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**Fertico Composted Fish Fertiliser**

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**Section 1 - Identification of Chemical Product and Company**

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**Trade Name:** Fertico Composted Fish Fertiliser

**Product Use:** Balanced fertilizer for cropping, pastures and orchards, improving soil structure and increasing the humus and cation exchange capacity levels of soil. Rapid release of organic nitrogen.

**Creation Date:** August 2008

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**Section 2 - Hazards Identification****Statement of Hazardous Nature**

This product is not classified as hazardous according to the criteria of ASCC.

Not a Dangerous Good according to the Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code.

**Risk Phrases:** Not hazardous

**Safety Phrases:** Not hazardous

**SUSDP Classification:** N/A

**ADG Classification:** None allocated. Not a Dangerous Good under the ADG Code.

**UN Number:** None allocated

**Emergency Overview**

**Physical Description & colour:** Hard brown granules

**Odour:** Low odour.

**Major Health Hazards:** no significant risk factors have been found for this product.

**Potential Health Effects****Inhalation:**

**Short term exposure:** Dust may be slightly irritative to upper respiratory tract and in rare instances may cause respiratory or other microbial infections and allergies.

**Long Term exposure:** Prolonged exposure may cause irritation of the throat and lungs.

**Skin Contact:**

**Short term exposure:** This product may irritate skin; however it is unlikely to cause more than minor discomfort such as itchiness or slight skin reddening

**Long Term exposure:** May cause drying of the skin if exposure is prolonged.

**Eye Contact:**

**Short term exposure:** Slightly Irritative by mechanical abrasion if exposed to dust

**Long Term or severe exposure:** No data for health effects with long term exposure.

**Ingestion:**

**Short term exposure:** Material may be irritating to the gastric intestinal tract. Ingestion may result in nausea, abdominal irritation, pain and vomiting.

**Long Term exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term ingestion.

**Carcinogen Status:**

**ASCC:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by ASCC.

**NTP:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by NTP.

**IARC:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by IARC.

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## Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

| Ingredients                                | CAS No     | TWA (mg/m3) | STEL (mg/m3) |
|--|------------|-------------|--------------|
| *Compost                                   |            |             |              |
| Meat meal                                  |            |             |              |
| Fish Meal                                  |            |             |              |
| Calcium Phosphate (Rock)                   | 7757-93-9  | not set     | not set      |
| Magnesium Carbonate (Magnesite)            | 7757-69-9  | not set     | not set      |
| Ammonium Sulphate                          | 7783-20-2  | not set     | not set      |
| Potassium Sulphate                         | 14977-37-8 | not set     | not set      |
| Plus Trace Elements Cu, Zn, Mn, Mg, Fe, Cd |            |             |              |

*This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary slightly. Minor quantities of other non hazardous ingredients are also possible. \*Contains naturally occurring micro-organisms.*

*The ASCC TWA exposure value is the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for a 5 day working week. There is a blanket limit of 10mg/m<sup>3</sup> for dusts or mists when limits have not otherwise been established. The nature of this product makes it unlikely that this level will be approached in normal use. The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that may be equalled (but should not be exceeded) for no longer than 15 minutes and should not be repeated more than 4 times per day. There should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The term "peak" is used when the TWA limit, because of the rapid action of the substance, should never be exceeded, even briefly.*

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## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**General Information:** You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, or irritated by this product. The number is 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this MSDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** Remove from contaminated area. Clear nasal and respiratory passages by encouraging patient to blow nose to ensure clear breathing passages. Rinse mouth with water. Seek immediate medical attention if irritation exists.

**Skin Contact:** If product gets on skin, thoroughly wash contacted areas. If irritation occurs or persists, seek medical advice.

**Eye Contact:** If product comes into contact with eyes, flush with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 15 minutes. In all cases of eye contamination it is a sensible precaution to seek medical advice.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Rinse mouth with water, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink. Seek medical advice.

**Advice to Doctor:** Treat symptomatically, note nature of product

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## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire.

Thermal decomposition may emit toxic fumes of SO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.

**Extinguishing Media:** Not Combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials.

**Fire Fighting:** If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade.

**Flash point:** Does not burn.

**Upper Flammability Limit:** Does not burn.

**Lower Flammability Limit:** Does not burn.

**Autoignition temperature:** Not applicable - does not burn.

**Flammability Class:** Does not burn

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## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Accidental release:** Minor spills do not normally need any special cleanup measures. In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. Wear protective clothing including impervious gloves and safety goggles. All skin should be covered. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. Refer to product label for specific instructions. Full details regarding disposal of used containers, spillage and unused material may be found

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on the label. If there is any conflict between this MSDS and the label, instructions on the label prevail. Ensure legality of disposal by consulting regulations prior to disposal. This product may be suitable for disposal in land fill.

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## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** When dusts are generated, check Section 8 of this MSDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. The measures detailed below under "Storage" should be followed during handling in order to minimise risks to persons using the product in the workplace. Also, avoid contact or contamination of product with incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

**Storage:** Keep away from extreme heat and open flames in a well ventilated, dry space. Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Incompatibilities" in Section 10. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

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## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment: Respiratory equipment: AS/NZS 1715, Protective Gloves: AS 2161, Industrial Clothing: AS2919, Industrial Eye Protection: AS1336 and AS/NZS 1337, Occupational Protective Footwear: AS/NZS2210.

### ASCC Exposure limits      TWA (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)      STEL (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

*Exposure limits have not been established by ASCC for any of the significant ingredients in this product apart from Calcium Hydroxide. There is a blanket TWA limit of 10mg/m<sup>3</sup> for dusts or mists when limits have not otherwise been established. The nature of this product makes it unlikely that this level will be approached in normal use. No ADI or NOEL set for any ingredients of this product. ADI means Acceptable Daily Intake and NOEL means No-observable-effect-level.*

No special equipment is usually needed when occasionally handling small quantities. The following instructions are for bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs without proper containment systems.

**Ventilation:** No special ventilation requirements are normally necessary for this product. However make sure that the work environment remains clean and that dusts are minimised.

**Eye Protection:** Protective eyewear should be worn when using this product

**Skin Protection:** Impermeable protective gloves should be worn when using this product

**Protective Material Types:** We suggest that protective clothing be made from the following materials: rubber, PVC.

**Respirator:** Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if in dusty conditions, consult the Australian Standard mentioned above.

Always wash hands before smoking, eating, or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or using.

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## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:

**Physical Description & colour:** Hard brown granules

**Odour:** Low odour.

**Boiling Point:** N/A

**Freezing/Melting Point:** N/A

**Volatiles:** N/A

**Vapour Pressure:** N/A

**Vapour Density:** N/A

**Bulk Density:** 1.0

**Water Solubility:** Low

**pH:** No data.

**Volatility:** No data.

**Odour Threshold:** No data.

**Evaporation Rate:** N/A

**Coeff Oil/water distribution:** N/A

**Auto ignition temp:** Not applicable - does not burn.

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity: This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid contact with foodstuffs, avoid exposure to moisture, extreme heat or flame.

**Incompatibilities:** No particular Incompatibilities.

Fire Decomposition: Thermal decomposition may emit toxic fumes of SO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.

**Polymerisation:** This product is unlikely to spontaneously polymerise.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

The product contains natural organic material and therefore may contain a variety of living micro-organisms.

**Target Organs:** There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

### Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

No ingredient mentioned in the HSIS Database is present in this product at hazardous concentrations.

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Low toxicity to birds, fish, bees and earthworms.

DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers or waterways

Contains natural organic materials and therefore may contain a variety of living micro-organisms

### Environmental Fate:

Use of this product may result in cadmium residues in excess of the Maximum Permissible Concentration (MPC) in plant and animal products. It may also result in accumulation of these residues in soils.

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

**Disposal:** Disposal instructions appear on the product label and should be followed.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

**ADG Code:** This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good. No special transport conditions are necessary unless required by other regulations.

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

**AICS:** All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are compliant with ASCC regulations.

## Section 16 - Other Information

**This MSDS contains only safety-related information. For other data see product literature.**

### Acronyms:

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| <b>ADG Code</b>   | Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail |
| <b>AICS</b>       | Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances                           |
| <b>ASCC</b>       | Office Of The Australian Safety And Compensation Council              |
| <b>CAS number</b> | Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number                            |
| <b>IARC</b>       | International Agency for Research on Cancer                           |
| <b>NTP</b>        | National Toxicology Program (USA)                                     |
| <b>R-Phrase</b>   | Risk Phrase   |
| <b>SUSDP</b>      | Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs & Poisons                |
| <b>UN Number</b>  | United Nations Number   |

THIS MSDS SUMMARISES OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD INFORMATION OF THE PRODUCT AND HOW TO SAFELY HANDLE AND USE THE PRODUCT IN THE WORKPLACE. EACH USER MUST REVIEW THIS MSDS IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THE PRODUCT WILL BE HANDLED AND USED IN THE WORKPLACE.

IF CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE RISK ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE, THE USER SHOULD CONTACT THIS COMPANY SO WE CAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OUR SUPPLIERS

OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IS SUBJECT TO OUR STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, A COPY OF WHICH IS SENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Please read all labels carefully before using product.

This MSDS is prepared in accord with the ASCC document "National Code of Practice for the Preparation

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