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## SECTION – 1: PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** MERTECT® SC Fungicide Formulation No.: A10466C  
**Registration Number:** 13975 (Pest Control Products Act)  
**Chemical Class:** Benzimidazole fungicide.

**Active Ingredient (%):** Thiabendazole (42.9 %) CAS No.: 148-79-8  
**Chemical Name :** 2-(4-thiazoly)-1H-benzimidazole.  
**Product Use:** MERTECT SC is a flowable (water dispersible suspension) fungicide that is mixed with water and used for control of certain fungal diseases. For further details please refer to product label.

## SECTION – 2 : COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Material	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Other	NTP/IARC/OSHA Carcinogen	WHMIS†
Propylene Glycol CAS No. 57-55-6	Not Established	Not Established	10 ppm TWA ****	No	Yes
Silicon Dioxide, fumed CAS No. 7631-86-9	Not Established	Not Established	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA**	No	Yes
Thiabendazole (42.9 %)	Not Established	Not Established	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA***	No	Not Established

\*\* Recommended by NIOSH

\*\*\* Syngenta Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL)

\*\*\*\* Recommended by AIHA (American Industrial Hygiene Association)

† Material listed in Ingredient Disclosure List under Hazardous Products Act.

Ingredients not precisely identified are proprietary or non-hazardous. Values are not product specifications.

## SECTION – 3: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Symptoms of Acute Exposure

May be mildly irritating via ocular, dermal and inhalation routes.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Can decompose at high temperatures and form toxic gases.

### Physical Properties

Appearance: Light green liquid.

Odour: Moderate paint-like odour.

### **Unusual Fire, Explosion and Reactivity Hazards**

During a fire, irritating and possibly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

### **Potential Health Effects**

**Relevant routes of exposure:** Skin, eyes, mouth, lungs.

## **SECTION – 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

**IF POISONING IS SUSPECTED, immediately contact the poison information centre,** doctor or nearest hospital. Have the product container, label or Material Safety Data Sheet with you when calling Syngenta, a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. Tell the person contacted the complete product name, and the type and amount of exposure. Describe any symptoms and follow the advice given. Call the Syngenta Emergency Line [**1-800-327-8633 (1-800-FASTMED)**], for further information.

**EYE CONTACT:** Flush eyes with clean water, holding eyelids apart for a minimum of 15 - 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call Syngenta, a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice. Obtain medical attention immediately if irritation persists.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Immediately remove contaminated clothing and wash skin, hair and fingernails thoroughly with soap and water. Flush skin with running water for a minimum of 20 minutes. Obtain medical attention if irritation occurs.

**INHALATION:** Move victim to fresh air. If not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call Syngenta, a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

**INGESTION:** If swallowed, immediately contact Syngenta, a poison control centre, doctor or nearest hospital for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not induce vomiting unless directed by a physician or a poison control center. If spontaneous vomiting occurs, have victim lean forward with head down to avoid breathing in of vomitus, rinse mouth and administer water.

#### **NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:**

There is no specific antidote if this product is ingested. Treat symptomatically.

#### **MEDICAL CONDITIONS KNOWN TO BE AGGRAVATED:**

Underlying liver or kidney disease.

## **SECTION – 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Flash point and method:** > 93.3 °C.

**Upper and lower flammable (explosive) limits in air:** Not available.

**Auto-ignition temperature:** Not available.

**Flammability:** Not flammable.

**Hazardous combustion products:** During a fire, irritating and possibly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. Toxic gases include carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen and sulphur compounds.

**Conditions under which flammability could occur:** Product is not flammable. Keep fire exposed containers cool by spraying with water.

**Extinguishing media:** Use foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder, halon extinguishant or water fog or mist, (avoid use of water jet). Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Evacuate nonessential personnel from the area to prevent human exposure to fire, smoke, fumes or products of combustion. Prevent use of contaminated buildings, area, and equipment until decontaminated. Water runoff can cause environmental damage. Contain run-off water with, for example, temporary earth barriers.

**Sensitivity to explosion by mechanical impact:** No.

**Sensitivity to explosion by static discharge:** No.

## SECTION – 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautions:** Make sure all personnel involved in the spill cleanup follow good industrial hygiene practices. A small spill can be handled routinely. Use adequate ventilation and wear equipment and clothing as described in Section 8 and/or the product label.

**Procedures for dealing with release or spill:** Control the spill at its source. Contain the spill to prevent from spreading or contaminating soil or from entering sewage and drainage systems or any body of water. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions outlined in Sections 7 and 8. Pump or scoop large amounts of liquid into a disposable container. Absorb remaining liquid or smaller spills with clay, sand or vermiculite. Scoop or sweep up material and place into a disposal container. Wash area with detergent and water. Pick up wash liquid with additional absorbent and place into compatible disposal container. On soils, small amounts will naturally decompose. For large amounts, skim off the upper contaminated layer and collect for disposal. Once all material is cleaned up and placed in a disposal container, seal container and arrange for disposal. Spillages or uncontrolled discharges into watercourses must be reported to the appropriate regulatory authority.

## SECTION – 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling practices:** KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. Prevent eating, drinking, tobacco use, and cosmetic application in areas where there is a potential for exposure to the material. Avoid breathing dust, vapours or spray mist. Wear full protective clothing and equipment (see Section 8). After work, rinse gloves and remove protective equipment, and wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling, and before eating, tobacco use, drinking, applying cosmetics or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use and separate from household laundry. Keep containers closed when not in use. Protect product, wash or rinse water, and contaminated materials from uncontrolled release into the environment, or from access by animals, birds or unauthorized people.

**Appropriate storage practices/requirements:** Store in original container only in a well-ventilated, cool, dry, secure area. Protect from heat, sparks and flame. Do not expose containers to temperatures below 0 °C or above 40 °C (i.e. prevent product from freezing). Keep separate from other products to prevent cross contamination. Rotate stock. Clean up spilled material immediately.

**National Fire Code classification:** Not applicable.

## SECTION – 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Applicable control measures, including engineering controls:** This product is intended for use outdoors where engineering controls are not necessary. If necessary, ensure work areas have ventilation, containment, and procedures sufficient to maintain airborne levels below the TLV. Warehouses, production area, parking lots and waste holding facilities must have adequate containment to prevent environmental contamination. Provide separate shower and eating facilities.

**THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION ARE INTENDED FOR THE MANUFACTURE, FORMULATION, PACKAGING AND USE OF THIS PRODUCT.**

**CONSULT THE PRODUCT LABEL FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS AND/OR ON-FARM APPLICATIONS.**

**Personal protective equipment for each exposure route:**

General: Avoid breathing dust, vapours or aerosols. Avoid contact with eye, skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating, drinking, applying cosmetics or handling tobacco.

**INGESTION:** Do not eat, drink, handle tobacco, or apply cosmetics in areas where there is a potential for exposure to this material. Always wash thoroughly after handling.

**EYES:** Where eye contact is likely, use chemical splash goggles. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower.

**SKIN:** Where contact is likely, wear chemical-resistant (such as nitrile or butyl) gloves, coveralls, socks and chemical-resistant footwear. For overhead exposure, wear chemical-resistant headgear.

**INHALATION:** A respirator is not normally required when handling this substance. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below exposure limits. A NIOSH-certified combination air-purifying respirator with an N, P or R 95 or HE class filter and an organic vapor cartridge may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Protection provided by air-purifying respirators is limited. Use a pressure demand atmosphere-supplying respirator if there is any potential for uncontrolled release, exposure levels are not

known, or under any other circumstances where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

## SECTION – 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance:** Light green liquid.

**Formulation Type:** Suspension Concentrate.

**Odour:** Moderate paint-like.

**pH:** 5-6 (1% suspension in water).

**Vapour pressure and reference temperature:**  $4.0 \times 10^{-9}$  mmHg @ 25 °C (Thiabendazole Technical)

**Vapour density:** Not available.

**Boiling point:** Not available.

**Melting point:** Not available.

**Freezing point:** - 2 °C.

**Specific gravity or density:** 1.17 g/cm<sup>3</sup> @ 20 °C

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Water/oil partition coefficient:** Not available.

**Odour threshold:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** 125 mPas (or cps) @ 20 °C.

**Solubility in Water:** 30 mg/L @ 20 °C (Thiabendazole Technical)

## SECTION – 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical stability:** Stable under normal use and storage conditions.

**Conditions to avoid:** Excessive heat or cold.

**Incompatibility with other materials:** Copper-containing fungicides, highly alkaline materials.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Can decompose at high temperatures forming toxic gases. Toxic gases include carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen and sulphur compounds.

**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

## SECTION – 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity/Irritation Studies (Finished Product):

Ingestion:	<u>Low Acute Toxicity</u> Oral (LD50 Rat):	> 5,000 mg/kg body weight
Dermal:	<u>Low Acute Toxicity</u> Dermal (LD50 Rabbit):	> 5,050 mg/kg body weight
Inhalation:	<u>Low Acute Toxicity</u> Inhalation (NOEC Rat):	> 2.63 mg/L – 4 hours
Eye Contact:	<u>Minimally Irritating (Rabbit)</u>	
Skin Contact:	<u>Minimally Irritating (Rabbit)</u>	
Skin Sensitization:	<u>Not a Sensitizer (Guinea Pig)</u>	

### **Reproductive/Developmental Effects**

Thiabendazole Technical: Decreased fetal weights and resorptions were observed in rats and rabbits given thiabendazole at levels that were maternotoxic. Skeletal defects and cleft palates were produced in mice given very high dose levels of thiabendazole.

### Chronic/Subchronic Toxicity Studies

Thiabendazole Technical: Animal studies with thiabendazole showed increased incidence of anemia in dogs; changes in the thyroid, liver, spleen, kidney and gall bladder, and slightly decreased red blood cell counts and haemoglobin levels in rats.

### Carcinogenicity

Thiabendazole Technical: None observed.

### Other Toxicity Information:

None.

### Toxicity of Other Components

The acute toxicity test results reported in Section 11, above, for the finished product take into account any acute hazards related to the "other components" in the formulation.

#### Propylene Glycol:

Reported to cause central nervous system depression (anesthesia, dizziness, confusion), headache and nausea. Also, eye irritation may occur with lacrimation but no residual discomfort or injury. Prolonged contact to skin may cause mild to moderate irritation and possible allergic reactions. Chronic dietary exposure caused kidney and liver injury in experimental animals.

#### Silicon Dioxide:

Material is irritating to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Chronic exposure to respirable silicon-containing dust in excess of appropriate exposure limits has caused silicosis, a progressive pneumoconiosis (lung disease). Restrictive and/or obstructive lung function changes may result from chronic exposure. Symptoms of acute silicosis include (but are not limited to): shortness of breath, cough, fever, weight loss, and chest pain.

**Other materials that show synergistic toxic effects together with the product:** None known.

### Target Organs

#### Active Ingredients

Thiabendazole Technical: Thyroid, liver, spleen, kidneys, gall bladder and blood.

#### Inert Ingredients

Propylene Glycol: CNS, skin, eye, kidney, liver.

Silicon Dioxide: Skin, eye, respiratory tract.

## SECTION – 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Summary of Effects

The active ingredient, thiabendazole, is practically non-toxic to birds but is highly toxic to aquatic organisms.

### Eco-Acute Toxicity

Thiabendazole Technical:

Invertebrates (Water Flea) 48-hour LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	0.31 ppm
Fish (Rainbow Trout) 96-hour LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	0.56 ppm
Bird (Bobwhite Quail) LD <sub>50</sub>	> 2,250 mg/kg

### Environmental Fate

The active ingredient, thiabendazole, has a low bioaccumulation potential, low mobility, and moderate to high persistence in soil. It is not persistent in water.

### SECTION – 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste disposal information:** Do not reuse empty containers unless they are specifically designed to be re-filled. Empty container retains product residue. Dispose of empty containers in accordance with local regulations. Consult provincial environment ministry for advice on waste disposal. Industrial/commercial waste may be handled at licensed facilities only. Waste shipments must be securely packaged and properly labelled. Only licensed carriers may be used, and proper documents must accompany the shipment.

### SECTION – 14 : TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Shipping information such as shipping classification:**

TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS CLASSIFICATION - ROAD/RAIL.  
Not Regulated.

### SECTION – 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

**WHMIS classification for product:** Exempt

**A statement that the MSDS has been prepared to meet WHMIS requirements, except for use of the 16 headings.**

This MSDS has been prepared in accordance with WHMIS requirements, but the data are presented under 16 headings.

Other regulations; restrictions and prohibitions

Pest Control Products (PCP) Act Registration No.: 13975

### SECTION – 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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