



## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### Scythe™

#### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE AND COMPANY

##### 1.1 Identifiers

Product name: **Scythe™**  
Other Name(s): Soluble concentrate containing glufosinate-ammonium 200 g/L,

##### 1.2 Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Product Use: Non-selective herbicide

##### 1.3 Supplier contact details:

Company name: Grosafe Chemicals Limited  
Address: 20 Jean Batten Drive Mt Maunganui, 3116  
Telephone: 0800 220 002  
Email: [info@grosafe.co.nz](mailto:info@grosafe.co.nz)

**Emergency telephone number** 0800 CHEMCALL (0800 243 622)

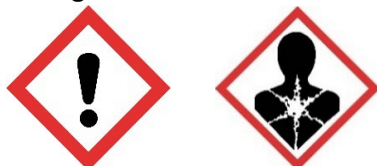
#### SECTION 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

##### 2.1 Classification of the Hazardous Chemical

Hazardous substance according to Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996  
HSNO Substance Approval: HSR100830  
Skin irritation Category 2, Eye irritation Category 2, Reproductive toxicity Category 2, Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) Category 1, Hazardous to soil organisms, Hazardous to terrestrial vertebrates, Hazardous to the aquatic environment chronic Category 3

##### 2.2 Label elements:

###### Pictograms:



**Signal Word:** DANGER

###### Hazard statements:

H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.  
H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.  
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.  
H423 Harmful to the soil environment.  
H433 Harmful to terrestrial vertebrates.

**Additional labelling statements required under Hazardous Substances (Labelling Notice 2017**

Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the substance does not cause any significant adverse effects to the environment beyond the application area.

Do not apply directly into or onto water.

**Precautionary statements:**

*Prevention*

- P103 Read label before use.
- P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
- P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
- P260 Do not breathe vapour/mist/spray.
- P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
- P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- P273 Avoid release to the environment.
- P280 Wear eye/ face protection and protective gloves.
- P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.

*Response*

- P314 Get medical advice if you feel unwell.
- P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
- P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use.
- P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice.
- P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
- P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice.
- P308 + P313 If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice.

*Storage*

- P405 Store locked up.

*Disposal*

- P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

**SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Ingredients	CAS No	Proportion % w/w
Glufosinate-ammonium	77182-88-2	18.2
Other ingredients*	Trade secret	balance

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary slightly.

\*Do not affect the hazardous classifications of the product.

**SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

**4.1 Description of first aid measures**

**General Information:**

For advice call the National Poisons Centre, telephone 0800 POISON [0800 764 766] . Have label or Safety Data Sheet at hand. If exposed or concerned, get medical advice.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, rinse mouth with water. Call the NATIONAL POISONS CENTRE or doctor for advice if person feels unwell.

**Skin Contact:** Remove contaminated clothing and wash skin with plenty of soap and water. Get medical advice if irritation persists.

**Eye Contact:** Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical advice if irritation persists.

**Inhalation:** Remove person to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call the NATIONAL POISONS CENTRE or doctor for advice if person feels unwell.

#### **4.2 Symptoms caused by exposure**

Unlikely to cause harmful effects under normal conditions of handling and use.

#### **4.3 Medical attention and special treatment**

Treat symptomatically.

## **SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

### **5.1 Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray or fog or foam as appropriate for surrounding materials. Contain extinguishing media to prevent runoff into drains, sewers, waterways.

### **5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

Fire decomposition products may be toxic/harmful and/or irritating if inhaled.

Evacuate people to safe area upwind of fire.

### **5.3 Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters**

Wear full personal protective equipment including with self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

## **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Have this SDS available. In the event of a spill, wear appropriate protective clothing, eye and skin protection. Wash contaminated personal protective equipment and clothing, and dry before re-use.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent spillage from entering drains or waterways. If contamination of drains, streams, watercourses, etc. is unavoidable, warn the local water authority.

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Contain spilled material. For small liquid spills, use absorbent material and recover into labelled drums that can be sealed for safe disposal. For large liquid spills, recover liquid into labelled containers then absorb remaining liquid and transfer to drums for disposal. Clean area with water and detergent.

Dispose of contaminated materials to approved landfill in accordance with local regulations.

## **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Read the label before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Do not apply directly into or onto water.

Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the substance does not cause any significant adverse effects to the environment beyond the application area.

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of spray mist/aerosols. Wear protective equipment such as coat/trouser (overalls), boots, gloves and eye protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands and exposed skin with soap and water after handling and before rest or meal breaks.

Do not use spray equipment contaminated with this product for any other purpose unless first thoroughly cleaned with a suitable cleaning detergent.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage**

Store locked up in the closed original packaging out of reach of children and in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area and out of direct sunlight. Keep away from food, drink and animal feedstuffs. Storage of 1000L or more of this product requires an emergency response plan, secondary containment and signage.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters – exposure standards, biological monitoring

Ingredient	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )

No biological limits applicable.

### 8.2 Engineering controls

Use in well-ventilated area or outdoors.

### 8.3 Personal protective equipment (PPE)

The following Standards provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment:

Respiratory equipment: **AS/NZS 1715**, Protective Gloves: **AS 2161**, Occupational Protective Clothing: **AS/NZS 4501**, Industrial Eye Protection: **AS1336** and **AS/NZS 1337**, Occupational Protective Footwear: **AS/NZS2210**.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear chemical splash goggles if eye contact is possible.

**Skin Protection:** Wear impervious chemical resistant gloves (e.g. nitrile, butyl), coveralls, socks and chemical resistant footwear. For overhead spray exposure, wear chemical resistant headgear. Ensure all skin areas are covered.

**Respirator:** Use outdoors in well-ventilated area or use local exhaust ventilation. Where product is being sprayed and a mist could be produced a respirator should be worn. It should be fitted with a cartridge, suitable for particulates.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Clear blue liquid
Odour	Non-specific
Odour threshold	Not known
pH	4.5 – 6.5 (1% aqueous)
Melting/Freezing Point	No data available
Boiling Point /Range	>100 °C
Flash point	Non flammable
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable
Vapour Pressure	No data available
Vapour density	No data available
Specific gravity	ca 1.1
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition Co-efficient n-octanol/water	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Viscosity	Not applicable

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal temperatures and pressure for storage and use.

### 10.3 Conditions to Avoid

Contact with oxidising agents, strong acids, alkalis.

### 10.4 Incompatible materials and possible hazardous reactions

None identified. Hazardous decomposition products formed at high temperatures.

### 10.5 Hazardous decomposition products

**Fire Decomposition:** Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, smoke and other unspecified compounds.

### 10.6 Polymerisation

Not known to occur.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Health hazard information

The product is classified for health hazards according to an assessment of information on product.

### 11.2 Toxicological information

Acute toxicity:	Classified as may be harmful if ingested, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
Aspiration hazard:	Product is not classified with aspiration hazard.
Respiratory irritation:	May be slightly irritating to throat and upper respiratory system.
Skin corrosion/irritation	Classified as skin irritant.
Serious eye damage/irritation	Not classified as serious eye irritant.
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	Not classified.
Germ cell mutagenicity:	No ingredients in product identified as presumed or suspected mutagens.
Carcinogenicity	Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	Glufosinate-ammonium is identified as suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
Specific target organ toxicity – single/repeated exposure	Causes damage to organs (kidneys) through prolonged or repeated exposure at high doses.
Narcotic effects	Product contains no ingredient identified as causing narcotic effects.

### 11.3 Toxicological data:

Product	Not available
Glufosinate-ammonium	Oral, mouse LD <sub>50</sub> 416 mg/kg b.w Dermal, rabbit LD <sub>50</sub> 2000 mg/kg b.w. Inhalation, rat LC <sub>50</sub> (4 hr) 1.26 mg/L

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Ecotoxicity

This product is classified as being harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects, harmful to the soil environment and harmful to terrestrial vertebrates.

### 12.2 Environmental Fate

**Breakdown in soil and groundwater:** Not rapidly biodegradable.

**Bioaccumulation:** Not expected to bioaccumulate.

**Partition coefficient (octanol/water):** Not available.

**Soil mobility:** Low

**12.3 Ecotoxicity data:**

Glufosinate-ammonium	Fish; Sheepshead minnow LC <sub>50</sub> (96 hr) 13.1 mg/L Crustacea; <i>Daphnia magna</i> EC <sub>50</sub> (48 hr) 15 mg/L Aquatic plant; <i>Lemna gibba</i> EbC <sub>50</sub> (14d) growth 1.5 mg/L Cabbage EC <sub>25</sub> 0.593 mg/kg soil
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**SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**13.1 Product Disposal**

Refer to product label. If possible, dispose of by using according to the label. Otherwise dispose of to an approved landfill in accordance with local regulations.

**13.2 Container Disposal**

Refer to product label. Do not use packaging for storage of other products. Empty packaging should be disposed of to an approved recycler or crushed and sent to approved landfill.

**SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMAITON**

**Road and Rail Transport:**

Not classified as Dangerous Good according to NZS5433 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land

**Marine Transport (IMO/IMDG):**

Not Classified as Dangerous Good by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea.

**Air Transport (ICAO/IATA):**

Not Classified as Dangerous Good by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulation for transport by air.

**UN Number:** Non- regulated

**UN Proper Shipping Name:**

**Transport hazard class(es)**

**Packing Group:**

**HAZCHEM:**

**Special Precautions for User:**

**IMDG Marine pollutant:**

**Transport in Bulk:** -

**SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**15.1 HSNO Act 1996**

Hazardous substance according to Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice 2017.

**Approved substance number:** HSR100830

**Hazardous classifications:** Skin irritation Category 2, Eye irritation Category 2, Reproductive toxicity Category 2, Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) Category 1, Hazardous to soil organisms, Hazardous to terrestrial vertebrates, Hazardous to the aquatic environment chronic Category 3

**Controls:** Refer to control on [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz) for complete wording for variation Controls.

Safety Data Sheet:	Any quantity
Restricted to workplace only:	No

Quantity that requires management in accordance with HSW HS Regulations:	>1000 L
Quantity for secondary containment and emergency response plan:	>1000 L
Quantity for signage:	>1000 L
Qualified Handler:	No

77A Maximum application rate 10L product/ha (2.03 kg ai/ha) with maximum two application/year and a minimum application interval of 30 days.

77A Do not apply directly onto or into water.

77A Apply only with ground-based methods.

**Additional information:** Refer to HS Notices ([www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz)) and HSW HS Regulations ([www.worksafe.govt.nz](http://www.worksafe.govt.nz))

### 15.2 ACVM Act 1997

**Registration number:** P9031 Scythe™

Refer to [www.foodsafety.govt.nz](http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz) for registration conditions.

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### 16.1 Date of preparation or last revision of SDS

<b>SDS issued</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
<b>SDS supersedes</b>	SDS dated 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
<b>Reason issued</b>	Updated hazard classifications to GHS descriptions.

### 16.2 ABBREVIATIONS

<b>ADI</b>	Acceptable Daily Intakes
<b>CAS number</b>	Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
<b>CCID</b>	Chemical Classification Identification Database
<b>EPA</b>	Environmental Protection Authority
<b>ErC<sub>50</sub></b>	Half maximal Effective Concentration
<b>GHS</b>	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
<b>Hazchem Code</b>	Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services especially firefighters
<b>HSNO</b>	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms
<b>HS</b>	Health and Safety
<b>HSR</b>	Hazardous Substances Register
<b>IARC</b>	International Agency for Research on Cancer
<b>LC<sub>50</sub></b>	Median Lethal Concentration
<b>LD<sub>50</sub></b>	Median Lethal Dose
<b>SDS</b>	Safety Data Sheets
<b>NOAEL</b>	No Observable Adverse Effect Level
<b>NOEL</b>	No Observable Effect Level
<b>NOS</b>	Not otherwise specified
<b>STEL</b>	Short Term Exposure Limit
<b>SWA</b>	Safety Work Australia
<b>TWA</b>	Time-Weighted Average
<b>UN Number</b>	United Nations Number

### 16.3 REFERENCES

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EPA CCID and Approved Substance databases

PPDB- Pesticides Properties DataBase

**16.4 OTHER**

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