

# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** HORTICO COMPOST

**Recommended Use:** Compost to improve garden soil.

**Supplier:** Hortico, a Division of DuluxGroup (Australia) Pty Ltd  
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Australia

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Based on available information, not classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia; NON-HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE.

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for transport by Road and Rail; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

**Poisons Schedule:** None allocated.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Proportion	Risk Phrases
Composted organic matter	-	100%	-

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### Inhalation:

Remove victim from area of exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Seek medical advice if effects persist.

### Skin Contact:

If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin with soap and water. If irritation occurs, seek medical advice.

### Eye Contact:

If in eyes, wash out immediately with water. In all cases of eye contamination it is a sensible precaution to seek medical advice.

### Ingestion:

Rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, give a glass of water to drink. Seek medical advice.

### Medical attention and special treatment:

Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Product Name:** HORTICO COMPOST  
**Substance No:** 00000022258

**Issued:** 17/09/2009  
**Version:** 1

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## Hazards from combustion products:

Non-combustible material.

## Suitable Extinguishing Media:

Not combustible, however, if material is involved in a fire use: Media applicable to surrounding fire.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Methods and materials for containment and clean up:

Collect and seal in properly labelled containers.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Conditions for safe storage:

Store in the closed, original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight.

### Precautions for safe handling:

Keep out of reach of children. Avoid skin and eye contact and breathing in vapour, mists and aerosols.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Occupational Exposure Limits:** No value assigned for this specific material by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

### Engineering controls:

Natural ventilation should be adequate under normal use conditions.

### Personal Protective Equipment:

Avoid contact with eyes and skin. After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. Rubber gloves are recommended if handling often. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use.

If there is a risk of inhalation of dust and/or liquid mist (bioaerosols), wear a suitable particulate respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical state:</b>	Coarse Solid
<b>Colour:</b>	Brown
<b>Odour:</b>	Organic
<b>Solubility:</b>	Insoluble in water.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	0.6-0.9 kg/L (bulk density)
<b>Vapour Pressure (20 °C):</b>	Nil
<b>Flash Point (°C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Melting Point/Range (°C):</b>	Not applicable

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical stability:</b>	Stable under normal conditions of use.
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	Avoid contact with foodstuffs. Avoid contact with other chemicals.
<b>Incompatible materials:</b>	Incompatible with oxidising agents.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products:</b>	Ammonia. Oxides of carbon. Oxides of phosphorus. Oxides of sulfur.
<b>Hazardous reactions:</b>	None known.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse health effects expected if the product is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the product label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

<b>Ingestion:</b>	Swallowing can result in abdominal discomfort. There is an increased risk of gastrointestinal infections.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	Dust and/or liquid mist (bioaerosols) may irritate the eye resulting in redness and watering, or eye infection.
<b>Skin contact:</b>	Contact with skin may cause irritation and in some people may lead to skin sensitisation, dermatitis or skin infection.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Inhalation of dust and/or liquid mists (bioaerosols) may irritate, inflame or sensitise the nose, throat and lungs, and aggravate pre-existing conditions such as asthma and bronchitis.

### Long Term Effects:

Repeated inhalation of dust and/or liquid mists (bioaerosols) may result in respiratory irritation, inflammation or sensitisation resulting in illnesses ranging from hayfever and asthma to pneumonia (eg. legionnaire's disease) and pneumonia like illnesses. The elderly, those with pre-existing respiratory diseases, and the immunocompromised are at particular risk from these illnesses. All people working regularly with these and other landscaping products should ensure that they are adequately protected against tetanus.

**Toxicological Data:** No LD50 data available for the product.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	Avoid contaminating waterways.
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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal methods:

Refer to local government authority for disposal recommendations. Use on garden or dispose of as household garbage.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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## **Marine Transport**

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

## **Air Transport**

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

## **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**Classification:** Based on available information, not classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia; NON-HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE.

**Poisons Schedule:** None allocated.

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Reason(s) for Issue:**

First Issue Primary MSDS

This safety data sheet has been prepared by SH&E Shared Services.

This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since DuluxGroup Limited cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.

If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their DuluxGroup representative or DuluxGroup Limited at the contact details on page 1.

DuluxGroup Limited's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.