

## Section 1 - Identification of Chemical Product and Company

### Statement of Hazardous Nature

This product is classified as: Not classified as hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC Australia.

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

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**Substance:** Mancozeb is an alkylenebis(dithiocarbamate) derivative.  
**Trade Name:** Farmoz Axiom MZ 720 Systemic & Protective Fungicide  
**Product Use:** Agricultural fungicide for use as described on the product label.  
**Creation Date:** September, 2002  
**Revision Date:** September, 2002

## Section 2 – Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc, %	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Mancozeb	8018-01-7	64	not set	not set
Metalaxyl	57837-19-1		not set	not set
Other non hazardous ingredients	secret	to 100	not set	not set

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary slightly. Minor quantities of other non hazardous ingredients are also possible.

The 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. The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that should not be exceeded for more than 15 minutes and should not be repeated for 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.

## Section 3 - Hazards Identification

**Risk Phrases:** Not Hazardous - No criteria found.

**Safety Phrases:** Not Hazardous - No criteria found.

**SUSDP Classification:** S5

**ADG Classification:** None allocated. Not a Dangerous Good.

**UN Number:** None allocated

## Emergency Overview

**Physical Description & colour:** Buff to yellow coloured powder in soluble measure pack.

**Odour:** Not applicable.

**Major Health Hazards:** Mancozeb is practically nontoxic via the oral route with reported oral LD<sub>50</sub> of greater than 5000 mg/kg to greater than 11,200 mg/kg in rats. Via the dermal route it is practically nontoxic as well, with reported dermal LD<sub>50</sub> values of greater than 10,000 mg/kg in rats, and greater than 5000 mg/kg in rabbits. It is a mild skin irritant and sensitizer, and a mild to moderate eye irritant in rabbits. Workers with occupational exposure to Mancozeb have developed sensitization rashes. No major health hazards are known.

## Potential Health Effects

See section 11 for Chronic exposure studies.

### Inhalation

**Short term exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. However product may be mildly irritating, although unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

### Skin Contact:

**Short term exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. It should present no hazards in normal use. However product may be irritating, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**Eye Contact:**

**Short term exposure:** Available data shows that this product is not harmful. However product may be irritating to eyes, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**Ingestion:**

**Short term exposure:** Available data shows that this product is not harmful. However, this product may be irritating to mucous membranes but is unlikely to cause anything more than transient discomfort.

**Carcinogen Status:**

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

**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 4 - First Aid Measures****General Information:**

You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia and is available at all times. Have this MSDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** No first aid measures normally required. However, if inhalation has occurred, and irritation has developed, remove to fresh air and observe until recovered. If irritation becomes painful or persists more than about 30 minutes, seek medical advice.

**Skin Contact:** Irritation is unlikely. However, if irritation does occur, flush with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes or until chemical is removed.

**Eye Contact:** No effects expected. If irritation does occur, flush contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes or until the product is removed.

**Ingestion:** First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

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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.

Fire decomposition products from this product may be toxic if inhaled. Take appropriate protective measures.

**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:** No data

**Upper Flammability Limit:** No data.

**Lower Flammability Limit:** No data.

**Autoignition temperature:** No data.

**Flammability Class:** No data.

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**Section 6 – Accidental Release Measures**

**Accidental release:** In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. As a minimum, wear overalls, goggles and gloves. Suitable materials for protective clothing include rubber, PVC. 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. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. Full details regarding disposal of used containers, spillage and unused material may be found 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. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Advise laundry of nature of contamination when sending contaminated clothing to laundry.

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**Section 7 – Handling and Storage**

**Handling:** Keep exposure to this product to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. 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:** This product is a Scheduled Poison. Observe all relevant regulations regarding sale, transport and storage of this class of poison. Make sure that containers of this product are kept tightly closed. Make sure that the product

does not come into contact with substances listed under "Materials to avoid" in Section 10. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

## 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**.

**Exposure Limits**                                      **TWA (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)**                                      **STEL (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)**

Exposure limits have not been established by NOHSC for any of the significant ingredients in this product.

The ADI for Mancozeb is set at 0.006mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL is set at 0.6mg/kg/day.

The ADI for Metalaxyl is set at 0.03mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL is set at 3mg/kg/day. ADI means Acceptable Daily Intake and NOEL means No-observable-effect-level. Values taken from Australian ADI List, June 2002.

**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:** Eye protection such as protective glasses or goggles is recommended when this product is being used.

**Skin Protection:** You should avoid contact even with mild skin irritants. Therefore you should wear suitable impervious elbow-length gloves and facial protection when handling this product. See below for suitable material types.

**Protective Material Types:** There is no specific recommendation for any particular protective material type.

**Respirator:** If there is a significant chance that dusts are likely to build up in the area where this product is being used, we recommend that you use a suitable Dust Mask. Otherwise, not normally necessary.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:

<b>Physical Description &amp; colour:</b>	Buff to yellow coloured powder in soluble measure pack.
<b>Odour:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Freezing/Melting Point:</b>	Decomposes before melting.
<b>Volatiles:</b>	No specific data. Expected to be low at 100°C.
<b>Vapour Pressure:</b>	No data. Expected to be negligible at normal room temperatures.
<b>Vapour Density:</b>	No data.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	No data.
<b>Water Solubility:</b>	Material within the soluble package is a wettable powder.
<b>pH:</b>	No data.
<b>Volatility:</b>	No data.
<b>Odour Threshold:</b>	No data.
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	No data.
<b>Coeff Oil/water distribution:</b>	No data.
<b>Autoignition temp:</b>	No data.

## Section 10 – Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity:** This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions. However, if you have any doubts, contact the supplier for advice on shelf life properties.

**Conditions to Avoid:** This product should be kept in a cool place, preferably below 30°C. Protect this product from light.

**Incompatibilities:** strong acids, strong bases, strong oxidising agents.

**Fire Decomposition:** Carbon dioxide, and if combustion is incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Nitrogen and its compounds, and under some circumstances, oxides of nitrogen. Occasionally hydrogen cyanide gas. Oxides of sulfur (sulfur dioxide is a respiratory hazard) and other sulfur compounds. Most will have a foul odour. Water. zinc compounds. Carbon monoxide poisoning produces headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, dimness of vision, disturbance of judgment, and unconsciousness followed by coma and death. Hydrogen cyanide poisoning signs and symptoms are weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, coma, convulsions, and death. Death results from respiratory arrest. Hydrogen cyanide gas acts very rapidly; symptoms and death can both occur quickly.

**Polymerisation:** This product is unlikely to undergo polymerisation processes.

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## Section 11 – Toxicological Information

**Toxicity: Acute toxicity:** Mancozeb is practically nontoxic via the oral route with reported oral LD<sub>50</sub> of greater than 5000 mg/kg to greater than 11,200 mg/kg in rats. Via the dermal route it is practically nontoxic as well, with reported dermal LD<sub>50</sub> values of greater than 10,000 mg/kg in rats, and greater than 5000 mg/kg in rabbits. It is a mild skin irritant and sensitizer, and a mild to moderate eye irritant in rabbits. Workers with occupational exposure to Mancozeb have developed sensitization rashes.

**Chronic toxicity:** No toxicological effects were apparent in rats fed dietary doses of 5 mg/kg/day in a long-term study. Impaired thyroid function was observed as lower iodine uptake after 24 months in dogs fed doses of 2.5 and 25 mg/kg/day of Mancozeb, but not in those dogs fed 0.625 mg/kg/day. A major toxicological concern in situations of chronic exposure is the generation of ethylenethiourea (ETU) in the course of Mancozeb metabolism, and as a contaminant in Mancozeb production. ETU may also be produced when EBDCs are used on stored produce, or during cooking. In addition to having the potential to cause goiter, a condition in which the thyroid gland is enlarged, this metabolite has produced birth defects and cancer in experimental animals.

**Reproductive effects:** In a three-generation rat study with Mancozeb at a dietary level of 50 mg/kg/day there was reduced fertility but no indication of embryotoxic effects. In another study in which pregnant rats were exposed to Mancozeb by inhalation, toxic effects on the pups were observed only at exposure levels (55 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) that were also toxic to the dams. It is unlikely that Mancozeb will produce reproductive effects in humans under normal circumstances.

**Teratogenic effects:** No teratogenic effects were observed in a three-generation rat study with Mancozeb at a dietary level of 50 mg/kg/day. Developmental abnormalities of the body wall, central nervous system, eye, ear, and musculoskeletal system were observed in experimental rats which were given a very high dose of 1320 mg/kg of Mancozeb on the 11th day of pregnancy. Mancozeb was not teratogenic to rats when it was inhaled by pregnant females at airborne concentrations of 0.017 mg/L. In pregnant rats fed 5 mg/kg/day, the lowest dose tested, developmental toxicity was observed in the form of delayed hardening of the bones of the skull in offspring. In view of the conflicting evidence, the teratogenicity of Mancozeb is not known.

**Mutagenic effects:** Mancozeb was found to be mutagenic in one set of tests, while in another it did not cause mutations. Mancozeb is thought to be similar to Maneb, which was not mutagenic in the Ames Test. Data regarding the mutagenicity are inconclusive but suggest that Mancozeb is either not mutagenic or weakly mutagenic.

**Carcinogenic effects:** No data are available regarding the carcinogenic effects of Mancozeb. While studies of other EBDCs indicate they are not carcinogenic, ETU (a Mancozeb metabolite), has caused cancer in experimental animals at high doses. Thus, the carcinogenic potential of Mancozeb is not currently known.

**Organ toxicity:** The main target organ of Mancozeb is the thyroid gland; the effects may be due to the metabolite ETU.

**Fate in humans and animals:** Mancozeb is rapidly absorbed into the body from the gastrointestinal tract, distributed to various target organs, and almost completely excreted in 96 hours. ETU is the major Mancozeb metabolite of toxicological significance, with carbon disulfide as a minor metabolite.

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## Section 12 – Ecological Information

**Effects on birds:** Mancozeb is slightly toxic to birds, with reported -day dietary LC<sub>50</sub> values in bobwhite quail and mallard ducklings of greater than 10,000 ppm. The 10-day dietary LC<sub>50</sub> values of 6400 ppm and 3200 ppm are reported for mallard ducks and Japanese quail, respectively.

**Effects on aquatic organisms:** Mancozeb is moderately to highly toxic to fish and aquatic organisms. Reported 48-hour LC<sub>50</sub> are 9 mg/L in goldfish, 2.2 mg/L in rainbow trout, 5.2 mg/L in catfish, and 4.0 mg/L in carp. The reported 72-hour LC<sub>50</sub> for Mancozeb in crayfish is greater than 40 mg/L; the 48-hour LC<sub>50</sub> is 3.5 mg/L in tadpoles.

**Effects on other organisms:** Mancozeb is not toxic to honeybees.

### Environmental Fate:

**Breakdown in soil and groundwater:** Mancozeb is of low soil persistence, with a reported field half-life of 1 to 7 days. Mancozeb rapidly and spontaneously degrades to ETU in the presence of water and oxygen. ETU may persist for longer, on the order of 5 to 10 weeks. Because Mancozeb is practically insoluble in water, it is unlikely to infiltrate groundwater. Studies do indicate that ETU, a metabolite of Mancozeb, has the potential to be mobile in soils. However, ETU has been detected (at 0.016 mg/L) in only 1 out of 1295 drinking water wells tested.

**Breakdown in water:** Mancozeb degrades in water with a half-life of 1 to 2 days in slightly acidic to slightly alkaline conditions.

**Breakdown in vegetation:** When used as directed, Mancozeb is not poisonous to plants.

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## Section 13 – Disposal Considerations

**Disposal:** Instructions concerning the disposal of this product and its containers are given on the product label. These should be carefully 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 to be found in the public AICS Database.

## Section 16 – Other Information

Much of the Information in this MSDS came from Extoxnet, a Pesticide Information Project of Cooperative Extension Offices of Cornell University, Oregon State University, the University of Idaho, and the University of California at Davis and the Institute for Environmental Toxicology, Michigan State University.

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

### Acronyms:

<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>CAS number</b>	Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
<b>Hazchem Number</b>	Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services especially firefighters
<b>IARC</b>	International Agency for Research on Cancer
<b>NOHSC</b>	National Occupational Health and Safety Commission
<b>NOS</b>	Not otherwise specified
<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

### Contact Points:

Call Farnoz on (02)9363 3611

Fax: (02)9363 5977 and ask for the technical manager.

Police and Fire Brigade:

Dial 000

Emergency contact:

1800 024 973 (24 hours)

**If ineffective:**

**Dial Poisons Information Centre  
(13 1126 from anywhere in Australia)**

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