

## EC-SAFETY DATA SHEET

### ACCORDING TO DIRECTIVES 2001/58/EC

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#### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PREPARATION AND COMPANY

1.1 Product details - Trade name:

**Degesch Plate, Degesch Strip, Degesch Magtoxin Pellets, Detia Gas-Ex-B forte**

1.2 Producer: Detia Freyberg GmbH  
Supplier: Detia Degesch GmbH  
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#### 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Preparation with ignition inhibiting additives

- 2.1 Chem. Characterization / Concentration / Symbol / R-phrases / CAS-No.  
Magnesium phosphide 56 or 66% resp. F, T+, N R 15/29-28-50 CAS-No. 12057-74-8
- 2.2 Chem. Characterization / Concentration / TLV (Germany)  
Hydrogen phosphide 0.1 ml/m<sup>3</sup> (ppm), 0.14 mg/m<sup>3</sup> CAS-No. 7803-51-2  
Odour threshold for hydrogen phosphide: from 0.02 up to 3 ppm depending on the sensitivity<sup>1b)</sup>

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#### 3. POSSIBLE HAZARDS

On contact with water or acids the product develops the extremely flammable and toxic hydrogen phosphide (phosphine)

- 3.1 For humans: see Nos. 11 and 15 below  
3.2 For the environment: see No. 12 below

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#### 4. \* FIRST AID MEASURES

- 4.1 Inhalation: in case of headache, dizziness, feeling of constriction, difficult breathing and nausea immediately leave the danger zone and seek fresh air; consult a physician; inhale products for acute treatment following exposition of smoke gas (eg a beclometasone (Ventolair<sup>®</sup>) spray, a dexamethasone (Auxilison<sup>®</sup>) spray).
- 4.2 Eye contact: remove rests of preparation with fluff-free cloth; rinse with plenty of water and apply eye drops only after no more powdery residues are visible.
- 4.3 Skin contact: remove any rests by brushing; only then use water for cleansing
- 4.4 Special aids required for First Aid measures: have methylprednisolon (application by physician) and products for acute treatment following exposition of smoke gas (eg a beclometasone (Ventolair<sup>®</sup>) spray, a dexamethasone (Auxilison<sup>®</sup>) spray) available
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**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

- 5.1 Suitable extinguishing media: the product itself does not burn; extinguish fires in the vicinity with dry sand or powder and than with CO<sub>2</sub>
- 5.2 Extinguishing media that must not be used for safety reasons: water, extinguishers containing water
- 5.3 Special hazards from the substance itself, its combustion products or from its vapours: in case of fires hazardous combustion gases are formed: caustic phosphoric acid aerosols (phosphoric pentoxide)
- 5.4 Special protective equipment for firefighting: respiratory equipment, see No. 8.1 below
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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

See Nos. 8 and 13 below

- 6.1 Person-related precaution measures: leave danger zone immediately; see No. 8 below
- 6.2 Environment protection measures: n.a.
- 6.3 Methods for cleaning up / taking up: n.a.
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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

- 7.1 Handling
- 7.1.1 Advice on safe handling: adhere to regulations for the handling of dangerous goods
- 7.2 Storage
- 7.2.1 Demands upon storerooms and containers: see No. 7.1.1
- 7.2.2 Further information on storage conditions: Obviate contact with water, acids and ambient humidity
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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

see also No. 2.2: TLV

- 8.1 Respiratory protection: respiratory equipment suitable for hydrogen phosphide, filter B, colour grey
- 8.2 Hand protection: wear suitable gloves
- 8.3 Eye protection: n.a.
- 8.4 Body protection: suitable protective clothing
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**9. \* PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

- 9.1 Appearance:
- 9.1.1 Form: under the influence of ambient air the solid products develop gaseous phosphine
- 9.1.2 Colour: powder greyish-green; paper (Plates/Strips) orange, tyvek (Gas-Ex-B forte) white
- 9.1.3 Odour: garlic or carbide-like
- 9.2 pH-value (20°C): n.a.
- 9.3 Boiling point / range (in °C): n.a.
- 9.4 Melting point / range (in °C): magnesium phosphide > 500 °C<sup>11)</sup>
- 9.5 Data relevant to safety:
- 9.5.1 Flash point in °C: n.a.
- 9.5.2 Inflammability (solid, gaseous): in contact with water/humidity, acids an extremely flammable gas is developed
- 9.5.3 Selfignition: contains additives to prevent self ignition
- 9.5.4 Fire enhancing properties: n.a.
- 9.6 Explosion danger in vol%:
- 9.6.1 Lower explosion limit: hydrogen phosphide: 1.8<sup>1a)</sup> (1.79-1.89)
- 9.6.2 Upper explosion limit: n.v.
- 9.7 Further information:
- 9.7.1 Vapour pressure: hydrogen phosphide: 34.6 bar (20°C)<sup>9)</sup>
- 9.7.2 Density (g/ml): n.a.
- 9.7.3 Settled appearance density: n.v.
- 9.8 General solubility:
- 9.8.1 Solubility in water: not applicable due to decomposition
- 9.8.2 Liposolubility/solvent: n. t.
- 9.8.3 Distribution coefficient (n-octanol/water): n.a.
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**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

- 10.1 Conditions to be avoided: see No. 7 above
- 10.2 Substances to be avoided: water and acids cause magnesium phosphide to decompose in a violent reaction into extremely flammable and toxic hydrogen phosphide
- 10.3 Hazardous decomposition products: hydrogen phosphide, phosphoric pentoxide, phosphoric acid, see No. 5.3
- 10.4 Further information
- 10.4.1 Stabilizers available: yes
- 10.4.2 Change of aggregation condition:  
Influence on safety: uncontrolled development of hydrogen phosphide can cause fires
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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL DATA

- 11.1 Acute toxicity:
- 11.1.1 Swallowing, LD<sub>50</sub> rat oral (mg/kg): magnesium phosphide: 11.2<sup>2)</sup>, Magtoxin: 9.12<sup>3)</sup>
- 11.1.2 Inhalation, LC<sub>50</sub> rat inhalative (4hrs.): hydrogen phosphide: 11 ppm = 0.015 mg/l<sup>4)</sup>
- 11.1.3 Skin contact, LD<sub>50</sub> rat dermal (mg/kg): n.v.
- 11.1.4 Eye contact: n.v.
- 11.2 Chronical effect: none known
- 11.2.1 Sensitizing effect: Magphos: no skin sensitization<sup>10)</sup>
- 11.2.2 Carcinogenic effect: -
- 11.2.3 Genotype varying effect: -
- 11.2.4 Reproduction endangering effect: -
- 11.2.5 Anaesthetizing effect: -
- 11.3 Other information: inhalation and ingestion of large quantities may lead to very serious poisoning. Highly dangerous after 1/2 to 1 hour are already 400-600 mg/m<sup>3</sup> = 290-430 ppm phosphine<sup>1c)</sup>  
IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health) = 282 mg/m<sup>3</sup> = 200 ppm (US EPA, 1985) phosphine<sup>5)</sup>
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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

- 12.1 Ability to decompose: n.a.
- 12.2 Reaction in sewerage plants: n.a.
- 12.3 Aqueous toxicity of aluminium phosphide: LC<sub>50</sub> (rainbow trout, 96 hrs.) = 9.7 x 10<sup>-3</sup> ppm<sup>6)</sup>  
EC<sub>50</sub> (daphnia magna, 24 hrs.) = 0.2 mg/l<sup>7)</sup>
- 12.4 Ecotoxicity: phosphine decomposes in the atmosphere within 5 - 28 hours<sup>8)</sup>
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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 13.1 For substance / preparation / residues: product: waste code #: 061301
- 13.2 Recommendation: degassed material should be disposed of under observation of the prevailing regulations (waste code #: 060316)
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**14. \* TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

- 14.1 **Road-/rail transport** acc. to ADR/RID:  
14.1.1 class: 4.3, UN 2011, PG: I  
14.1.2 Description of goods: Magnesium phosphide  
14.1.3 Labels: Dangerous when wet 4 = main risk  
Toxic = subsidiary risk  
14.1.4 Red (warning) board: starting 20 kgs net weight  
14.1.5 Remarks: limited quantities acc. to chapter 3.4 not possible
- 14.2 **Sea transport** acc. to IMDG-Code  
14.2.1 class: 4.3 UN-No.: 2011 Packing Group I  
14.2.2 Proper shipping name: MAGNESIUM PHOSPHIDE  
14.2.3 Labels: Dangerous when wet 4 = main risk  
Toxic = subsidiary risk  
Marine pollutant: no
- 14.2.4 EmS-code: F-G, S-N
- 14.3 **Air transport** acc. to IATA-DGR/ICAO-TI  
14.3.1 See sea transport and packaging instructions: 412  
14.3.2 Proper shipping name: Magnesium phosphide  
14.3.3 See sea transport  
14.3.4 Remarks: max. weight 1 kg/inner packaging, 15 kg/outer packaging cargo aircraft only
- 14.4 **Transport by barge** acc. to ADN/ADNR see road transport
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**15. REGULATIONS**

Labelling according to German Regulations concerning dangerous Goods including EC regulations (including Directive 1999/45/EC\*\*)

- 15.1 Symbol: F, T+, N\*\*
- 15.2 Hazard description: Highly flammable, extremely toxic, dangerous for the environment\*\*
- 15.3 R-phrases: 15/29 - Contact with water liberates toxic, extremely flammable gas.  
26/28 - Very toxic by inhalation and if swallowed.  
50 \*\* - Very toxic to aquatic organisms.
- 15.4 S-phrases: 1/2 - Keep locked up and out of the reach of children  
3/9/49 - Keep only in the original container in a cool well-ventilated place  
7/8 - Keep container tightly closed and dry  
13 - Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingstuffs  
20/21 - When using do not eat, drink or smoke  
22 - Do not breathe dust  
30 - Never add water to this product  
43 - In case of fire, use dry sand, powder or CO<sub>2</sub>. Never use water.  
45 - In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible)  
61\*\* - Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/safety data sheets.
- 15.5 Additional: empty packaging must not be reused
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**16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION****REFERENCES:**

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- 2) International Bio-Research Inc., D-Hannover: Acute oral toxicity of "1% Magnesium phosphide in Vaseline" in rats (1.12.1979)
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- 7) Ökolimna, D-Burgwedel: Daphnientoxizitätstest mit Aluminiumphosphid, 1986
- 8) Frank, R.; Rippen, G.: Verhalten von Phosphin in der Atmosphäre, Lebensmitteltechnik July/August 1987
- 9) Drägerwerk AG, D-Lübeck: Dräger-Röhrchen-Handbuch: Boden-, Wasser- und Luftuntersuchungen sowie technische Gasanalyse, 1993
- 10) Bioagri Laboratórios Ltda.: Evaluation of skin sensitization of test substance DEGESCH-MAGPHOS-PASTILHAS DE 0,6g (06.10.2004)
- 11) Siemens Axiva GmbH & Co. KG, D-Frankfurt am Main: Magnesium phosphide technical: Melting point, boiling point, vapour pressure (05.07.2002)

**LEGEND:**

- \* = Changes from previous version
- \*\* = Classification/labelling according to Directive 1999/45/EC have to be applied for preparations within the scope of Directive 91/414/EEC (plant protection products) or Directive 98/8/EC (biocides) as from 30 July 2004.
- n.a. = not applicable
- n.t. = not tested
- n.v. = not available
- TLV = Threshold Limit Value

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The above information is based on our present state of knowledge. It describes the product with respect of the safety measures required and should not therefore be construed as guaranteeing specific properties nor must it be altered or transferred to other products.

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