

# Safety Data Sheet

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### 1. Identification

#### Product identifier used on the label

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#### Recommended use of the chemical and restriction on use

Recommended use\*: insecticide

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#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company:

BASF CORPORATION  
100 Park Avenue  
Florham Park, NJ 07932, USA

Telephone: +1 973 245-6000

#### Emergency telephone number

CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300  
BASF HOTLINE: 1-800-832-HELP (4357)

##### Registrant:

Whitmire Micro-Gen Research Laboratories, Inc.  
3568 Tree Court Industrial Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63122

#### Other means of identification

Substance number: 396143  
EPA Register number: 499-370  
Synonyms: Abamectin B1

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### 2. Hazards Identification

According to Regulation 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard; 29 CFR Part 1910.1200

#### Classification of the product

|                 |   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Aquatic Acute   | 2 | Hazardous to the aquatic environment - acute   |
| Aquatic Chronic | 2 | Hazardous to the aquatic environment - chronic |

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### Hazards not otherwise classified

#### Labeling of special preparations (GHS):

This product is not combustible in the form in which it is shipped by the manufacturer, but may form a combustible dust through downstream activities (e.g. grinding, pulverizing) that reduce its particle size.

**According to Regulation 1994 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard; 29 CFR Part 1910.1200**

### Emergency overview

CAUTION:  
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.  
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS.  
HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.  
HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN.  
Avoid inhalation of dusts.  
Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.

## 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

**According to Regulation 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard; 29 CFR Part 1910.1200**

| <u>CAS Number</u> | <u>Weight %</u> | <u>Chemical name</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 71751-41-2        | 0.011 %         | Abamectin            |
| 8001-22-7         | < 30.0%         | Soybean oil          |

**According to Regulation 1994 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard; 29 CFR Part 1910.1200**

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|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 71751-41-2        | 0.011 %         | Abamectin               |
|                   | 99.989 %        | Proprietary ingredients |

## 4. First-Aid Measures

### Description of first aid measures

#### **General advice:**

Remove contaminated clothing.

#### **If inhaled:**

Keep patient calm, remove to fresh air.

#### **If on skin:**

Wash thoroughly with soap and water.

#### **If in eyes:**

Wash affected eyes for at least 15 minutes under running water with eyelids held open.

#### **If swallowed:**

Rinse mouth and then drink plenty of water.

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### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms: No significant reaction of the human body to the product known.

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

#### Note to physician

Treatment: Symptomatic treatment (decontamination, vital functions).

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## 5. Fire-Fighting Measures

### Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media:  
foam, dry powder, carbon dioxide, water spray

### Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazards during fire-fighting:  
carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide,  
If product is heated above decomposition temperature, toxic vapours will be released. The substances/groups of substances mentioned can be released in case of fire.

### Advice for fire-fighters

Protective equipment for fire-fighting:  
Firefighters should be equipped with self-contained breathing apparatus and turn-out gear.

### Further information:

Evacuate area of all unnecessary personnel. Contain contaminated water/firefighting water. Do not allow to enter drains or waterways. Dusty conditions may ignite explosively in the presence of an ignition source causing flash fire.

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## 6. Accidental release measures

### Further accidental release measures:

Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Avoid the formation and build-up of dust - danger of dust explosion. Dust in sufficient concentration can result in an explosive mixture in air. Handle to minimize dusting and eliminate open flame and other sources of ignition.

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Take appropriate protective measures. Clear area. Shut off source of leak only under safe conditions. Extinguish sources of ignition nearby and downwind. Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear suitable personal protective clothing and equipment.

### Environmental precautions

Do not discharge into the subsoil/soil. Do not discharge into drains/surface waters/groundwater. Contain contaminated water/firefighting water. A spill of or in excess of the reportable quantity requires notification to state, local and national emergency authorities. This product is not regulated by CERCLA ('Superfund').

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Dike spillage. Pick up with suitable absorbent material. Spilled substance/product should be recovered and applied according to label rates whenever possible. If application of spilled substance/product is not possible, then spills should be contained, solidified, and placed in suitable

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containers for disposal. After decontamination, spill area can be washed with water. Collect wash water for approved disposal.

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### 7. Handling and Storage

#### Precautions for safe handling

RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FOR MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL BLENDING, AND PACKAGING WORKERS. PESTICIDE APPLICATORS & WORKERS must refer to the Product Label and Directions for Use attached to the product. Provide good ventilation of working area (local exhaust ventilation if necessary). Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Keep container tightly sealed. Protect against heat. Handle and open container with care. Do not open until ready to use. Once container is opened, content should be used as soon as possible. Provide means for controlling leaks and spills. Follow label warnings even after container is emptied. The substance/product may be handled only by appropriately trained personnel. Avoid all direct contact with the substance/product. Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid inhalation of dusts/mists/vapours. Wear suitable personal protective clothing and equipment.

#### Protection against fire and explosion:

The relevant fire protection measures should be noted. Fire extinguishers should be kept handy. Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame. Avoid extreme heat. Ground all transfer equipment properly to prevent electrostatic discharge. Electrostatic discharge may cause ignition. Avoid dust formation. Dust in sufficient concentration can result in an explosive mixture in air. Handle to minimize dusting and eliminate open flame and other sources of ignition. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dusts do not accumulate on surfaces. Dry powders can build static electricity charges when subjected to the friction of transfer and mixing operations. Provide adequate precautions, such as electrical grounding and bonding, or inert atmospheres. Refer to NFPA 654, Standard for the Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions from the Manufacturing, Processing, and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids (2013 Edition) for safe handling.

#### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Segregate from incompatible substances. Segregate from foods and animal feeds. Segregate from textiles and similar materials.

Further information on storage conditions: Keep only in the original container in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place away from ignition sources, heat or flame. Protect containers from physical damage. Protect against contamination. The authority permits and storage regulations must be observed.

#### Storage stability:

May be kept indefinitely if stored properly.

If an expiry date is mentioned on the packaging/label this takes priority over the statements on storage duration in this safety data sheet.

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### 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Users of a pesticidal product should refer to the product label for personal protective equipment requirements.

#### Components with occupational exposure limits

|             |          |   |
|-------------|----------|---|
| Soybean oil | OSHA PEL | PEL 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable fraction ; PEL 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Total dust ; TWA value 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Total dust ; TWA value 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable fraction ; |
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### **Advice on system design:**

Whenever possible, engineering controls should be used to minimize the need for personal protective equipment. It is recommended that all dust control equipment such as local exhaust ventilation and material transport systems involved in handling of this product contain explosion relief vents or an explosion suppression system or an oxygen deficient environment. Ensure that dust-handling systems (such as exhaust ducts, dust collectors, vessels, and processing equipment) are designed in a manner to prevent the escape of dust into the work area (i.e., there is no leakage from the equipment). Use only appropriately classified electrical equipment and powered industrial trucks.

### **Personal protective equipment**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL BLENDING, AND PACKAGING WORKERS:**

#### **Respiratory protection:**

Wear respiratory protection if ventilation is inadequate. Wear a NIOSH-certified (or equivalent) organic vapour/particulate respirator. For situations where the airborne concentrations may exceed the level for which an air purifying respirator is effective, or where the levels are unknown or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH), use NIOSH-certified full facepiece pressure demand self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or a full facepiece pressure demand supplied-air respirator (SAR) with escape provisions.

#### **Hand protection:**

Chemical resistant protective gloves, Protective glove selection must be based on the user's assessment of the workplace hazards.

#### **Eye protection:**

Safety glasses with side-shields. Tightly fitting safety goggles (chemical goggles). Wear face shield if splashing hazard exists.

#### **Body protection:**

Body protection must be chosen depending on activity and possible exposure, e.g. head protection, apron, protective boots, chemical-protection suit.

#### **General safety and hygiene measures:**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL BLENDING, AND PACKAGING WORKERS Wear long sleeved work shirt and long work pants in addition to other stated personal protective equipment. Work place should be equipped with a shower and an eye wash. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Store work clothing separately. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Form:                  | granules   |
| Odour:                 | product specific   |
| Odour threshold:       | Not determined due to potential health hazard by inhalation.   |
| Colour:                | yellow   |
| Melting temperature:   | The product has not been tested.   |
| Flash point:           | not applicable   |
| Flammability:          | Product is combustible.  |
| Lower explosion limit: | As a result of our experience with this product and our knowledge of its composition we do not expect any hazard as long as the product is used appropriately and in accordance with the intended use. |

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| Upper explosion limit:                              | As a result of our experience with this product and our knowledge of its composition we do not expect any hazard as long as the product is used appropriately and in accordance with the intended use. |
| Bulk density:                                       | approx. 288 - 352 kg/m <sup>3</sup>  |
| Vapour density:                                     | not applicable   |
| Partitioning coefficient n-octanol/water (log Pow): | not applicable   |
| Self-ignition temperature:                          | Based on its structural properties the product is not classified as self-igniting.   |
| Thermal decomposition:                              | carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide<br>Stable at ambient temperature. If product is heated above decomposition temperature toxic vapours may be released. To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat. |
| Viscosity, dynamic:                                 | not applicable, the product is a solid   |
| Solubility in water:                                | insoluble  |
| Evaporation rate:                                   | not applicable   |

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

### Reactivity

No hazardous reactions if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Corrosion to metals:

Corrosive effects to metal are not anticipated.

Oxidizing properties:

Based on its structural properties the product is not classified as oxidizing.

### Chemical stability

The product is stable if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

The product is chemically stable.

No hazardous reactions if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

### Conditions to avoid

Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame. Avoid prolonged storage. Avoid electro-static discharge. Avoid contamination. Avoid prolonged exposure to extreme heat. Avoid extreme temperatures. This product may form an explosive mixture if: 1. the dust is suspended in the atmosphere as a dust cloud AND 2. the concentration of the dust is above the lower explosion limit (LEL) AND 3. the limiting oxygen concentration (LOC) is exceeded.

### Incompatible materials

caustics

### Hazardous decomposition products

Decomposition products:

No hazardous decomposition products if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated., Prolonged thermal loading can result in products of degradation being given off.

Thermal decomposition:

Possible thermal decomposition products:

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carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide

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### 11. Toxicological information

#### Primary routes of exposure

Routes of entry for solids and liquids are ingestion and inhalation, but may include eye or skin contact. Routes of entry for gases include inhalation and eye contact. Skin contact may be a route of entry for liquefied gases.

#### Acute Toxicity/Effects

##### Acute toxicity

Assessment of acute toxicity: Relatively nontoxic after single ingestion. Relatively nontoxic after short-term skin contact.

##### Oral

Type of value: LD50

Species: rat

Value: > 5,000 mg/kg

##### Inhalation

*Information on: Abamectin*

*Type of value: LC50*

*Species: rat*

*Value: > 0.034 mg/l (OECD Guideline 403)*

*Exposure time: 4 h*

##### Dermal

Type of value: LD50

Species: rabbit

Value: > 5,000 mg/kg

##### Assessment other acute effects

Assessment of STOT single:

Based on the available information there is no specific target organ toxicity to be expected after a single exposure.

##### Irritation / corrosion

Assessment of irritating effects: May cause moderate but temporary irritation to the eyes. May cause slight irritation to the skin.

##### Skin

Species: rabbit

Result: Slightly irritating.

##### Eye

Species: rabbit

Result: Slightly irritating.

##### Sensitization

Assessment of sensitization: Skin sensitizing effects were not observed in animal studies.

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Species: guinea pig  
Result: Non-sensitizing.

### Chronic Toxicity/Effects

#### Repeated dose toxicity

Assessment of repeated dose toxicity: The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the individual components. No substance-specific organotoxicity was observed after repeated administration to animals.

#### *Information on: Abamectin*

*Assessment of repeated dose toxicity:* Repeated inhalation exposure to small quantities may affect certain organs.

*Repeated oral exposure to small quantities may affect certain organs.*

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#### Genetic toxicity

Assessment of mutagenicity: The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the individual components. Mutagenicity tests revealed no genotoxic potential.

#### Carcinogenicity

Assessment of carcinogenicity: The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the individual components. The results of various animal studies gave no indication of a carcinogenic effect.

#### Reproductive toxicity

Assessment of reproduction toxicity: The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the individual components. The results of animal studies gave no indication of a fertility impairing effect.

#### Teratogenicity

Assessment of teratogenicity: The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the individual components.

#### *Information on: Abamectin*

*Assessment of teratogenicity:* Indications of possible developmental toxicity/teratogenicity were seen in animal studies.

*Causes developmental effects in animals at high, maternally toxic doses.*

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#### Other Information

Misuse can be harmful to health.

### Symptoms of Exposure

No significant reaction of the human body to the product known.

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## 12. Ecological Information

### Toxicity

Aquatic toxicity

Assessment of aquatic toxicity:



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Very toxic (acute effect) to fish. Very toxic (acute effect) to aquatic invertebrates. Acutely toxic for aquatic plants.

### Toxicity to fish

*Information on: Abamectin*

*LC50 (96 h) 0.0087 mg/l, Oncorhynchus mykiss (OECD 203; ISO 7346; 92/69/EEC, C.1, Flow through.)*

*LC50 (96 h) 0.0036 mg/l, Oncorhynchus mykiss*

### Aquatic invertebrates

*Information on: Abamectin*

*EC50 (48 h) 0.00034 mg/l, Daphnia magna*

### Aquatic plants

*Information on: Abamectin*

*EC50 (72 h) > 6.1 mg/l, Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (OECD Guideline 201, static)*

*EC50 (72 h) > 100 mg/l, Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (static)*

## **Mobility in soil**

### Assessment transport between environmental compartments

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the individual components.

*Information on: Abamectin*

*low mobility in soil*

## **Additional information**

Other ecotoxicological advice:

Do not discharge product into the environment without control.

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## **13. Disposal considerations**

### **Waste disposal of substance:**

Pesticide wastes are regulated. If pesticide wastes cannot be disposed of according to label instructions, contact the State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

### **Container disposal:**

Rinse thoroughly at least three times (triple rinse) in accordance with EPA recommendations. Consult state or local disposal authorities for approved alternative procedures such as container recycling. Recommend crushing, puncturing or other means to prevent unauthorized use of used containers.

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## **14. Transport Information**

### **Land transport**

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USDOT

Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations

### Sea transport IMDG

Hazard class: 9  
Packing group: III  
ID number: UN 3077  
Hazard label: 9, EHS  
Marine pollutant: YES  
Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.  
(contains ABAMECTIN)

### Air transport IATA/ICAO

Hazard class: 9  
Packing group: III  
ID number: UN 3077  
Hazard label: 9, EHS  
Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.  
(contains ABAMECTIN)

## 15. Regulatory Information

### Federal Regulations

#### Registration status:

Crop Protection TSCA, US released / exempt

Chemical TSCA, US blocked / not listed

**EPCRA 311/312 (Hazard categories):** Acute; Chronic

### State regulations

| <u>State RTK</u> | <u>CAS Number</u> | <u>Chemical name</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| PA               | 8001-22-7         | Soybean oil          |
| MA               | 8001-22-7         | Soybean oil          |

### **Labeling requirements under FIFRA**

This chemical is a pesticide product registered by the Environmental Protection Agency and is subject to certain labeling requirements under federal pesticide law. These requirements differ from the classification criteria and hazard information required for safety data sheets, and workplace labels of non-pesticide chemicals. Following is the hazard information as required on the pesticide label.

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KEEP OUT OF REACH OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS.  
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Avoid inhalation of dusts.  
Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.

### 16. Other Information

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