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### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

#### 1.1 Product identifier

Trade name                                   MERIT TURF  
Product code (UVP)                       05666341

#### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use    Insecticide

#### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier                                        Bayer Environmental Science  
230 Cambridge Science Park  
Milton Road  
Cambridge  
Cambridgeshire CB4 0WB  
United Kingdom

Telephone                                     00800-1214 9451

Telefax   +44(0)1223 426240

Responsible Department                    Email: [ukinfo@bayercropscience.com](mailto:ukinfo@bayercropscience.com)

#### 1.4 Emergency telephone no.

Emergency telephone no.                 0800-220876 (UK 24 hr)  
+44(0)1635-563000 (Overseas 24 hr)

### SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

**Classification in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, as amended.**

Eye irritation: Category 2  
H319    Causes serious eye irritation.

Chronic aquatic toxicity: Category 2  
H411    Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC**

Xi Irritant, R36  
N Dangerous for the environment, R51/53

#### 2.2 Label elements

**Labelling in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, as amended.**

Hazard label for supply/use required.

**Hazardous components which must be listed on the label:**

- Imidacloprid



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H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
 H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.  
 EUH401 To avoid risks to human health and the environment, comply with the instructions for use.

**Precautionary statements**

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
 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/ attention.  
 P501 Dispose of contents/container to a licensed waste disposal contractor or collection site, except for triple rinsed empty containers which can be disposed of as non-hazardous waste.

**2.3 Other hazards**

No other hazards known.

**SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS****3.2 Mixtures****Chemical nature**Granule (GR)  
Imidacloprid 0,5%**Hazardous components**R-phrases according to EC directive 67/548/EEC  
Hazard statements according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

Name	CAS-No. / EC-No.	Classification		Conc. [%]
		EC Directive 67/548/EEC	Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008	
Imidacloprid	138261-41-3 428-040-8	Xn; R22 N; R50/53	Acute Tox. 4, H302 Aquatic Acute 1, H400 Aquatic Chronic 1, H410	0.50
White mineral oil	8042-47-5 232-455-8	Not classified	Asp. Tox. 1, H304	> 1.00 – < 10.00
Amorphous silica	63231-67-4 231-545-4	Not classified	Not classified	> 1.00

**Further information**

Imidacloprid	138261-41-3	M-Factor: 10 (acute)
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For the full text of the R-phrases/ Hazard statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.



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### SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

#### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

<b>General advice</b>	Move out of dangerous area. Place and transport victim in stable position (lying sideways). Remove contaminated clothing immediately and dispose of safely.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. Keep patient warm and at rest. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off thoroughly with plenty of soap and water, if available with polyethyleneglycol 400, subsequently rinse with water.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. If eye irritation or redness persists, see an ophthalmologist.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

#### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

<b>Symptoms</b>	Nausea, Vomiting, Abdominal pain, Dizziness, Symptoms and hazards refer to effects observed after intake of significant amounts of the active ingredient(s).
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#### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

<b>Treatment</b>	Treat symptomatically. Monitor: respiratory and cardiac functions. In case of ingestion gastric lavage should be considered in cases of significant ingestions only within the first 2 hours. However, the application of activated charcoal and sodium sulphate is always advisable. There is no specific antidote.
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### SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

#### 5.1 Extinguishing media

<b>Suitable</b>	Water spray, Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), Foam, Sand
<b>Unsuitable</b>	High volume water jet

<b>5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture</b>	In the event of fire the following may be released: Carbon monoxide (CO)
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#### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

<b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters</b>	In the event of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.
<b>Further information</b>	Contain the spread of the fire-fighting media. Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.

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**Precautions** Avoid contact with spilled product or contaminated surfaces. Use personal protective equipment.

**6.2 Environmental precautions** Do not allow to get into surface water, drains and ground water. If spillage enters drains leading to sewage works inform local water company immediately. If spillage enters rivers or watercourses, inform the Environment Agency (emergency telephone number 0800 807060).

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

**Methods for cleaning up** Use mechanical handling equipment. Clean contaminated floors and objects thoroughly, observing environmental regulations. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

**6.4 Reference to other sections** Information regarding safe handling, see section 7.  
Information regarding personal protective equipment, see section 8.  
Information regarding waste disposal, see section 13.

**SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE****7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

**Advice on safe handling** No specific precautions required when handling unopened packs/containers; follow relevant manual handling advice. Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Hygiene measures** Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Keep working clothes separately. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Remove soiled clothing immediately and clean thoroughly before using again. Garments that cannot be cleaned must be destroyed (burnt).

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Requirements for storage areas and containers** Store in original container. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Store in a place accessible by authorized persons only.

**Advice on common storage** Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingstuffs.

**Suitable materials** HDPE (high density polyethylene)

**7.3 Specific end uses** Refer to the label and/or leaflet.

**SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****8.1 Control parameters**

Components	CAS-No.	Control parameters	Update	Basis
Imidacloprid	138261-41-3	0.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)		OES BCS*
Amorphous silica (Inhalable dust.)	63231-67-4	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)	12 2011	EH40 WEL



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Amorphous silica (Respirable dust.)	63231-67-4	2.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)	12 2011	EH40 WEL
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\*OES BCS: Internal Bayer CropScience "Occupational Exposure Standard"

### 8.2 Exposure controls

Refer to COSHH assessment (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (Amendment) Regulations 2004). Engineering controls should be used in preference to personal protective equipment wherever practicable. Refer also to COSHH Essentials.

#### Personal protective equipment

In normal use and handling conditions please refer to the label and/or leaflet. In all other cases the following recommendations would apply.

#### Respiratory protection

If product is handled while not enclosed, and if contact may occur:  
Wear respirator with a particle filter mask (protection factor 4) conforming to European norm EN149FFP1 or equivalent.  
Respiratory protection should only be used to control residual risk of short duration activities, when all reasonably practicable steps have been taken to reduce exposure at source e.g. containment and/or local extract ventilation. Always follow respirator manufacturer's instructions regarding wearing and maintenance.

#### Hand protection

Wear CE Marked (or equivalent) nitrile rubber gloves (minimum thickness of 0,4 mm). Wash when contaminated and dispose of when contaminated inside, when perforated or when contamination on the outside cannot be removed. Wash hands frequently and always before eating, drinking, smoking or using the toilet.

#### Eye protection

Wear goggles (conforming to EN166, Field of Use = 5 or equivalent).

#### Skin and body protection

Wear standard coveralls and Category 3 Type 5 suit.  
If there is a risk of significant exposure, consider a higher protective type suit.  
Wear two layers of clothing wherever possible. Polyester/cotton or cotton overalls should be worn under chemical protection suit and should be professionally laundered frequently.  
If chemical protection suit is splashed, sprayed or significantly contaminated, decontaminate as far as possible, then carefully remove and dispose of as advised by manufacturer.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Form	granular
Colour	grey
Odour	weak, characteristic
pH	ca. 8.8 at 10 % (23 °C) (deionized water)
Water solubility	at 20 °C insoluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Imidacloprid: log Pow: 0.57

### 9.2 Other information

Further safety related physical-chemical data are not known.



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### SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

#### 10.1 Reactivity

**Thermal decomposition** Stable under normal conditions.

**10.2 Chemical stability** Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

**10.4 Conditions to avoid** Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

**10.5 Incompatible materials** Store only in the original container.

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products** No decomposition products expected under normal conditions of use.

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### SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

**Acute oral toxicity** LD50 (rat) > 2,500 mg/kg

**Acute inhalation toxicity** During intended and foreseen applications, no respirable aerosol is formed.

**Acute dermal toxicity** LD50 (rat) > 2,000 mg/kg

**Skin irritation** No skin irritation (rabbit)

**Eye irritation** Irritating to eyes. (rabbit)

**Sensitisation** Non-sensitizing. (guinea pig)  
OECD Test Guideline 406, Buehler test  
Non-sensitizing. (guinea pig)  
OECD Test Guideline 406, Magnusson & Kligman test

#### Assessment repeated dose toxicity

Imidacloprid did not cause specific target organ toxicity in experimental animal studies.

#### Assessment Mutagenicity

Imidacloprid was not mutagenic or genotoxic based on the overall weight of evidence in a battery of in vitro and in vivo tests.

#### Assessment Carcinogenicity

Imidacloprid was not carcinogenic in lifetime feeding studies in rats and mice.

#### Assessment toxicity to reproduction

Imidacloprid caused reproduction toxicity in a two-generation study in rats only at dose levels also toxic to the parent animals. The reproduction toxicity seen with Imidacloprid is related to parental toxicity.

#### Assessment developmental toxicity

Imidacloprid caused developmental toxicity only at dose levels toxic to the dams. The developmental effects seen with Imidacloprid are related to maternal toxicity.

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**SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****12.1 Toxicity**

<b>Toxicity to fish</b>	LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)) 211 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h The value mentioned relates to the active ingredient imidacloprid.
<b>Toxicity to aquatic invertebrates</b>	EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)) 85 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h The value mentioned relates to the active ingredient imidacloprid.  EC10 (Chironomus riparius (non-biting midge)) 2,09 µg/l Exposure time: 28 d The value mentioned relates to the active ingredient imidacloprid.
<b>Toxicity to aquatic plants</b>	EC50 (Desmodesmus subspicatus) > 10 mg/l Growth rate; Exposure time: 72 h The value mentioned relates to the active ingredient imidacloprid.

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

**Biodegradability** Imidacloprid:  
not rapidly biodegradable

**Koc** Imidacloprid: Koc: 225

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

**Bioaccumulation** Imidacloprid:  
Does not bioaccumulate.

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

**Mobility in soil** Imidacloprid: Moderately mobile in soils

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

**PBT and vPvB assessment** Imidacloprid: This substance is not considered to be persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT). This substance is not considered to be very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB).

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

**Additional ecological information** No other effects to be mentioned.

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**SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Product** In accordance with current regulations and, if necessary, after consultation with the site operator and/or with the responsible authority, the product may be taken to a waste disposal site or incineration plant. Advice may be obtained from the local waste regulation authority (part of the Environment Agency in the UK).

**Contaminated packaging** Empty remaining contents.  
Do not use containers for other products.

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Clean container with water.  
Rinsed packaging may be acceptable for landfill, otherwise incineration will be required in accordance with local regulations.  
Not completely emptied packagings should be disposed of as hazardous waste.

**Waste key for the unused product**      **020108** agrochemical waste containing dangerous substances

**SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION****ADR/RID/ADN**

14.1 UN number	<b>3077</b>
14.2 Proper shipping name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (IMIDACLOPRID MIXTURE)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	9
14.4 Packing group	III
14.5 Environm. Hazardous Mark	YES
Hazard no.	90
Tunnel Code	E

This classification is in principle not valid for carriage by tank vessel on inland waterways. Please refer to the manufacturer for further information.

**IMDG**

14.1 UN number	<b>3077</b>
14.2 Proper shipping name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (IMIDACLOPRID MIXTURE)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	9
14.4 Packing group	III
14.5 Marine pollutant	YES

**IATA**

14.1 UN number	<b>3077</b>
14.2 Proper shipping name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (IMIDACLOPRID MIXTURE )
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	9
14.4 Packing group	III
14.5 Environm. Hazardous Mark	YES

**UK 'Carriage' Regulations**

14.1 UN number	<b>3077</b>
14.2 Proper shipping name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (IMIDACLOPRID MIXTURE)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	9
14.4 Packing group	III
14.5 Environm. Hazardous Mark	YES
Emergency action code	2Z

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

See sections 6 to 8 of this Safety Data Sheet.





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### 14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

No transport in bulk according to the IBC Code.

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## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### UK and Northern Ireland Regulatory References

This material may be subject to some or all of the following regulations (and any subsequent amendments). Users must ensure that any uses and restrictions as indicated on the label and/or leaflet are followed.

#### Transport

Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009 (SI 2009 No 1348)

Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1997 (SI 1997 No 2367)

Air Navigation Dangerous Goods Regulations 2002 (SI 2002 No 2786)

#### Supply and Use

Chemical (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009 No 716)

Chemical (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2009

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (SI 2002 No 2677)

EH40 Occupational Exposure Limits - Table 1 List of approved workplace exposure limits

Control of Pesticide Regulations 1986

Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002

#### Waste Treatment

Environmental Protection Act 1990, Part II

Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991

The Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994 (as amended)

Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005 (Replacing Special Waste Regulations 1996 as amended)

Landfill Directive

Regulation on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer 1994 (EEC/3093/94)

Water Resources Act 1991

Anti-Pollution Works Regulations 1999

#### Further information

WHO-classification: III (Slightly hazardous)

### 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

A chemical safety assessment is not required.

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## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Text of R-phrases mentioned in Section 3

R22 Harmful if swallowed.

R50/53 Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

### Text of the hazard statements mentioned in Section 3

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.



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H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

The above information is intended to give general health and safety guidance on the storage and transport of the product.

It is not intended to apply to the use of the product for which purposes the product label and any appropriate technical usage literature available should be consulted and any relevant licenses, consents or approvals complied with.

The requirements or recommendations of any relevant site or working procedure, system or policy in force or arising from any risk assessment involving the substance or product should take precedence over any of the guidance contained in this safety data sheet where there is a difference in the information given.

The information provided in this safety data sheet is accurate at the date of publication and will be updated as and when appropriate.

No liability will be accepted for any injury, loss or damage resulting from any failure to take account of information or advice contained in this safety data sheet.

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