

Safety Data Sheet


Cobalt sulphate

Section 1: SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION AND SUPPLIER

Product Name:	Cobalt sulphate
Other Names:	Sulfuric acid, cobalt (II) salt heptahydrate; Cobaltous sulphate heptahydrate
Product Code:	N/A
Recommended Use:	As a fertilizer ingredient
Restrictions of Use:	Refer to Section 15
Company Identification:	Ravensdown Limited
Address:	292 Main South Road, Hornby, Christchurch, 8042 PO Box 1049, Christchurch 8011
Customer Centre:	0800 100 123
National Poisons Information Centre:	0800 POISON (0800 764 766)
Emergency Phone Number:	0800 CHEMCALL (0800 243 622) (24hr) (Emergencies Only)
Transport Emergency Phone Number:	111 - tell operator what service is needed: Fire, Ambulance or Police
Date of SDS Preparation	11 May 2026 v2

Section 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

This substance is hazardous according to the EPA Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice 2020

EPA Approval No:	Additives, Process Chemicals and Raw Materials (Carcinogenic) - HSR002512
Pictograms:	
Signal Word:	DANGER

HSNO Classification	Hazard Code	Hazard Statement
Acute oral toxicity Cat. 4	H302	Harmful if swallowed.
Skin irritation Cat. 2	H315	Causes skin irritation.
Eye irritation Cat. 2	H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
Respiratory sensitisation Cat. 1	H334	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
Skin sensitisation Cat. 1	H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Carcinogenicity Cat. 2	H351	Suspected of causing cancer.
Reproductive toxicity Cat. 2	H361	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure Cat. 1	H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure Cat. 3 respiratory tract irritation	H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
Hazardous to the aquatic environment Acute/chronic Cat. 1	H400/H410	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Prevention Code	Prevention Statement
P102	Keep out of reach of children.
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 dust.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective clothing as detailed in Section 8.
P281	Use personal protective equipment as required.
P285	In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

Response Code	Response Statement
P101	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.
P314	Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
P330	Rinse mouth.
P362 + P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use.
P391	Collect spillage.
P301 + P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P341	IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
P342 + P311	If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

Storage Code	Storage Statement
P405	Store locked up.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

Disposal Code	Disposal Statement
P501	Dispose of according to Local Regulations or Authorities

Section 3: COMPOSITION INFORMATION

INGREDIENT	CAS No.	CONTENT
Cobalt(II) sulphate heptahydrate	10026-24-1	>99%

Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Routes of Exposure:	
If in eyes:	Flush with plenty of water for several minutes, holding eyelids open if necessary. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
If on skin:	Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Wash affected area thoroughly with soap and water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
If ingested:	Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If swallowed DO NOT induce vomiting. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
If inhaled:	May cause respiratory irritation. Remove patient to fresh air. Lay down and keep warm and rested. If breathing is shallow or has stopped ensure airway is clear and apply resuscitation. Seek medical assistance if needed.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	
Symptoms:	
Eyes:	Causes severe eye irritation.
Skin:	Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Ingested:	Harmful if swallowed. Ingestion of large quantities may lead to diarrhoea, abdominal pain, nausea, drop in body temperature, drop in blood pressure. Toxic effect to kidneys, heart and pancreas.
Inhaled:	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
Chronic:	Suspected of causing cancer. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Toxic effect to kidneys, heart and pancreas.

Section 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Hazard Type	Non Flammable
Hazards from combustion products	Sulphur oxides, copper oxides. May release copper dusts and fume.
Suitable Extinguishing media	Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding area.
Precautions for firefighters and special protective clothing	Breathing apparatus and protective gloves.
HAZCHEM CODE	2Z

Section 6: ACCIDENTIAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:	
Wear appropriate protective clothing as detailed in Section 8. Exclude non-essential people from the area.	
Environmental precautions:	
Avoid from entering drains, waterways or sewers.	
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:	
Contain spill and sweep up. Collect and place in sealable containers. Avoid generating dust. Dispose of according to Section 13.	

Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling:	<p>Read label before use.</p> <p>Obtain special instructions before use.</p> <p>Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.</p> <p>Do not breathe dust. Avoid generating dusts. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.</p> <p>Wash hands thoroughly after handling.</p> <p>Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.</p> <p>Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.</p> <p>Avoid release to the environment.</p>
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	Wear protective clothing as detailed in Section 8. Use personal protective equipment as required. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.
Storage:	Store away from incompatible materials listed in Section 10. Keep out of the reach of children. Store locked up. Keep container tightly closed. Store in accordance with NZS 8409; Management of Agrichemicals.

Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

WORKPLACE EXPOSURE STANDARDS (provided for guidance only)

Substance	TWA	STEL
	ppm mg/m ³	ppm mg/m ³

No exposure limits have been assigned for this product.

Workplace Exposure Standard – Time Weighted Average (WES-TWA). The time-weighted average exposure standard designed to protect the worker from the effects of long-term exposure. Workplace Exposure Standard – Short-Term Exposure Limit (WESSTEL). The 15-minute average exposure standard. Applies to any 15- Minute period in the working day and is designed to protect the worker against adverse effects of irritation, chronic or irreversible tissue change, or narcosis that may increase the likelihood of accidents. The WES-STEL is not an alternative to the WES-TWA; both the short-term and time-weighted average exposures apply. Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices FEB 2025 15TH EDITION.

Engineering Controls:	If dusts are generated use local extraction to control.
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Personal Protection Equipment:



Eyes:	Wear close fitting safety glasses or goggles to prevent dust getting in eyes. Ensure eye wash facilities should be available.
Skin/Hands:	When contact with product is likely, wear protective gloves and overalls
Respiratory:	If dusts present wear dust mask.
General:	Do not eat, drink or smoke while using this product. Remove protective clothing and wash daily after work. Contaminated clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Crystals or powder
Colour	Red or rose
Odour	Odourless
Odour Threshold	Not available
pH	(100g.L ⁻¹ in water, 20°C) ~4
Boiling Point	Not available
Melting Point	>41°C (release of crystalline water)
Freezing Point	Not available
Flash Point	Not available
Flammability	Not available
Upper and Lower Explosive Limits	Not available
Vapour Pressure	Not available
Vapour Density	Not available
Specific Gravity	1.95 g/cm ³
Bulk Density	1215 kg.m-3
Water Solubility	Soluble

Partition Coefficient:	Not available
Auto-ignition Temperature	Not available
Decomposition Temperature	735=°C
Kinematic Viscosity	Not available
Particle Characteristics	Not available

Section 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability of Substance	Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Not available
Conditions to Avoid	No specific conditions. Releases water of crystallisation when heated.
Incompatible Materials	No specific incompatibilities.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Sulphur oxides.

Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Effects:

Swallowed	Harmful if swallowed. Ingestion of large quantities may lead to diarrhoea, abdominal pain, nausea, drop in body temperature, drop in blood pressure. Toxic effect to kidneys, heart and pancreas.
Dermal	Not applicable.
Inhalation	May cause respiratory irritation.
Eye	Causes severe eye irritation.
Skin	Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Chronic Effects:

Carcinogenicity	Suspected of causing cancer.
Reproductive Toxicity	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Not applicable.
Aspiration	Not applicable.
STOT/SE	Not applicable.
STOT/RE	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Toxic effect to kidneys, heart and pancreas.

Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Persistence and degradability	No data available.
Bioaccumulation	No data available.
Mobility in Soil	No data available.
Other adverse effects	No data available.

Do not allow to enter waterways.

Section 13: DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Disposal Method:	Dispose of product only by using according to label or at an approved landfill. Recycle where possible. Do not contaminate bodies of water with chemical or empty container. Refer to the Local council bylaws and Land Waste Management Authority. Dissolved material in excess water is normally suitable for disposal in storm water system.
Container Disposal:	Rinse containers thoroughly prior to re-use. Otherwise render unusable, and dispose of as hazardous waste.

Precautions or methods to avoid:	Do not allow to enter waterways.
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Section 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

This product is classified as a Dangerous Good for transport in NZ ; NZS 5433:2020



Road, Rail, Sea and Air Transport

UN No	3077
Class - Primary	9
Packing Group	III
Proper Shipping Name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID N.O.S
Marine Pollutant	Yes
Special Provisions	If the product's individual container is below 5kg, it can be transported as a non-DG as long as the product packaging is still labelled as per DG requirements and the driver is given safety information in accordance with Chapter 3.4 of the UNRTDG.

Section 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

This substance is classified hazardous according to the EPA Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice 2020

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HSW (HS) Regulations 2017	Trigger Quantity
Signage Trigger Quantities (Schedule 3)	100kg
Emergency Response Plan (Schedule 5)	100kg
Secondary Containment (Schedule 5)	100kg
Tracking (Schedule 26)	Not required
Certified Handlers	Not required
Restrictions of use	None known.

Section 16: OTHER INFORMATION

Glossary

Cat	Category
EC ₅₀	Median effective concentration.
EEL	Environmental Exposure Limit.
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
HSNO	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms.
HSW	Health and Safety at Work.
LC ₅₀	Lethal concentration that will kill 50% of the test organisms inhaling or ingesting it.
LD ₅₀	Lethal dose to kill 50% of test animals/organisms.
LEL	Lower explosive level.
OSHA	American Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
TEL	Tolerable Exposure Limit.
TLV	Threshold Limit Value-an exposure limit set by responsible authority.
UEL	Upper Explosive Level
WES	Workplace Exposure Limit

References:

1. EPA Hazardous Substances (Safety Data Sheets) Notice 2017
2. Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices FEB 2025 15th edition.

3. Assigning a hazardous substance to a HSNO Approval (Aug 2013).
4. Transport of Dangerous goods on land NZS 5433:2020
5. HSW (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017

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