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## SECTION – 1: PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** AGRI-MEK® 1.9% EC Insecticide Formulation No.: A8612A  
**Registration Number:** 24551 (Pest Control Products Act)  
**Chemical Classes:** Glycoside Insecticide.  
**Synonym:** AVID®

**Active Ingredient (%)**: Abamectin (1.9%) CAS NO.: 65195-56-4 & 65195-55-3

**Chemical Name** : A mixture of avermectins containing Avermectin B1a and Avermectin B1b.

**Product Use:** AGRI-MEK® is an insecticide used for control of mites on apples and mites & psylla on pears. It is diluted with water prior to use. Please refer to product label for further details.

## SECTION – 2 : COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Material	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Other	NTP/IARC/OSHA Carcinogen	WHMIS <sup>†</sup>
Mineral Oil	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (mist)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (mist); 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (STEL)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (mist); 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (STEL) **	No	Not Established
Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT)	Not Established	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (inhalable)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA **	IARC Group 3	Yes
n-Methylpyrrolidone (≤ 30%)	Not Established	Not Established	10 ppm TWA****	No	Not Established
n-Hexyl Alcohol (≤ 30%)	Not Established	Not Established	Not Established	No	Yes
Abamectin Technical (2%)	Not Established	Not Established	0.02 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

Causes eye and skin irritation. Harmful if inhaled, swallowed or absorbed through the skin. Allergic skin reactions are possible.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Can decompose at high temperatures forming toxic gases.

### Physical Properties

Appearance: Yellow to red-brown liquid.  
Odour: Not determined. Avoid breathing vapours.

### Unusual Fire, Explosion and Reactivity Hazards

Combustible liquid. Can release vapours that form explosive mixtures at temperatures at or above the flash point. Heavy vapours can flow along surfaces to distant ignition sources and flash back. 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.

**Adverse health effects from exposure to product or ingredients of product:**

ACUTE:

Moderate toxicity and irritant via ocular, dermal, inhalation and ingestion routes. Causes substantial but temporary eye injury. May be fatal if swallowed. Prolonged or frequently repeated exposure may cause allergic skin reactions in some individuals. Early signs of abamectin poisoning include mydriasis (dilated pupils), ataxia (unsteadiness) and muscle tremors.

CHRONIC:

Target organs: skin, eyes and central nervous system.

## 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 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:** Remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth. If breathing is laboured, give oxygen. Obtain immediate medical attention.

**INGESTION:** If swallowed, immediately contact Syngenta, a poison control centre, doctor or nearest hospital for treatment advice. Provided the patient is conscious, wash out mouth with water. 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:

Persons suffering a temporary allergic reaction may respond to treatment with antihistamines or steroid creams and/or systemic steroids.

Recommendations for Medical Treatment for Abamectin Acute Toxicity: Early signs of intoxication include dilation of pupils, muscular incoordination, and muscular tremors. Toxicity following accidental ingestion can be minimized by vomiting within one-half hour of exposure; rapidly after exposure (< 15 minutes) repeatedly administer ipecac or medical charcoal in a large quantity of water. If toxicity from exposure has progressed to cause severe vomiting, the extent of resultant fluid and electrolyte imbalance should be gauged. Appropriate supportive parenteral fluid replacement therapy should be given, along with other required supportive measures (such as maintenance of blood pressure levels and proper respiratory functionality) as indicated by clinical signs, symptoms and measurements.

#### MEDICAL CONDITIONS KNOWN TO BE AGGRAVATED:

Abamectin is believed to enhance GABA activity in animals. Avoid drugs that may enhance GABA activity (barbiturates, benzodiazepines, valproic acid, etc.) in patients with potentially toxic abamectin exposure.

### SECTION – 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flash point and method:** 72 °C

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

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

**Flammability:** Combustible liquid. Class IIIA.

**Hazardous combustion products:** Toxic gases including carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, and smoke.

**Conditions under which flammability could occur:** Temperatures above the flash point. Keep fire exposed containers cool by spraying with water. Heavy vapours can flow along surfaces to distant ignition sources and flash back.

**Extinguishing media:** For small fires, use foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder or halon extinguishant. For large fires, use foam or water-fog; avoid use of water jet. Water spray may be ineffective as an extinguishing medium but may be used to cool fire-exposed containers and to flush non-ignited spills or vapours away from sources of ignition. 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:** Low.

### 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. Wear suitable protective clothing and eye protection to prevent skin and eye contact. Use adequate ventilation and wear an air-supplied respirator to prevent inhalation.

**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, 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 disposition. Spillages or uncontrolled discharges into watercourses must be alerted to the appropriate regulatory body.

### SECTION – 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling practices:** KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN and animals, and away from open flames or other sources of ignition. **Avoid contact with eyes, skin or clothing and avoid breathing vapour or spray mist.** Wear full protective clothing and equipment (see Section 8). After work, rinse gloves and remove protective equipment, and wash hands before eating, handling tobacco, drinking, or using the toilet. Clean up spilled product immediately, and clean clothes and equipment after use. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use and separate from household laundry. Keep product, spray, wash or rinse water, and contaminated materials out of water, and away from access by people, animals and bees. Keep containers closed when not in use. Do not re-enter treated areas until residues have dried.

**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 sealed containers to temperatures above 40 °C. Keep separate from other products, food, or feed to prevent cross contamination. Rotate stock. Clean up spilled material immediately.

**National Fire Code classification:** Class IIIA combustible liquid.

## SECTION – 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Applicable control measures, including engineering controls:** 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.

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

General: Avoid breathing vapours or aerosols. Avoid contact with eye, skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating, drinking, and using 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:** To avoid eye contact, wear chemical goggles or a full-face shield.

**SKIN:** To avoid skin contact, wear full-length disposable protective clothing (e.g. Tyvek coveralls), waterproof boots, nitrile gloves, and a head covering.

**INHALATION:** A combination particulate/ organic vapour respirator may be necessary until effective engineering controls are installed to comply with occupational exposure limits. Use a NIOSH approved respirator with an organic vapour (OV) cartridge or canister with an HE prefilter.

Use a self-contained breathing apparatus in cases of emergency spills, when exposure levels are unknown, or under any circumstances where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

## SECTION – 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance:** Yellow to red-brown liquid.

**Formulation Type:** Emulsifiable concentrate.

**Odour:** Not available.

**pH:** 2.6 – 3.6 (10% Aqueous Solution).

**Vapour pressure and reference temperature:**  $>2.78 \times 10^{-8}$  mmHg @ 25°C (Abamectin technical).

**Vapour density:** > 1.

**Boiling point:** Not available.

**Melting point:** Not applicable.

**Freezing point:** -34 °C.

**Specific gravity or density:** 0.96 g/mL @ 20 - 25 °C

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

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

**Odour threshold:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** 16.1 cps @ 21 °C

**Solubility in Water:** 0.007 – 0.01 mg/L @ 20°C (Abamectin technical).

## SECTION – 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical stability:** Stable at room temperature.

**Conditions to avoid:** High temperatures, sparks, open flames. Keep away from sources of ignition.

**Incompatibility with other materials:** Strong caustic solutions, strong acid solutions, oxidizing agents.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Can decompose at high temperatures forming toxic gases.

**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

## SECTION – 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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

Ingestion:	<u>Moderately Toxic</u> Oral (LD50 Rat):	~ 300 mg/kg body weight
Dermal:	<u>Moderately Toxic</u> Dermal (LD50 Rabbit):	> 1,800 mg/kg body weight
Inhalation:	<u>Practically Non-Toxic</u> Inhalation (LC50 Rat):	3.5 mg/L air - 4 hours
Eye Contact:	<u>Moderately Irritating (Rabbit)</u>	
Skin Contact:	<u>Moderately Irritating (Rabbit)</u>	
Skin Sensitization:	<u>Sensitizing (Guinea Pig)</u>	

### **Reproductive/Developmental Effects**

Abamectin: Reproductive toxin in animal studies only at doses acutely toxic to the maternal animal.

### **Chronic/Subchronic Toxicity Studies**

Abamectin: Central nervous system effects in animals.

### **Carcinogenicity**

Abamectin: None observed.

### **Other Toxicity Information:**

None.

### **Toxicity of Other Components**

Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT)

Listed as an IARC (Group 3) carcinogen; not classifiable as a human carcinogen (no data available) with limited animal evidence. Exposure may result in irritation to eyes, skin and respiratory tract. Ingestion may cause diarrhea, respiratory depression, tremors, and chronic pulmonary edema or congestion and hemorrhage.

Mineral Oil

May cause respiratory irritation when inhaled as a mist.

n-Methylpyrrolidone ( $\leq 30\%$ )

May cause respiratory tract irritation. Repeated or prolonged exposure may cause drying and cracking of the skin.

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

### **Target Organs**

#### Active Ingredients

Abamectin Technical: Skin, eye, CNS

#### Inert Ingredients

Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT): Eye, skin, respiratory tract

Mineral Oil: Respiratory tract

n-Methylpyrrolidone: Eye, skin

## SECTION – 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Summary of Effects

Abamectin Technical:

Highly toxic to fish, invertebrates, birds and bees. Does not bioconcentrate in fish.

Abamectin Technical:

Bees LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub> (contact)	0.002 µg/bee
Invertebrates (Water Flea) LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub> 48 hr	0.00037 ppm
Fish (Trout) LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub> (96 hr)	0.0036 ppm
Fish (Bluegill) LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub> (96 hr)	0.0096 ppm
Birds (8-day dietary - Bobwhite Quail) LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	3,102 ppm
Birds (8-day dietary - Mallard Duck) LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	383 ppm

### Eco-Chronic Toxicity

Abamectin Technical:

Trout 60 day Early Life Stage	MATC >0.5 ug/L
<i>Daphnia</i> 21 day chronic	MATC > 0.03 ug/L

### Environmental Fate

Abamectin Technical:

Low bioaccumulation potential. Abamectin degrades rapidly in the environment by photolysis and is metabolized in the soil. It has low mobility and is not persistent in soil. Stable in water. The product mixes in water to form an emulsion (after 24 h).

## SECTION – 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste disposal information:** Do not reuse empty containers. Empty container retains product residue. Triple rinse, or equivalent, empty container, return rinse water to dilution mixture, and dispose of dilution mixture as a hazardous waste if it cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions. 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

Proper Shipping Name : Pesticide, liquid, toxic, N.O.S. (Abamectin)  
Class (Subclass) : 6.1  
UN# : UN2902  
Packing Group : III

Do not ship with food, feed, seed, cosmetics or medical supplies.

## 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.: 24551

## SECTION – 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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