#### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Nufarm T-Methyl SPC 50 WSB Fungicide

**EPA Reg. No.:** 228-628

**Synonyms:** Thiophanate-methyl; T-Methyl; dimethyl [(1,2-phenylene)bis

(iminocarbonothioyl)] bis(carbamate)

**Product Type:** Fungicide

**Company Name:** Nufarm Americas Inc.

150 Harvester Drive, Suite 200

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Telephone Numbers: For Chemical Emergency, Spill, Leak, Fire, Exposure, or Accident,

Call CHEMTREC Day or Night: 1-800-424-9300 For Medical Emergencies Only, Call 1-877-325-1840

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### **Emergency Overview:**

Appearance and Odor: Light tan colored powder.

**Warning Statements:** Caution. Keep out of reach of children. Causes moderate eye irritation. Harmful if swallowed, absorbed through skin or inhaled. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid breathing spray mist.

#### **Potential Health Effects:**

Likely Routes of Exposure: Inhalation, eye and skin contact.

Eye Contact: Mildly irritating based on toxicity studies.

**Skin Contact:** Minimally toxic and slightly irritating based on toxicity studies.

**Ingestion:** Slightly toxic if ingested based on toxicity studies. **Inhalation:** Low inhalation toxicity based on toxicity studies.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** Inhalation of product may aggravate existing chronic respiratory problems such as asthma, emphysema or bronchitis. Skin contact may aggravate existing skin disease.

See Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION for more information.

#### **Potential Environmental Effects:**

Runoff from treated areas may be hazardous to aquatic organisms in neighboring areas.

See Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION for more information.

### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

COMPONENTCAS NO.% BY WEIGHTThiophanate-methyl23564-05-850.0Other Ingredients Including50.0

Crystalline silica as quartz 14808-60-7



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#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**If in Eyes:** Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

**If Swallowed:** Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**If on Skin:** Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 to 20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

**If Inhaled:** Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point: Not applicable

Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable Flammability Limits: Not applicable

**Extinguishing Media:** Recommended for large fires: foam or water spray. Recommended for small fires: dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures:** Firefighters should wear NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turn out gear. Dike area to prevent runoff and contamination of water sources. Dispose of fire control water later.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** If water is used to fight fire, contain runoff, using dikes to prevent contamination of water supplies. Dispose of fire control water later.

**Hazardous Decomposition Materials (Under Fire Conditions):** May produce oxides of carbon, nitrogen and sulfur.

#### National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Hazard Rating:

Rating for this product: Health: 1 Flammability: 1 Reactivity: 0
Hazards Scale: 0 = Minimal 1 = Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Serious 4 = Severe

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautions:** Wear appropriate protective gear for the situation. See Personal Protection information in Section 8.

**Environmental Precautions:** Prevent material from entering public sewer systems or any waterways. Do not flush to drain. Large spills to soil or similar surfaces may necessitate removal of topsoil. The affected area should be removed and placed in an appropriate container for disposal.

**Methods for Containment:** Dike spill using absorbent or impervious materials such as earth, sand or clay. Collect and contain contaminated absorbent and dike material for disposal.

**Methods for Cleanup and Disposal:** Avoid creation of dusty conditions. If dry, sweep or scoop up material and place into container for disposal. If wet, pump any free liquid into an appropriate closed container. Decontaminate tools and equipment following cleanup. See Section 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS for more information.

**Other Information:** Large spills may be reportable to the National Response Center (800-424-8802) and to state and/or local agencies.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### Handling:

Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid breathing spray mist. Users should wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet. Remove clothing/Personal Protective

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Equipment (PPE) immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing. Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

#### Storage:

Store in original container in a dry, temperature controlled area. Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal.

#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### **Engineering Controls:**

Where engineering controls are indicated by specific use conditions or a potential for excessive exposure, use local exhaust ventilation at the point of generation.

### **Personal Protective Equipment:**

**Eye/Face Protection:** Not normally required. To avoid contact with eyes, wear chemical goggles or shielded safety glasses. An emergency eyewash or water supply should be readily accessible to the work area.

#### **Skin Protection:**

Handlers mixing, loading and applying the product as a dip (including application of product in kaolinite clay to conifer-seedling roots) must wear coveralls over long-sleeved shirt and long pants, chemical-resistant footwear plus socks, chemical-resistant gloves and chemical-resistant apron.

All other mixers, loaders and applicators must wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, shoes plus socks and for all mixers and loaders and for applicators using hand held equipment chemical-resistant gloves.

An emergency shower or water supply should be readily accessible to the work area.

**Respiratory Protection:** Not normally required. If vapors or mists exceed acceptable levels, wear NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with cartridges/canisters approved for use against pesticides.

**General Hygiene Considerations:** Personal hygiene is an important work practice exposure control measure and the following general measures should be taken when working with or handling this material: 1) do not store, use and/or consume foods, beverages, tobacco products, or cosmetics in areas where this material is stored; 2) wash hands and face carefully before eating, drinking, using tobacco, applying cosmetics or using the toilet.

### **Exposure Guidelines:**

	OSHA		ACGIH		
Component	TWA	STEL	TWA	STEL	Unit
Thiophanate-methyl	NE	NE	NE	NE	
Crystalline silica as quartz	10 (R)	NE	0.025 (R)	NE	mg/m <sup>3</sup>

R = Respirable Fraction

NE = Not Established

#### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance and Odor: Light tan colored powder.

Not applicable **Boiling Point:** Solubility in Water: Dispersible Density: 0.386 g/ml (tapped) Specific Gravity: Not applicable **Evaporation Rate:** Not applicable Vapor Density: Not applicable Freezing Point: Not applicable Vapor Pressure: Not applicable 7 - 8 (1% solution) Viscosity: Not applicable pH:

**Note:** Physical data are typical values, but may vary from sample to sample. A typical value should not be construed as a guaranteed analysis or as a specification.

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability: This material is stable under normal handling and storage conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Excessive heat. Do not store near heat or flame. **Incompatible Materials:** Strong oxidizing agents: bases and acids.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Under fire conditions may produce oxides of carbon, nitrogen

and sulfur.

Hazardous Reactions: Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

#### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### **Toxicological Data:**

Data from laboratory studies on this product are summarized below:

**Oral:** Rat LD<sub>50</sub>: >5,000 mg/kg (female) **Dermal:** Rat LD<sub>50</sub>: >5,000 mg/kg **Inhalation:** Rat 4-hr LC<sub>50</sub>: >2.04 mg/L **Eye Irritation:** Rabbit: Mildly irritating **Skin Irritation:** Rabbit: Slightly irritating

Skin Sensitization: Not a contact sensitizer in guinea pigs following repeated skin exposure.

**Subchronic (Target Organ) Effects:** Repeated overexposure to thiophanate methyl may cause mild anemia and affect the liver and thyroid.

Carcinogenicity / Chronic Health Effects: Prolonged overexposure to thiophanate methyl may affect the liver and thyroid. Thiophanate methyl produced dose-dependent increases in benign liver tumors in mice and thyroid tumors in rats. This product contains clay. Crystalline silica (e.g. quartz) is a naturally occurring component of clay. Inhalation of crystalline silica may cause pulmonary fibrosis (silicosis). Crystalline silica has been classified by IARC as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1), by the U.S. National Toxicology Program as a known human carcinogen and by ACGIH as a suspected human carcinogen (A2).

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Thiophanate methyl did not cause reproductive toxicity in multi-generation studies in rats.

**Developmental Toxicity:** In a rabbit study with thiophanate methyl, slight skeletal variations and decreased fetal weights were observed at doses that were also toxic to mother animals.

**Genotoxicity:** There have been some positive and some negative studies, but the weight of evidence is that thiophanate methyl is not mutagenic.

#### **Assessment of Carcinogenicity:**

This product contains substances that are considered to be probable or suspected human carcinogens as follows:

	Regulatory Agency Listing As Carcinogen					
Component	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA		
Crystalline Silica, Quartz	A2	1	Known	No		

See Section 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION for more information.

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### **Ecotoxicity:**

Data on Thiophanate Methyl Technical:

96-hour  $LC_{50}$  Bluegill: >41 ppm Bobwhite Quail 8-day Dietary  $LC_{50}$ : >10,000 ppm 96-hour  $LC_{50}$  Rainbow Trout: 8.3 ppm Mallard Duck Oral  $LD_{50}$ : 4,640 mg/kg 48-hour  $EC_{50}$  Daphnia: 5.4 ppm 48-hour Honey Bee Contact  $LD_{50}$ : >100 µg/bee

96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> Mysid: 1.1 ppm

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#### **Environmental Fate:**

Thiophanate methyl degrades primarily to MBC whether on foliage, in soil or in water in a matter of days. Both photolysis and hydrolysis are important routes of degradation. MBC is microbially degraded, but stable to aqueous photodegradation, stable to hydrolysis at pH values ranging from 5 to 7 and stable to soil photolysis. Metabolism under aerobic and anaerobic conditions in both soil and water proceeds at a slow rate. Under application conditions, average half-lives are about 20 to 50 days, but may be as short as a few days with repeated use.

#### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### **Waste Disposal Method:**

Pesticide wastes are toxic. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal Law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

#### **Container Handling and Disposal:**

Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Completely empty bag into application equipment. Then dispose of empty bag in a sanitary landfill or by incineration, or, if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay away from smoke.

#### 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Follow the precautions indicated in Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE of this MSDS.

#### DOT

### < 20 pounds per completed package

Non Regulated

### ≥ 20 pounds but < 882 pounds per completed package

UN 3077, Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s., 9, III, (thiophanate-methyl), RQ

#### ≥ 882 pounds per completed package

UN 3077, Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s., 9, III, (thiophanate-methyl), Marine Pollutant, RQ

#### **IMDG**

UN 3077, Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s., 9, III, (thiophanate-methyl), Marine Pollutant

### IATA

Non Regulated

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### **U.S. Federal Regulations:**

TSCA Inventory: This product is exempted from TSCA because it is solely for FIFRA regulated use.

#### SARA Hazard Notification/Reporting:

Hazard Categories Under Criteria of SARA Title III Rules (40 CFR Part 370):

Immediate

#### Section 313 Toxic Chemical(s):

Thiophanate Methyl (CAS No. 23564-05-8) 50.0% by weight in product.

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### Reportable Quantity (RQ) under U.S. CERCLA:

Thiophanate Methyl (CAS No. 23564-05-8) 10 pounds

### **RCRA Waste Code:**

Thiophanate Methyl (CAS No. 23564-05-8) U409

# **State Information:**

Other state regulations may apply. Check individual state requirements.

**California Proposition 65:** WARNING. This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) serves different purposes than and DOES NOT REPLACE OR MODIFY THE EPA-ACCEPTED PRODUCT LABELING (attached to and accompanying the product container). This MSDS provides important health, safety and environmental information for employers, employees, emergency responders and others handling large quantities of the product in activities generally other than product use, while the labeling provides that information specifically for product use in the ordinary course.

Use, storage and disposal of pesticide products are regulated by the EPA under the authority of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) through the product labeling, and all necessary and appropriate precautionary, use, storage, and disposal information is set forth on that labeling. It is a violation of Federal law to use a pesticide product in any manner not prescribed on the EPA-accepted label.

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