

# Oasis® Fertiss Growing Medium SAFETY DATA SHEET

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

# **Section 1. Identification**

GHS product identifier : Oasis® Fertiss Growing Medium

Product code : Fertiss

Other means of identification

: Cut flower post-harvest conditioning product.

Product type : Solid. fine-grained

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

Supplier's details : Groupe Horticole Ledoux Inc.

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Canadian Association for Poison Centres and Clinical Toxicology 1(800) 463-5060

# Section 2. Hazards identification

OSHA/HCS status : While this material is not considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication

Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200), this SDS contains valuable information critical to the safe handling and proper use of the product. This SDS should be retained and available

for employees and other users of this product.

Classification of the substance or mixture

: Not classified.

**GHS label elements** 

Signal word : No signal word.

**Hazard statements** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Precautionary statements** 

Prevention : Not applicable.
Response : Not applicable.
Storage : Not applicable.
Disposal : Not applicable.
Hazards not otherwise : None known.

classified

# Section 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance/mixture : Mixture

Other means of : Cut flower post-harvest conditioning product. identification

Vermiculite ≤5 1318-00-9

Any concentration shown as a range is to protect confidentiality or is due to batch variation.

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# Section 3. Composition/information on ingredients

There are no ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment and hence require reporting in this section. Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

# Section 4. First aid measures

# **Description of necessary first aid measures**

**Eye contact**: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower

eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Get medical attention if irritation

occurs.

**Inhalation**: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Get

medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Skin contact**: Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and

shoes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Ingestion**: Wash out mouth with water. Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position

comfortable for breathing. If material has been swallowed and the exposed person is conscious, give small quantities of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

## Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

# Potential acute health effects

Eye contact
 Inhalation
 Skin contact
 Ingestion
 No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 No known significant effects or critical hazards.

## Over-exposure signs/symptoms

Eye contact: No specific data.Inhalation: No specific data.Skin contact: No specific data.Ingestion: No specific data.

## Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically. Contact poison treatment specialist immediately if large

quantities have been ingested or inhaled.

**Specific treatments**: No specific treatment.

**Protection of first-aiders** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.

## See toxicological information (Section 11)

# Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

# **Extinguishing media**

Suitable extinguishing

media

: Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

: None known.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

: No specific fire or explosion hazard.

Hazardous thermal decomposition products

: Decomposition products may include the following materials:

carbon dioxide carbon monoxide metal oxide/oxides

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# Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

Special protective actions for fire-fighters

: Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

# Section 6. Accidental release measures

## Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

For non-emergency personnel

: No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.

For emergency responders: If specialized clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For nonemergency personnel".

**Environmental precautions** 

: Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

# Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Small spill

: Move containers from spill area. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

Large spill

: Move containers from spill area. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see Section 1 for emergency contact information and Section 13 for waste disposal.

# Section 7. Handling and storage

# Precautions for safe handling

**Protective measures** 

- : Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8).
- Advice on general occupational hygiene
- : Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating. drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.

including any incompatibilities

Conditions for safe storage, : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10) and food and drink. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. See Section 10 for incompatible materials before handling or use.

# Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

# **Control parameters**

## Occupational exposure limits

Ingredient name	Exposure limits
Vermiculite	None.

#### **Biological exposure indices**

No exposure indices known.

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# Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

# Appropriate engineering controls

: Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control worker exposure to airborne contaminants.

# **Environmental exposure** controls

: Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

#### Individual protection measures

Hygiene measures : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before

> eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety

showers are close to the workstation location.

Eye/face protection : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk

> assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: safety glasses with side-

shields.

**Skin protection** 

**Hand protection** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be

worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is

necessary.

**Body protection** : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being

performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before

handling this product.

: Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected Other skin protection

based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a

specialist before handling this product.

: Based on the hazard and potential for exposure, select a respirator that meets the Respiratory protection

appropriate standard or certification. Respirators must be used according to a respiratory protection program to ensure proper fitting, training, and other important

aspects of use.

# Section 9. Physical and chemical properties and safety characteristics

The conditions of measurement of all properties are at standard temperature and pressure unless otherwise indicated.

#### **Appearance**

Physical state : Solid. [Granular solid.]

Color : Brown. Gray.

Odor : Slight

Not available. Odor threshold

pН : Not available. : Not available. Melting point/freezing point

**Boiling point, initial boiling** point, and boiling range

: Not available.

Flash point : Not applicable. **Evaporation rate** : Not available. **Flammability** : Not available. Lower and upper explosion

limit/flammability limit

: Not applicable.

Vapor pressure : Not available. : Not applicable. Relative vapor density

Relative density : 0.66

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# Section 9. Physical and chemical properties and safety characteristics

Solubility : Not available.

Solubility in water : Not available.

Partition coefficient: n- : Not applicable.

octanol/water

Auto-ignition temperature : Not applicable.

Decomposition temperature : Not available.

Viscosity : Not applicable.

Flow time (ISO 2431) : Not available.

**Particle characteristics** 

Median particle size : Not available.

# Section 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactivity**: No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients.

**Chemical stability**: The product is stable.

Possibility of hazardous

reactions

: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.

Conditions to avoid : No specific data.

**Incompatible materials**: No specific data.

**Hazardous decomposition** 

products

: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should

not be produced.

# Section 11. Toxicological information

# Information on toxicological effects

No (eco) toxicological information available on the product.

# **Acute toxicity**

Not available.

# Irritation/Corrosion

Not available.

# **Sensitization**

Not available.

# **Mutagenicity**

Not available.

## Carcinogenicity

Not available.

#### Reproductive toxicity

Not available.

## **Teratogenicity**

Not available.

## Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

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Name	Category	Route of exposure	Target organs
Vermiculite	Category 3	-	Respiratory tract irritation

## Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Not available.

#### **Aspiration hazard**

Not available.

Information on the likely

routes of exposure

: Not available.

## Potential acute health effects

Eye contact
 Inhalation
 No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 Skin contact
 Ingestion
 No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 No known significant effects or critical hazards.

#### Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Eye contact : No specific data.
Inhalation : No specific data.
Skin contact : No specific data.
Ingestion : No specific data.

## Delayed and immediate effects and also chronic effects from short and long term exposure

# **Short term exposure**

Potential immediate

: Not available.

effects

effects

Potential delayed effects

: Not available.

Long term exposure

**Potential immediate** 

: Not available.

Potential delayed effects

: Not available.

# Potential chronic health effects

Not available.

General : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 Carcinogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 Mutagenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 Teratogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 Developmental effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 Fertility effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

# **Numerical measures of toxicity**

## **Acute toxicity estimates**

N/A

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# **Section 12. Ecological information**

## **Toxicity**

No (eco) toxicological information available on the product.

# Persistence and degradability

Not available.

Mobility in soil

Soil/water partition coefficient (K<sub>oc</sub>)

: Not available.

Other adverse effects

: No known significant effects or critical hazards.

# Section 13. Disposal considerations

#### **Disposal methods**

: The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of all authorities with jurisdiction. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

# **Section 14. Transport information**

	DOT Classification	TDG Classification	Mexico Classification	IMDG	IATA
UN number	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.
UN proper shipping name	-	-	-	-	-
Transport hazard class(es)	-	-	-	-	-
Packing group	-	-	-	-	-
Environmental hazards	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.

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# **Section 15. Regulatory information**

U.S. Federal regulations

: TSCA 12(b) one-time export notification: Not applicable.
TSCA 12(b) annual export notification: Not applicable.

**SARA 311/312** 

Classification : Not applicable.

Composition/information on ingredients

Name	%	Classification
Vermiculite		EYE IRRITATION - Category 2A SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (SINGLE EXPOSURE) (Respiratory tract irritation) - Category 3

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# Section 15. Regulatory information

Not applicable.

**Inventory list** 

Australia : All components are listed or exempted.

Canada : At least one component is not listed in DSL but all such components are listed in NDSL.

**China** : All components are listed or exempted.

Japan : Japan inventory (CSCL) All components are listed or exempted.

New Zealand : All components are listed or exempted.
Philippines : All components are active or exempted.
Republic of Korea : All components are listed or exempted.
Taiwan : All components are listed or exempted.
United States : All components are listed or exempted.

# Section 16. Other information

#### Procedure used to derive the classification

Classification	Justification
Not classified.	

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**Key to abbreviations** : ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate

BCF = Bioconcentration Factor

GHS = Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

IATA = International Air Transport Association

IBC = Intermediate Bulk Container

IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods

LogPow = logarithm of the octanol/water partition coefficient

MARPOL = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973

as modified by the Protocol of 1978. ("Marpol" = marine pollution)

N/A = Not available SGG = Segregation Group UN = United Nations

**References** : Not available.

Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.

## **Notice to reader**

To the best of our knowledge, the information contained herein is accurate. However, neither the above-named supplier, nor any of its subsidiaries, assumes any liability whatsoever for the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein.

Final determination of suitability of any material is the sole responsibility of the user. All materials may present unknown hazards and should be used with caution. Although certain hazards are described herein, we cannot guarantee that these are the only hazards that exist.

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