

Agrowbor-15% is a stable product, but when heated it loses water eventually forming anhydrous borax (Na₂B₄O₇).

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reaction with strong reducing agents such as metal hydrides, acetic anhydride or alkali metals will generate hydrogen gas which could create an explosive hazard.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid contact with strong reducing agents.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Avoid contact with strong reducing agents such as metal hydrides, acetic anhydride or alkali metals.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

N.A.

SECTION 11. Toxicological information

11.1.1. Substances

Acute toxicity

Low acute oral toxicity; LD50 in rats > 2,500 mg/kg of body weight (Test material: Disodium tetraborate anhydrous) [2].

Skin corrosion/irritation

Low acute dermal toxicity; LD50 in rabbits is greater than 2,000 mg/kg of body weight [3]. Disodium tetraborate pentahydrate is poorly absorbed through intact skin. Non-irritant.

Serious eye damage/irritation

Disodium tetraborate pentahydrate is a serious eye irritant.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Disodium tetraborate pentahydrate has no respiratory or skin sensitization.

Germcell mutagenicity

Disodium tetraborate pentahydrate is not mutagenic.

Carcinogenicity

Disodium tetraborate pentahydrate is not carcinogenic.

Reproductive/Developmental toxicity

Animal feeding studies in rat, mouse and dog, at high doses, have demonstrated effects on fertility and testes [4]. Studies in rat, mouse and rabbit, at high doses, demonstrate developmental effects on the foetus including foetal weight loss and minor skeletal variations. The doses administered were many times in excess of those which humans would normally be exposed to [5, 6]. While Agrowbor-48 has been shown to adversely affect male reproduction in laboratory animals, there is no clear evidence of male reproductive effects attributable to boron in studies of highly exposed workers. An

epidemiology study under the conditions of normal occupational exposure to borate dusts indicated no effect on fertility [7]. Human epidemiological studies show no increase in pulmonary disease in occupational populations with chronic exposures to borate dusts. A study conducted in Turkey with boron exposed mine workers showed that mean blood concentrations of the high exposure group is ~6 times and ~9 times lower than those of the highest no effect level of Agrowbor-15% in blood with regard to developmental and reprotoxic effects (respectively) in rats. With those findings, no unfavourable effects of Agrowbor-15% exposure on reproductive indicators are observed in humans [8, 9].

STOT-single exposure

N.A.

STOT-repeated exposure

N.A.

Aspiration Hazard

Disodium tetraborate pentahydrate has no aspiration hazard.

SECTION 12. Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Agrowbor-15% occurs naturally in sea water at an average concentration of 5 mg B/L and fresh water at 1 mg B/L or less. In dilute aqueous solutions the predominant Agrowbor-15% species present is undissociated boric acid. To convert disodium tetraborate pentahydrate into equivalent boron (B) content, multiply by 0.1484.

Phytotoxicity

Agrowbor-15% is an essential micronutrient for healthy growth of plants; however, it can be harmful to Agrowbor-15% sensitive plants in higher quantities. Care should be taken to minimize the amount of borate product released to the environment.

Algal toxicity

Green algae, *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* 72-hr EC50 –biomass = 40 mg B/L or 270 mg disodium tetraborate pentahydrate/L [10]

Invertebrate toxicity

Daphnia, Daphnids, Daphnia magna 48-hr LC50 = 133 mg B/L or 896 mg disodium tetraborate pentahydrate/L [11]

Fish toxicity

Fish, Fatheted minnow, Pimephales promelas 96-hr LC50 = 79.7 mg B/L or 537 mg disodium tetraborate pentahydrate/L [12]

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Agrowbor-15% is naturally occurring and ubiquitous in the environment. Disodium tetraborate pentahydrate decomposes in the environment to natural borate.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Not bioaccumulative.

12.4. Mobility in soil

The product is soluble in water and is leachable through normal soil.

12.5. Other adverse effects

No data available

SECTION 13. Disposal considerations

13.1. Disposal methods

Small quantities of Agrowbor-15% can usually be disposed of at landfill sites. No special disposal treatment is required, but local authorities should be consulted about any specific local requirements. Tonnage quantities of product are not recommended to be sent to landfills. Such product should, if possible, be used for an appropriate application.

SECTION 14. Transport information

Disodium tetraborate pentahydrate has no UN Number, and is not regulated under international rail, road, water or air transport regulations.

14.1. UN number : N.A.

14.2. UN proper shipping name : N.A.

14.3. Transport of hazard classes : N.A.

14.4. Packing group : N.A.

4.5. Environmental hazards : N.A.

14.6. Special precautions for user : N.A.

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code: N.A.

SECTION 15. Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations

It should be noted that borates are safe under conditions of normal handling and use, besides, they are essential nutrients to plants, and research shows that they play a beneficial role in human health. CLP classification has been solely based on animal tests where animals were exposed to high doses of boric acid over long periods of time. These doses were many times higher than humans are exposed to under conditions of normal handling and use. Consequently, a precautionary decision was taken by the European Commission. Although we will comply with the body of legislation triggered by that decision, we are in process of all possible legal actions.

Clean Air Act (Montreal Protocol)

Disodium tetraborate pentahydrate was not manufactured with and does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone depleting substances.

Chemical inventory listing

EINECS : 215-540-4

Japan ENCS : MITI 1-69

China IESCS : 12179-04-3

New Zealand NZIoC : 12179-04-3

Philippines PICCS : 12179-04-3

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

SECTION 16. Other information

16.1. Mainly changes made to the previous version of this Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

- This MSDS complies with ISO 11014; the requirements of UN-GHS.

Revision No	Revision date	Revision content
05	January 2016	• This MSDS was updated in accordance with the GHS (Rev.6) (2015) Guidance on the Compilation of Safety data Sheets. • This MSDS was updated in line with "Agromed Resources Corporate Identity".
06	January 2018	• This MSDS was updated in line with "Standardization and Simplification of Bag Printings".
06.1	February 2019	• This MSDS was updated to include K-REACH Registration number.

16.2. List of abbreviation and acronyms used in this MSDS

ACGIH : American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

Acute Oral Cat. 5 : Substance which is of relatively low acute oral toxicity.

Cal OSHA : The State of California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH)

CAS No : Chemical Abstracts Service number

EC No : EINECS Number: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Substances

EC50 : Half maximal effective concentration

ENCS : Japan Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances

GHS : Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling

IECSC : Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China

Index N° : Atomic number of the element most characteristic of the properties of the substance

LC50 : Lethal Concentration, 50%

LD50 : Median Lethal Dose N.A. : Not Applicable

NZIoC : New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

OSHA : Occupational Safety & Health Administration

PEL : Permissible Exposure Limits

PICCS : Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

Repr. Cat. 2 : Substance presumed human reproductive toxicant

MSDS : Material Safety Data Sheet

TLV : Threshold Limit Value

UN : United Nations

16.3. List of relevant hazard statements and precautionary statements used in this MSDS

Hazard Statement
H361d: Suspected of damaging the unborn child H319: Causes serious eye irritation H303: May be harmful if swallowed
Precautionary Statements
Prevention P201: Obtain special instructions before use. P202: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. P264: Wash eyes thoroughly after handling. P280: Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection. Response P308+P313: If exposed or concerned: get medical advice/attention. P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. P312: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician if you feel unwell. P337+P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. Storage P405: Store locked up. Disposal P501: Dispose of contents/container to in accordance with local regulations

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For general information on the toxicology of borates see ECETOC Technical Report No. 63 (1995); Patty's Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology, 4th Edition Vol. II, (1994) Chap. 42, 'Boron'.

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