Incitec Pivot Limited

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

1.1 Product identifier

Product name **GRAN-AM**

Synonyms 11110 - GRAN-AM ● 11490 - SULFATE OF AMMONIA ● AMMONIUM SULFATE ● AMMONIUM SULPHATE ● GF GRAN-AM ● GRAN AM ● GRANAM ● GROW FORCE GRAN-AM ● INCITEC PIVOT GRAN-AM ● SOA ● SULFATE OF AMMONIA ● SULFURIC ACID, DIAMMONIUM SALT ● SULPHATE OF AMMONIA ● SULPHURIC ACID, DIAMMONIUM SALT ● S_O_A - PRODUCT CODE

1.2 Uses and uses advised against

Uses LIVESTOCK MINERAL SUPPLEMENT (RUMINANTS) ● NITROGEN FERTILISER ● NITROGEN FERTILIZER ● SULFUR FERTILISER ● SULFUR FERTILIZER ● SULPHUR FERTILISER ● SULPHUR FERTILIZER

1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

Supplier name **INCITEC PIVOT LIMITED**

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1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

Emergency 1800 033 111 (All Hours)

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

2.2 GHS Label elements

No signal word, pictograms, hazard or precautionary statements have been allocated.

2.3 Other hazards

No information provided.

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
AMMONIUM SULPHATE	7783-20-2	231-984-1	>99%
ADDITIVE(S)	-	-	Remainder

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eye If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.

Inhalation If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.

Skin If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water.

Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

Ingestion For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.

First aid facilities Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

May cause irritation to the eyes and skin.

4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Non flammable. May evolve toxic gases (sulphur/ nitrogen oxides, ammonia) when heated to decomposition.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Wear full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when combating fire.

5.4 Hazchem code

None allocated.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS. Ventilate area where possible.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

6.3 Methods of cleaning up

Recover spilt fertiliser as soon as possible.

If in a warehouse and the product has not been contaminated or degraded, return it to the original stockpile. Otherwise, store in a separate bay or containers.

If in the open, and the product cannot be immediately recovered, take steps to protect the product from the elements and loss to waterways. Cover the spilt product with a water-proof tarpaulin, weighed down to prevent it being blown off by wind.

For disposal options, see Section 13.

In agricultural fields, spread any residual fertiliser out over as wide an area as possible. If left too thick, plant growth may be affected. Plants may die, and germination and emergence stifled for some time.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Before use, read the product label, including sections on "Safety Directions" and "Care of Equipment". Use safe work practices. Avoid eye or skin contact and dust inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating.

When lifting Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers, use properly designed and approved equipment that meets Australian Standards AS3668 and AS2359. Refer to the Incitec Pivot pamphlet "Guidance for the Safe Handling of Fertiliser Bulk Bags".

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

When stored in a confined, unventilated space/hold this product can give off ammonia or other odours. As oxygen may be depleted, it is essential that ventilation is carried out prior to entry to ship holds.

Fertilisers should be stored in a cool, dry, covered and well-ventilated area. Do not allow to get wet. Store away from acids; oxidising agents, e.g. hypochlorite; farm chemicals, e.g. insecticides, fungicides and herbicides; and foodstuffs.

Bulk fertilisers should be stored in bays or piles physically apart from other products. Concrete floors are recommended. Fertiliser may set in storage, posing a risk of engulfment when being removed from the stockpile. Conduct Risk Assessments, and ensure appropriate equipment, procedures and training are in place.

It is generally recommended that fertilisers not be placed in silos, and if they are, only for short periods of time. Refer to the Incitec Pivot "Silo Guidance Notes" for more detail.

Ensure stockpiles of bulk bags are stable. Place the bags as close as reasonably practical to each other without causing undue damage. If stacking more than two high, stack in a pyramidal style. Ensure the third and subsequent layers are placed so as to straddle and bind the bags below them. When walking near, or between rows of stacked bags, maintain a distance equal to the height of the stack from the product.

Bagged fertilisers should be stored under cover and out of direct sunlight (which degrades woven polypropylene packs). If stored in the open, do so for short periods only, and cover the bags with a tarpaulin. Avoid high stacking as this promotes caking. The Pallet Capacity Rating (design weight) must not be exceeded on the bottom tier.

7.3 Specific end uses

No information provided.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

Exposure standards

No exposure standards have been entered for this product.

Biological limits

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering controls Avoid inhalation.

PPE

The selection of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be based on a Risk Assessment of the amount of dust likely to be generated, including the quantity of product being handled, the presence and amount of fines and dust; the task being performed, the work environment in which it is being undertaken, and the level of exposure. Normal work clothing may suffice during transfer operations in the field, e.g. when filling fertiliser boxes, and in bulk storage facilities where contact with the product is limited under well ventilated conditions and occupational exposure limits are not exceeded.

Eye / Face	Where eye contact may occur, wear safety glasses with side shields.
Hands	Cotton gloves, which can be washed or disposed of if heavily soiled, will suffice under most circumstances. Use impervious PVC or rubber gloves in high risk situations.
Body	Where skin contact may occur and for individuals with sensitive skin, wear ankle length and long sleeved clothing or overalls.
Respiratory	Wear a dust mask where exposure to dust is light. Where the dust nuisance is high and ventilation is inadequate, use a properly fitted particulate filter respirator, either full face-piece or half mask plus goggles, that meets Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716 "Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices".

Wash dust from hands and exposed skin. In risk situations, locate an eyewash station nearby. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or reuse. Ensure all PPE conforms to the relevant Australian Standards. Read the labels on the PPE.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	OFF-WHITE TO GREY COLOURED GRANULES OR CRYSTALS
Odour	ODOURLESS
Flammability	NON FLAMMABLE
Flash point	NOT RELEVANT
Boiling point	NOT RELEVANT
Melting point	230°C
Evaporation rate	NOT RELEVANT
pH	4.2 (1 % solution)
Vapour density	NOT AVAILABLE
Specific gravity	1.77
Solubility (water)	750 g/L @ 20°C
Vapour pressure	NOT RELEVANT
Upper explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Lower explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature	230°C
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Oxidising properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

9.2 Other information

% Volatiles	NOT RELEVANT
Bulk density	800 to 1000 kg/m³

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Polymerization is not expected to occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Incompatible with oxidising agents (e.g. hypochlorites).

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

May evolve toxic gases (sulphur/ nitrogen oxides, ammonia) when heated to decomposition.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Information available for the ingredients:

Ingredient	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
AMMONIUM SULPHATE	2840 mg/kg (rat)	--	--

Skin Contact may result in irritation, redness, rash and dermatitis.

Eye Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain and redness.

Sensitisation Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.

Mutagenicity Not classified as a mutagen.

Carcinogenicity	Not classified as a carcinogen.
Reproductive	Not classified as a reproductive toxin.
STOT - single exposure	Over exposure may result in irritation of the nose and throat, with coughing.
STOT - repeated exposure	Not classified as causing organ damage from repeated exposure.
Aspiration	Not classified as causing aspiration.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity

Avoid spills and contamination of waterways. Nitrogen fertilisers contain or form ammonium and nitrate. Nitrate is susceptible to leaching and may contaminate groundwater. High nitrate concentrations may render water unsuitable for human and livestock consumption.

Depending on the concentration and species, ammonium may be toxic to fish.

Elevated nitrogen concentrations in static surface waters can stimulate weed and algal growth. Algae affect water quality and taste.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Not applicable for inorganic substances.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Not expected to bioaccumulate.

12.4 Mobility in soil

This fertiliser contains nitrogen in the ammonium form. Ammonium is tightly sorbed (attracted to and held) on the surface of soil colloids (clay and organic matter). Within days or weeks, ammonium is converted to nitrate, which is more mobile in the soil, and moves with soil moisture. Both ammonium and nitrate are taken up by plant roots. Nitrate that is not taken up may be leached below the root zone of crops, and in time may find its way to ground water.

12.5 Other adverse effects

No information provided.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Waste disposal

Ideally, the fertiliser should be used for its intended purpose. Beneficial reuse is the preferred disposal option.

For fertiliser that is physically degraded but not contaminated in any way, this may necessitate using different application equipment and methods to apply it.

If the fertiliser is contaminated with other fertilisers, soil, or other non-harmful substances, and it can be satisfactorily applied, use it for its nutrient value in pasture, crops or on a recreational area, e.g. lawns and parks.

If contaminated with other materials, e.g. fuel, oil or chemicals, the fertiliser waste must be disposed of in accordance with relevant local legislation. Contact the Waste Management Authority for advice.

Legislation Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE, IMDG OR IATA

	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
14.1 UN Number	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
14.3 Transport hazard class	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
14.4 Packing Group	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.

14.5 Environmental hazards

No information provided.

14.6 Special precautions for user

Hazchem code None allocated.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Poison schedule A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

Classifications Safework Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

Inventory listings **AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)**
All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional information

RESPIRATORS: In general the use of respirators should be limited and engineering controls employed to avoid exposure. If respiratory equipment must be worn ensure correct respirator selection and training is undertaken. Remember that some respirators may be extremely uncomfortable when used for long periods. The use of air powered or air supplied respirators should be considered where prolonged or repeated use is necessary.

EXPOSURE STANDARDS - TIME WEIGHTED AVERAGE (TWA) or WES (WORKPLACE EXPOSURE STANDARD) (NZ): Exposure standards are established on the premise of an 8 hour work period of normal intensity, under normal climatic conditions and where a 16 hour break between shifts exists to enable the body to eliminate absorbed contaminants. In the following circumstances, exposure standards must be reduced: Strenuous work conditions; hot, humid climates; high altitude conditions; extended shifts (which increase the exposure period and shorten the period of recuperation).

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:
The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:
It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
GTEPG	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m³	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

Report status

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