

1. Identification of Substance & Company

PRODUCT

Product name	Pool Master Flocculant
Other names	Aluminium Sulfate
HSNO approval	HSR002681, Sulfuric acid, aluminum salt
Approval description	Water Treatment Chemicals (Corrosive) GS 2020
UN number	3077
DG class	9
Proper Shipping Name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Aluminium sulphate)
Packaging group	N/A
Hazchem code	N/A
Uses	Pool Chemical

COMPANY DETAILS

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2. Hazard Identification

APPROVAL

This product is an approved substance under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO) Approval HSR002681, Water Treatment Chemicals (Corrosive) GS 2020. The substance has been assessed as hazardous according to the criteria in the Hazardous substances (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Notice 2020 and is classified as follows:

CLASSIFICATIONS

Classification Metal Corr 1
 Classification Acute Toxicity 4 (oral)
 Classification Skin Irritation 2
 Classification Eye Irritation 2
 Classification Aquatic Chronic 2

HAZARD STATEMENTS

May be corrosive to metals
 Harmful if swallowed
 Causes skin irritation
 Causes serious eye irritation
 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

SYMBOLS

DANGER



OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS

There are no other classifications that are known to apply.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Keep out of reach of children.

Read carefully and follow all instructions.

Keep only in original packaging.

Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

Wear protective gloves and eye or face protection.

If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTRE if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice.

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Contain spillage.

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations.

3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS/ Identification	Conc (%)
Aluminium sulfate	10043-52-4	100

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary. Trace quantities of impurities are also likely.

4. First Aid

GENERAL INFORMATION

If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. You should call the National Poisons Centre if you feel that you may have been harmed, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 0800 764 766 (0800 POISON) (24 hr emergency service).

Recommended first aid facilities

Ready access to running water is required. Accessible eyewash is required.

EXPOSURE

Swallowed	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
Eye contact	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
Skin contact	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use.
Inhaled	IF INHALED: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

ADVICE TO DOCTOR

Treat symptomatically.

5. Firefighting Measures

Fire and explosion hazards:	There are no specific risks for fire/explosion for this chemical. It is non-flammable.
Suitable extinguishing substances:	Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder, foam, fog sprays.
Unsuitable extinguishing substances:	None known.
Products of combustion:	Carbon dioxide, and if combustion is incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Water. May form toxic mixtures in air and may accumulate in sumps, pits and other low-lying spaces, forming potentially explosive mixtures.
Protective equipment:	Self-contained breathing apparatus. Safety boots, non-flammable overalls, gloves, hat and eye protection.
Hazchem code:	N/A

6. Accidental Release Measures

Containment	If greater than 1000kg is stored, secondary containment and emergency plans to manage any potential spills must be in place. In all cases design storage to prevent discharge to storm water.
Emergency procedures	In the event of spillage alert the fire brigade to location and give brief description of hazard. Stop the source of the leak, if safe to do so. Shut off all possible sources of ignition. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin, eye and respiratory exposure. Clear area of any unprotected personnel. Contain using sand, earth or vermiculite. Do not use sawdust. Prevent by whatever means possible any spillage from entering drains, sewers, or water courses. (If this occurs contact your regional council immediately).
Clean-up method	Use absorbent (soil, sand or other inert material). Rags are not recommended for the clean-up of spills, as they may create fire or environmental hazard. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal. If contamination of crops, sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.
Disposal	Mop up and collect recoverable material into labelled containers for recycling or salvage. Recycle containers wherever possible. This material may be suitable for approved landfill. Dispose of only in accord with all regulations.
Precautions	Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contamination and the inhalation of vapours. Work up wind or increase ventilation.

7. Storage and Handling

Storage	Store unopened in the original containers in a secure compound. Containers (and outer packaging) must bear the prescribed labelling, including the Hazchem code, UN number, corrosivity warning and name of contents. SDS sheet must be available. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Store in a cool, dry, area with sufficient natural/mechanical ventilation to avoid airborne hazards. Store away from sources of heat or ignition and oxidising agents.
Handling	Keep exposure to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. See section 8 with regard to personal protective equipment requirements. Avoid skin and eye contact and inhalation of vapour, mist or aerosols.

8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protective Equipment

WORKPLACE EXPOSURE CONTROLS

A workplace exposure standard (WES) has not been established by WorkSafe NZ for this product. There is a general limit of 3mg/m³ for respirable particulates and 10mg/m³ for inhalable particulates when limits have not otherwise been established.

NZ Workplace Exposure Stds.	Ingredient	WES-TWA*	WES-STEL
	Aluminium Sulfate	Data unavailable	Data unavailable

* These workplace exposure standards are also Prescribed Exposure Standards (PES) under the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

In industrial situations, it is expected that employee exposure to hazardous substances will be controlled to a level as far below the WES as practicable by applying the hierarchy of control required by the Health and Safety at Work Act (2015) and the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016. Exposure can be reduced by process modification, use of local exhaust ventilation, capturing substances at the source, or other methods. If you believe air borne concentrations of mists, dusts or vapours are high, you are advised to modify processes or increase ventilation.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Eyes



Protect eyes with goggles, safety glasses or full face mask. Avoid wearing contact lenses. Select eye protection in accordance with AS/NZS 1337.

Skin



Avoid any skin contact. Wear overalls, rubber boots and impervious gloves. Nitrile or natural rubber gloves are recommended. Protective gloves or suitably resistant material must comply with AS 2161. Replace frequently. Gloves should be checked for tears or holes before use. Protective clothing must comply with AS 2919, AS3765.1 or AS3765.2. PVC or rubber boots must comply with AS/NZS 2210.2 and selected and maintained in accordance with AS/NS2210.1. Remove protective clothing and wash exposed areas with soap and water prior to eating, drinking or smoking.

Respiratory



A respirator when airborne concentrations approach the WES (section 8). Respirators must have filters appropriate to the duty and comply with AS/NZS1716 and selected, used and maintained in accordance with AS/NS 1715. Use a respirator with a N95 particulate filter. If using a respirator, ensure that the cartridges are correct for the potential air contamination and are in good working order. Fit testing and clear guidelines and training for use and maintenance of PPE are necessary.

WES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Not applicable.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance	white granulated solid
Odour	no odour
pH	no data
Vapour pressure	no data
Viscosity	no data
Boiling point	no data
Volatile materials	no data
Freezing / melting point	87°C
Solubility	soluble in water
Specific gravity / density	1.69g/cm ³
Flash point	no data
Danger of explosion	non explosive
Auto-ignition temperature	no data
Upper & lower flammable limits	corrosive to metal
Corrosiveness	corrosive

10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability	Stable
Conditions to be avoided	Containers should be kept closed in order to avoid contamination. Keep from extreme heat and open flames.
Incompatible groups	Alkali metals, alkalis, metals, phosphorous and phosphorous compounds, halogens, organic solvents, peroxides.
Substance Specific Incompatibility	none known
Hazardous decomposition products	Sulfur oxides
Hazardous reactions	none known

11. Toxicological Information

SUMMARY

IF SWALLOWED: may cause gastrointestinal irritation.

IF IN EYES: may cause eye irritation.

IF ON SKIN: may cause skin irritation.

IF INHALED: dust may cause respiratory irritation.

SUPPORTING DATA

Acute	Oral	LD50 (oral) for Aluminium Sulfate 770 mg/kg (mouse).
	Dermal	No evidence of dermal toxicity.
	Inhaled	EPA has classed aluminium sulphate as 6.1E (inhalation). Dust may cause irritation.
Chronic	Eye	Aluminium sulphate is classed 8.3A.
	Skin	Aluminium sulphate may be irritating to the skin.
	Sensitisation	No ingredient present at concentrations > 0.1% is considered a sensitizer.
	Mutagenicity	No ingredient present at concentrations > 0.1% is considered a mutagen.
	Carcinogenicity	No ingredient present at concentrations > 0.1% is considered a carcinogen.
	Reproductive / Developmental	No ingredient present at concentrations > 0.1% is considered a reproductive or developmental toxicant or have any effects on or via lactation.
	Systemic	No ingredient present at concentrations > 1% is considered a target organ toxicant.
	Aggravation of existing conditions	None known.

12. Ecological Data

SUMMARY

This substance is considered toxic to aquatic organisms and harmful towards terrestrial vertebrates.

SUPPORTING DATA

Aquatic	LC50 for Aluminium Sulfate 3.6 mg/l (96hr) <i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i> (fish).
Bioaccumulation	No data
Degradability	No data
Soil	No evidence of soil toxicity.
Terrestrial vertebrate	See acute toxicity.
Terrestrial invertebrate	No evidence of toxicity towards terrestrial invertebrates.
Biocidal	No data
Environmental effect levels	No EELs are available for this mixture or ingredients

13. Disposal Considerations

Restrictions	There are no product-specific restrictions, however, local council and resource consent conditions may apply, including requirements of trade waste consents.
Disposal method	Disposal of this product must comply with the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017 and the requirements of the Resource Management Act for which approval should be sought from the Regional Authority. The substance must be treated and therefore rendered non-hazardous before discharge to the environment.
Contaminated packaging	Disposal of contaminated packaging must comply with the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017 clause 12. Ensure that the package is rendered incapable of containing any substance and is disposed in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of the substance it contained and the material of the package. If possible reuse or recycle packaging.

14. Transport Information

Land Transport Rule: Dangerous Goods 2005 - NZS 5433:2007

Transport according to NZS 5433 (Transport of Hazardous Substances on Land). Considered a dangerous good for transport.

UN Number:	N/A
Proper shipping name:	Water Treatment Chemicals (Corrosive) GS 2020 (Aluminium sulphate)
Classes:	N/A
Packing group:	N/A
Precautions:	Marine Pollutant
Hazchem code:	N/A

15. Regulatory Information

This product is an approved substance under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO). Approval code: HSR002681, Water Treatment Chemicals (Corrosive) GS 2020). All ingredients appear on the NZIoC.

SPECIFIC CONTROLS

Key workplace requirements are:

SDS	To be available within 10 minutes in workplaces storing any quantity.
Inventory	An inventory of all hazardous substances must be prepared and maintained.
Packaging	All hazardous substances should be appropriately packaged including substances decanted, transferred or manufactured for own use or have been supplied
Labelling	Must comply with the Hazardous Substances (Labelling) Notice 2017.
Emergency plan	Required if > 1000kg is stored.
Certified handler	Not required.
Tracking	Not required.
Bundling & secondary containment	Required if > 1000kg is stored.
Signage	Required if > 1000kg is stored.
Location compliance certificate	Not required.
Flammable zone	Not required.
Fire extinguisher	Not required.

Note: The above workplace requirements apply if only this particular substance is present. The complete set of controls for a location will depend on the classification and total quantities of other substances present in that location.

OTHER LEGISLATION

In New Zealand, the use of this product may come under the Resource Management Act and Regulations, the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016, local Council Rules and Regional Council Plans.

16. Other Information

ABBREVIATIONS

Approval code	Approval HSR002681, Water Treatment Chemicals (Corrosive) GS 2020 Controls, EPA. www.epa.govt.nz
CAS Number	Unique Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
Ceiling	Ceiling Exposure Value: The maximum airborne concentration of a biological or chemical agent to which a worker may be exposed at any time.
Controls Matrix	List of default controls linking regulation numbers to Matrix code (e.g. T1, I16).
EC₅₀	Ecotoxic Concentration 50% – concentration in water which is fatal to 50% of a test population (e.g. daphnia, fish species)
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority (New Zealand)
HAZCHEM code	Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services, especially fire fighters
HSNO	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Act and Regulations)
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LEL/UEL	Lower Explosive Limit/ Upper Explosive Limit
LD₅₀	Lethal Dose 50% – dose which is fatal to 50% of a test population (usually rats).
LC₅₀	Lethal Concentration 50% – concentration in air which is fatal to 50% of a test population (usually rats)
NZIoC	New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

MSDS (SDS)	Material Safety Data Sheet (or Safety Data Sheet)
PES	Prescribed Exposure Standard means a WES or a biological exposure standard that is prescribed in a regulation, a safe work instrument or an approval under HSNO (including group standards).
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit - The maximum airborne concentration of a chemical or biological agent to which a worker may be exposed in any 15 minute period, provided the TWA is not exceeded
TWA	Time Weighted Average – generally referred to WES averaged over typical work day (usually 8 hours)
UN Number	United Nations Number
WES	Workplace Exposure Standard - The airborne concentration of a biological or chemical agent to which a worker may be exposed during work hours (usually 8 hours, 5 days a week). The WES relates to exposure that has been measured by personal monitoring using procedures that gather air samples in the worker's breathing zone.

REFERENCES

Data	Unless otherwise stated comes from the EPA HSNO chemical classification information database (CCID).
Controls	EPA notices, www.epa.govt.nz , Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017, www.legislation.govt.nz
WES	The latest NZ Workplace Exposure Standards, published by WorkSafe NZ and available on their web site – www.worksafe.govt.nz .
Other references:	Suppliers SDS, EU ECHA, ingredients SDS's, ChemIDplus

REVIEW

Date	Reason for review
June 2018	Not applicable – new SDS
August 2023	5 yearly review, HSNO to GHS 7

DISCLAIMER

This SDS is based on our current state of knowledge, including information obtained from suppliers. The SDS is given in good faith and constitutes a guideline (not a guarantee of safety). The level of risk each substance poses is relevant to its properties (as summarised in the SDS) AND HOW THE SUBSTANCE IS USED. While guidelines are given for personal protective equipment, such precautions must be relevant to the use. The likely GHS 7 classifications for this SDS have been estimated based on general information from the supplier (e.g., hazard, toxicological).