


## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### SECTION 1 – IDENTIFICATION OF THE CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY

<b>Product Name:</b>	<b>Kenso Agcare Ethephon 720 Growth Regulator</b>
<b>Product Type:</b>	Plant Growth Regulator
<b>Company Name:</b>	Kenso Corporation (M) Sdn Bhd
<b>Address:</b>	Level 1, 98 Commercial Road, Teneriffe QLD 4005
<b>Telephone Number:</b>	(07) 3216 1188
<b>Emergency Telephone Number:</b>	000 (Police or Fire Brigade) <b>13 11 26 (Poisons Information Centre)</b>
<b>Use:</b>	For crop thinning, loosening or ripening in various crops and for accelerating boll opening, defoliation and pre-conditioning before defoliation of cotton as specified in the Directions for Use table.

### SECTION 2 – HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

<b>Hazard Classification:</b>	Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia. Classified as a Dangerous Good according to the ADG Code.
	
<b>Classification of the Hazardous Chemical:</b>	Acute toxicity (Dermal) – Category 4 Skin corrosion/ irritation – Category 1,2,3 Acute toxicity (Inhalation) – Category 4 Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long term – Chronic 3
<b>GHS Signal Word:</b>	<b>DANGER</b>
<b>Hazard statement:</b>	H312: Harmful in contact with skin. H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. H332: Harmful if inhaled. H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
<b>Prevention:</b>	P260: Do not breathe dusts or mists. P261: Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray. P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling. P271: Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. P273: Avoid release to the environment. P280: Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
<b>Response:</b>	P301+ P330+ P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. P302 + P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. P303 + P361 + P353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water [or shower]. P304 + P340: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P305 + P351 + P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician.

P312: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

P321: Specific treatment (see FIRST AID on this label)

P362 + P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

P363: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P405: Store locked up.

P501: Dispose of contents/container as specified on the registered label.

**Storage:**

**Disposal:**

**SUSMP Classification:**

**ADG Classification:**

**UN Number:**

S6

Class 8: Corrosive

3265, CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S.

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### Emergency Overview

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**Physical Description & colour:** Brown limpid liquid.

**Odour:** Slight pungent odour.

**Major Health Hazards:** Causes burns, may cause serious damage to eyes, irritating to skin, harmful if swallowed.

### SECTION 3 – COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients	CAS number	Proportion
Ethephon	16672-87-0	72%
Water	7732-18-5	to 100%

### 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 (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this SDS with you when you call.

Atropine tablets 0.6 mg should be available in the area where this product is used, or in a nearby unlocked medicine cabinet. If swallowed, splashed on skin or inhaled, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor at once. Remove any contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly. Give atropine if instructed. The usual instruction is to give one atropine tablet every 5 minutes until dryness of the mouth occurs.

This product has the properties of a strong acid and may cause strong mucosal damage if swallowed. Appropriate conventional treatment for circulatory shock, respiratory depression and convulsions may be needed.

<b>Inhalation:</b>	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.
<b>Skin contact:</b>	Quickly and gently, blot or brush away excess chemical. Wash gently and thoroughly with water (use non-abrasive soap if necessary) for 20 minutes or until chemical is removed. Under running water, remove contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g. watchbands and belts). If irritation persists, repeat flushing and obtain medical advice. Completely decontaminate clothing, shoes and leather goods before reuse or discard. See instructions above about treatment with atropine.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	Quickly and gently, blot or brush away chemical. Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 20-30 minutes, by the clock, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Neutral saline solution may be used as soon as it is available. <b>DO NOT INTERRUPT FLUSHING.</b> If necessary, keep emergency vehicle waiting (show paramedics this SDS and take their advice). Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto face. If irritation persists, repeat flushing. Call a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor urgently.
<b>Ingestion:</b>	If swallowed, rinse mouth thoroughly with water and contact a Poisons Information Centre. Urgent hospital treatment may be needed. See instructions above about treatment with atropine.

**Advice to Doctor:**

Treat symptomatically.

**SECTION 5 – FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Fire/Explosion Hazard**

**Dangerous Decomposition or Combustion Products**

**Thermal Decomposition**

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 are likely to be harmful if inhaled. Take suitable protective measures. This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating.

**Extinguishing Media**

Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials.

**Fire Fighting**

Breathable air apparatus should be worn when fighting a fire in which this product is involved.

**SECTION 6 – ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Spills & Disposal**

Contain spill and absorb with clay, sand, soil or proprietary absorbent (such as vermiculite). Collect spilled material and waste in sealable open-top type containers for disposal.

### Personal Protection

For appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), refer Section 8.

### Clean-up Methods – Large Spillages

Place damaged containers in recovery bins (if available) and return to manufacturer. If large liquid spills occur, attempt to recover as much spilt material from sumps and bunded areas absorbing remaining material into vermiculite or other absorbent.

## SECTION 7 – HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Handling

When handling this product, do not eat, drink or smoke.

When mixing this product always wear a PVC or rubber apron, elbow length PVC gloves, face shield or goggles and overalls buttoned at the wrist and neck.

When spraying this product, wear a face shield or goggles

After each day's use, wash gloves, face shield or goggles and overalls.

If product gets on skin, immediately wash area with soap and water.

### Storage

Store in the closed, original container in a well-ventilated area as cool as possible out of direct sunlight. Keep from contact with fertilisers and seeds.

## SECTION 8 – EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

### National Exposure Standards

No exposure standards have been set for this product or the active ingredients.

### Engineering Controls

Handle in well ventilated areas, generally natural ventilation is adequate.

### Personal Protective Equipment

When opening the container, preparing spray and using the prepared spray wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist and a washable hat, elbow-length PVC gloves and goggles.

### Eye Protection

Eye protection is essential. Wear a face shield or goggles.

### Hygiene Measures

After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. After each day's use, wash contaminated clothing and safety equipment.

## SECTION 9 – PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Form:</b>	Liquid
<b>Colour:</b>	Brown limpid
<b>Odour:</b>	Slight pungent odour
<b>Melting Point (°C):</b>	Not available
<b>Boiling Point (°C):</b>	Not available
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	1.31 ± 0.1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Vapour Pressure:</b>	Not available
<b>Flashpoint:</b>	Non flammable

## SECTION 10 – STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical Stability

The product is very stable at pH <3.5 and does not cause any degradation when stored in normal conditions and at temperature <75°C. At higher pH, possible decomposition with ethylene emission.

### Hazardous Reactions

Reacts with alkaline materials, metallic salts and metals such as iron, copper and aluminium. Hazardous decomposition products include hydrogen chloride and ethylenes.

### Hazardous Polymerization

Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

### Materials to Avoid

Do not mix, store or apply the product or spray solutions of the product in galvanized steel or unlined steel (except stainless) containers or spray tanks. Avoid contact with alkaline materials.

## SECTION 11 – TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicity data (On Ethephon technical)

#### Acute Toxicity – Oral

LD<sub>50</sub> (rat): 3030 mg/kg

#### Acute Toxicity – Dermal

LD<sub>50</sub> (rat): 1560 mg/kg

#### Acute Toxicity – Inhalation

LC<sub>50</sub> (rat) (4hr) 4.52 mg/l

## Potential Health Effects

### Health Effects

Ethephon is a weak to moderate cholinesterase inhibitor. Repeated minor exposure may have an accumulative effect. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled and overexposure occurs are: -

#### Acute:

- Inhalation:** Not harmful. However, this product may be irritating, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort
- Skin contact:** Not harmful to skin. It should present no hazards in normal use. However, this product is irritating, but is unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.
- Eye contact:** Not harmful to eyes. However, product is corrosive to eyes. It will cause severe pain, and corrosion of the eye and surrounding facial tissues. Unless exposure is quickly treated, permanent blindness and facial scarring is likely.
- Ingestion:** This product is harmful if swallowed, and will cause cholinesterase inhibition, corrosive to the gastrointestinal tract. Will cause burning to

mouth and throat, possible irreversible problems, even death unless treated promptly.

**Carcinogenicity:**

**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.

**Reproductive Toxicity**

Data indicates no reproductive effects.

**Mutagenicity**

Ethephon studies in Salmonella typhimurium indicated no mutagenic effect up to 1,000 micrograms/100mL, without enzyme activation.

**Carcinogenicity**

A carcinogenicity study was conducted in mice using 70.6-72.1% Ethephon. The doses were administered in feed at 0, 15.5 156 or 1630 mg/kg/day to CD-1 mice for 78 weeks. No dose-related evidence of carcinogenicity/ oncogenicity was reported.

**Other Information**

The Australian Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) for ethephon for a human is 0.02 mg/kg/day, set for the public for daily, lifetime exposure. This is based on the NOAEL of 0.17 (H) mg/kg/day, the level determined to show no effects during long term exposure for the most sensitive indicators and the most sensitive species. \*ADI= Acceptable Daily Intake; NOAEL: No Observable Adverse Effect Level. Data adopted from Australia ADI List, December 2022.

**SECTION 12 – ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Known Harmful Effects on the Environment**

Not available.

**Environ. Protection**

Spray drift should be avoided, read the label for more information.

**Acute Toxicity - Fish**

LC<sub>50</sub> (96 hr) for Carp is >140 mg/l for a similar product

LC<sub>50</sub> (96 hr) for Rainbow trout is 720 mg/l for ethephon

**Acute Toxicity - Daphnia**

LC<sub>50</sub> (48hr) for Daphnia is 1000 mg/l for ethephon

**Acute Toxicity –Algae**

EC<sub>50</sub> (24-48 hr) for Chlorella vulgaris 32 mg/l

**Acute Toxicity – Other Organisms**

The following data is for the active ingredient, ethephon

LD<sub>50</sub> for bobwhite quail is 1072 mg/kg

Not toxic to bees.

**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

**UN Number:** 3265  
**Proper shipping name:** CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S.  
**Class:** 8 Corrosive Substances  
**Packaging group:** III  
**Hazchem:** 2X

### IMO-IMDG

**UN Number:** 3265  
**Proper shipping name:** CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S.  
**Class:** 8 Corrosive Substances  
**Packaging group:** III  
**Marine pollutant:** No

## SECTION 15 – REGULATORY INFORMATION

**SUSMP Classification** S6  
**Packaging & Labelling** POISON  
KEEP OUT OF CHILDREN  
READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING

## SECTION 16 – OTHER INFORMATION

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

### Acronyms:

**ADG Code** Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail  
**CAS number** Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number  
**Hazchem Number** Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services especially firefighters  
**IARC** International Agency for Research on Cancer  
**NOHSC** National Occupational Health and Safety Commission  
**SUSMP** Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines & Poisons  
**UN Number** United Nations Number  
**GHS** Globally Harmonised System

### CONTACT POINT:

Police and Fire Brigade: Dial 000  
**National Poisons Information Centre:** Dial **13 11 26 (from anywhere in Australia)**  
For 24 hour emergency response: Dial 0439 933 556  
Ask for Murray Goodlich

