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FOR AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES**

FOSETYL-ALUMINIUM

aluminium *tris-O*-ethylphosphonate

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INTRODUCTION

FAO establishes and publishes specifications* for technical material and related formulations of agricultural pesticides, with the objective that these specifications may be used to provide an international point of reference against which products can be judged either for regulatory purposes or in commercial dealings.

From 2002, the development of WHO specifications follows the **New Procedure**, described in the 1st edition of “Manual for Development and Use of FAO and WHO Specifications for Pesticides” (2002) and amended with the supplement of this manual (2006), which is available only on the internet through the FAO and WHO web sites. This **New Procedure** follows a formal and transparent evaluation process. It describes the minimum data package, the procedure and evaluation applied by FAO and the Experts of the FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Specifications (JMPS). [Note: prior to 2002, the Experts were of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Specifications, Registration Requirements, Application Standards and Prior Informed Consent, which now forms part of the JMPS, rather than the JMPS.]

FAO Specifications now only apply to products for which the technical materials have been evaluated. Consequently from the year 2000 onwards the publication of FAO specifications under the **New Procedure** has changed. Every specification consists now of two parts namely the specifications and the evaluation report(s):

PART ONE: The Specification of the technical material and the related formulations of the plant protection product in accordance with chapter 4, 5 and 6 of the 5th edition of the “Manual on the development and use of FAO specifications for plant protection products”.

PART TWO: The Evaluation Report(s) of the plant protection product reflecting the evaluation of the data package carried out by FAO and the JMPS. The data are to be provided by the manufacturer(s) according to the requirements of Appendix A, annex 1 or 2 of the “Manual on the development and use of FAO specifications for plant protection products” and supported by other information sources. The Evaluation Report includes the name(s) of the manufacturer(s) whose technical material has been evaluated. Evaluation reports on specifications developed subsequently to the original set of specifications are added in a chronological order to this report.

FAO specifications under the **New Procedure** do not necessarily apply to nominally similar products of other manufacturer(s), nor to those where the active ingredient is produced by other routes of manufacture. FAO has the possibility to extend the scope of the specifications to similar products but only when the JMPS has been satisfied that the additional products are equivalent to that which formed the basis of the reference specification.

Specifications bear the date (month and year) of publication of the current version. Dates of publication of the earlier versions, if any, are identified in a footnote. Evaluations bear the date (year) of the meeting at which the recommendations were made by the JMPS.

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FOSETYL-ALUMINIUM

INFORMATION

ISO common names

fosetyl (E-ISO, (m) F-ISO, BSI), refers to the acid, ethyl hydrogen phosphonate
fosetyl-aluminium, derived common name for the aluminium salt

Synonyms

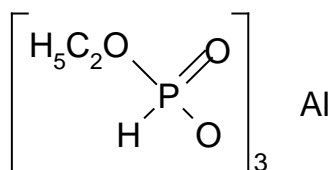
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fosetyl-aluminium: efosite-Al; EPAL

Chemical names

IUPAC fosetyl: ethyl hydrogen phosphonate
fosetyl-aluminium: aluminium *tris*-O-ethylphosphonate

CA fosetyl: ethyl hydrogen phosphonate
fosetyl-aluminium: aluminium *tris*-O-ethylphosphonate

Structural formula (fosetyl-aluminium)



Empirical formula

fosetyl: $\text{C}_2\text{H}_7\text{O}_3\text{P}$
fosetyl-aluminium: $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{18}\text{AlO}_9\text{P}_3$

Relative molecular mass

fosetyl: 110.03
fosetyl-aluminium: 354.14

CAS Registry number

fosetyl: 15845-66-6
fosetyl-aluminium: 39148-24-8

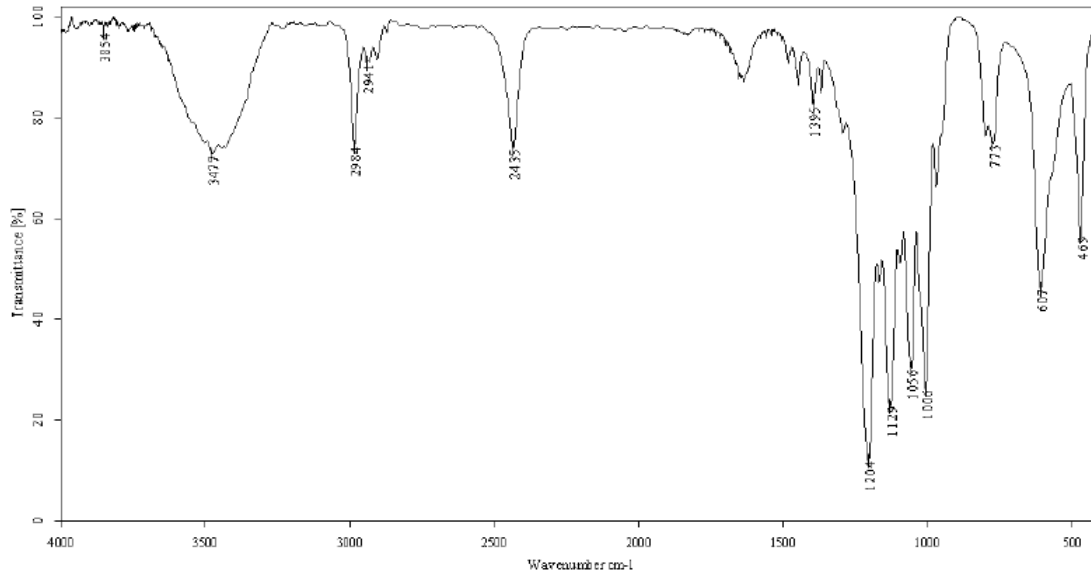
CIPAC number

fosetyl: 384
fosetyl-aluminium: 384.013

Identity tests

HPLC retention time; IR spectrum (see below)

Bayer CropScience



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FOSETYL-ALUMINIUM TECHNICAL MATERIAL

FAO Specification 384.013 / TC (May 2011^{*})

This specification, which is PART ONE of this publication, is based on an evaluation of data submitted by the manufacturer whose name is listed in the evaluation reports (384.013/2010). It should be applicable to TC produced by this manufacturer but it is not an endorsement of those products, nor a guarantee that they comply with the specifications. The specification may not be appropriate for TC produced by other manufacturers. The evaluation report (384.013/2010), as PART TWO, forms an integral part of this publication.

1 Description

The material shall consist of fosetyl-aluminium, together with related manufacturing impurities, and shall be a white crystalline powder, free from visible extraneous matter and added modifying agents.

2 Active ingredient

2.1 Identity tests (384/TC/M/2, CIPAC Handbook J, p.66, 2000: Note 1)

The active ingredient shall comply with an identity test and, where the identity remains in doubt, shall comply with at least one additional test.

2.2 Fosetyl-aluminium content (384/TC/M/3, CIPAC Handbook J, p.66, 2000)

The fosetyl-aluminium content shall be declared (not less than 960 g/kg, equivalent to 895 g/kg fosetyl) and, when determined, the average measured content shall not be lower than the declared minimum content.

3 Relevant impurities

3.1 Water (MT 30.5, CIPAC Handbook J, p.120, 2000)

Maximum: 7 g/kg.

4 Physical properties

4.1 pH (MT 75.3, CIPAC Handbook J, p. 131, 2000)

pH range: 3.0 to 6.0

Note 1 To identify the TC as fosetyl-aluminium by the CIPAC method, IR spectra obtained from the sample and an authentic standard must be compared. The CIPAC HPLC method identifies only the fosetyl moiety. Fosetyl-aluminium contains 7.6 % (w/w) aluminium and, to confirm that the active ingredient is in the form of fosetyl-aluminium (and not some other salt), a semi-quantitative method for determination of aluminium content by chelatometric titration is available [here](#).

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FOSETYL-ALUMINIUM WETTABLE POWDER

FAO Specification 384.013 / WP (May 2011*)

This specification, which is PART ONE of this publication, is based on an evaluation of data submitted by the manufacturer whose name is listed in the evaluation reports (384.013/2010). It should be applicable to relevant products of this manufacturer, and those of any other formulators who use only TC from the evaluated source. The specification is not an endorsement of those products, nor a guarantee that they comply with the specification. The specification may not be appropriate for the products of other manufacturers who use TC from other sources. The evaluation report (384.013/2010), as PART TWO, forms an integral part of this publication.

1 Description

The material shall consist of technical fosetyl-aluminium, complying with the requirements of FAO specification 384.013/TC (May 2011), together with filler(s) and any other necessary formulants. It shall be in the form of a fine powder, free from visible extraneous matter and hard lumps.

2 Active ingredient

2.1 Identity tests (384/TC/M/2, CIPAC Handbook J, p.66, 2000: Note 1)

The active ingredient shall comply with an identity test and, where the identity remains in doubt, shall comply with at least one additional test.

2.2 Fosetyl-aluminium content (384/WP/M2, CIPAC Handbook J, p.68, 2000)

The fosetyl-aluminium content shall be declared (g/kg) and, when determined, the average content measured shall not differ from that declared by more than the following tolerances:

Declared content in g/kg	Tolerance
above 250 up to 500	± 5 % of the declared content
above 500	± 25 g/kg
Note: the upper limit is included in the lower range	

3 Relevant impurities

3.1 Water (MT 30.5, CIPAC Handbook J, p.120, 2000)

Maximum: 15 g/kg.

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4 Physical properties

4.1 pH range (MT 75.3, CIPAC Handbook J, p.131, 2000)

pH range: 3.0 to 5.0.

4.2 Wet sieve test (MT 185, CIPAC Handbook K, p.149, 2003)

Maximum: 1 % retained on a 75 µm test sieve.

4.3 Suspensibility (MT 184, CIPAC Handbook K, p.142, 2003) (Notes 2 & 3)

A minimum of 70 % of the fosetyl-aluminium content found under 2.2 shall be in suspension after 30 min in CIPAC standard water D at 30 ± 2 °C.

4.4 Persistent foam (MT 47.2, CIPAC Handbook F, p.152, 1995) (Note 4)

Maximum: 50 ml after 1 min.

4.5 Wettability (MT 53.3, CIPAC Handbook F, p.164, 1995)

The formulation shall be completely wetted in 2 min without swirling.

5 Storage stability

5.1 Stability at elevated temperature (MT 46.3, CIPAC Handbook J, p.128, 2000)

After storage at 54 ± 2 °C for 14 days, the determined average active ingredient content must not be lower than 97 %, relative to the determined average content found before storage (Note 5), and the formulation shall continue to comply with the clause for:

- pH range (4.1),
- wet sieve test (4.2),
- suspensibility (4.3),
- wettability (4.5).

Note 1 To identify the TC as fosetyl-aluminium by the CIPAC method, IR spectra obtained from the sample and an authentic standard must be compared. The CIPAC HPLC method identifies only the fosetyl moiety. Fosetyl-aluminium is 7.6 % aluminium and, to confirm that the active ingredient is in the form of fosetyl-aluminium (and not some other salt), a semi-quantitative method for determination of aluminium content by chelatometric titration is available [here](#).

Note 2 The formulation should be tested at the highest and lowest rates of use recommended by the supplier, provided this does not exceed the conditions given in method MT 184.

Note 3 Chemical assay is the only fully reliable method to measure the mass of active ingredient still in suspension. However, simpler methods such as gravimetric and solvent extraction determination may be used on a routine basis provided that these methods have been shown to give equal results to those of chemical assay. In case of dispute, chemical assay shall be the "referee method".

Note 4 The test should be carried out at the highest application concentration. The test is to be conducted in CIPAC standard water D.

Note 5 Samples of the formulation taken before and after the storage stability test should be analyzed concurrently after the test in order to reduce the analytical error.

FOSETYL-ALUMINIUM WATER DISPERSIBLE GRANULES

FAO Specification 384.013 / WG (May 2011*)

This specification, which is PART ONE of this publication, is based on an evaluation of data submitted by the manufacturer whose name is listed in the evaluation reports (384.013/2010). It should be applicable to relevant products of this manufacturer, and those of any other formulators who use only TC from the evaluated source. The specification is not an endorsement of those products, nor a guarantee that they comply with the specification. The specification may not be appropriate for the products of other manufacturers who use TC from other sources. The evaluation report (384.013/2010), as PART TWO, forms an integral part of this publication.

1 Description

The material shall consist of a homogeneous mixture of technical fosetyl-aluminium, complying with the requirements of FAO specification 384.013/TC (May 2011), together with carriers and any other necessary formulants. It shall be in the form of granules for application after disintegration and dispersion in water. The formulation shall be dry, free-flowing, essentially non-dusty, and free from visible extraneous matter and hard lumps.

2 Active ingredient

2.1 Identity tests (384/TC/M/2, CIPAC Handbook J, p.66, 2000, Note 1)

The active ingredient shall comply with an identity test and, where the identity remains in doubt, shall comply with at least one additional test.

2.2 Fosetyl-aluminium content (384/WG/M-, CIPAC Handbook J, p.69, 2000)

The fosetyl-aluminium content shall be declared (g/kg) and, when determined, the average content measured shall not differ from that declared by more than the following tolerances:

Declared content in g/kg	Tolerance
above 250 up to 500	± 5 % of the declared content
above 500	± 25 g/kg
Note: the upper limit is included in the lower range	

3 Relevant impurities

3.1 Water (MT 30.5, CIPAC Handbook J, p.120, 2000)

Maximum: 10 g/kg.

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4 Physical properties

4.1 pH range (MT 75.3, CIPAC Handbook J, p.131, 2000)

pH range: 3.0 to 5.0.

4.2 Wettability (MT 53.3, CIPAC Handbook F, p.164, 1995)

The formulation shall be completely wetted in 1 min without swirling.

4.3 Wet sieve test (MT 185, CIPAC Handbook K, p.148, 2003)

Maximum: 1 % of the formulation shall be retained on a 75 µm test sieve.

4.4 Degree of dispersion (MT 174, CIPAC Handbook F, p.435, 1995)

Dispersibility: minimum 80 % after 1 minute of stirring.

4.5 Suspensibility (MT 184, CIPAC Handbook K, p.142, 2003) (Notes 2 & 3)

A minimum of 70 % shall be in suspension after 30 min in CIPAC standard water D at 30 ± 2 °C.

4.6 Persistent foam (MT 47.2, CIPAC Handbook F, p.152, 1995) (Note 4)

Maximum: 50 ml after 1 min.

4.7 Dustiness (MT 171, CIPAC Handbook F, p.425, 1995) (Note 5)

Essentially non-dusty.

4.8 Flowability (MT 172, CIPAC Handbook F, p.430, 1995)

100 % of the formulation shall pass through a 5 mm test sieve after 20 drops of the sieve.

4.9 Attrition resistance (MT 178.2)

Minimum: 98 % attrition resistance.

5 Storage stability

5.1 Stability at elevated temperature (MT 46.3, CIPAC Handbook J, p.128, 2000)

After storage at 54 ± 2 °C for 14 days, the determined average active ingredient content must not be lower than 95 %, relative to the determined average content found before storage (Note 6), and the formulation shall continue to comply with the clauses for:

- pH range (4.1),
- wet sieve test (4.3),
- degree of dispersion (4.4),
- suspensibility (4.5),
- dustiness (4.7)
- attrition resistance (4.9),

Note 1 To identify the TC as fosetyl-aluminium by the CIPAC method, IR spectra obtained from the sample and an authentic standard must be compared. The CIPAC HPLC method identifies only the fosetyl moiety. Fosetyl-aluminium is 7.6 % aluminium and, to confirm that the active ingredient is in the form of fosetyl-aluminium (and not some other salt), a semi-quantitative method for determination of aluminium content by chelatometric titration is available [here](#).

- Note 2 The formulation should be tested at the highest and lowest rates of use recommended by the supplier, provided this does not exceed the conditions given in methods MT 184.
- Note 3 Chemical assay is the only fully reliable method to measure the mass of active ingredient still in suspension. However, simpler methods such as gravimetric and solvent extraction determination may be used on a routine basis provided that these methods have been shown to give equal results to those of the chemical assay method. In case of dispute, the chemical method shall be the referee method.
- Note 4 The test should be carried out at the highest application concentration. The test is to be conducted in CIPAC standard water D.
- Note 5 Measurement of dustiness must be carried out on the sample "as received" and, where practicable, the sample should be taken from a newly opened container, because changes in the water content of samples may influence dustiness significantly. The optical method, MT 171.2, usually shows good correlation with the gravimetric method, MT 171.1, and can, therefore, be used as an alternative where the equipment is available. Where the correlation is in doubt, it must be checked with the formulation to be tested. In case of dispute the gravimetric method shall be used.
- Note 6 Samples of the formulation taken before and after the storage stability test should be analyzed concurrently after the test in order to reduce the analytical error.

PART TWO

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FOSETYL-ALUMINIUM

FAO/WHO EVALUATION REPORT 384.013/2010

Recommendations

The Meeting recommended that the proposed new specifications for fosetyl-aluminium TC, WP and WG, proposed by Bayer CropScience and as amended, should be adopted by FAO.

Appraisal

Data for fosetyl-aluminium were submitted by Bayer CropScience in support of a revision of existing FAO specifications for TC, WP and WG (FAO 2000), which were developed under the old procedure. The revision was conducted at the request of Bayer CropScience, partly because a change in analytical methodology for impurities had prompted a minor change in the manufacturing specification. The data submitted were in accordance with the requirements of the Manual (FAO/WHO 2010) and the proposed specifications were similar to the existing specifications.

Fosetyl-aluminium is no longer under patent.

Fosetyl-aluminium has not been evaluated by the FAO/WHO JMPR but is has been reviewed in the EU (Directive 91/414/EEC, Annex 1 listing granted in Directive 2006/64/EC dated 18 July 2006).

Fosetyl-aluminium is an odourless white powdery-crystalline solid, which melts at 215 °C and has a very low vapour pressure. It is poorly soluble in most organic solvents, with exception of methanol. Fosetyl-aluminium is fairly soluble in water but it dissolves rather slowly and, following dissociation of the salt, the liberated ions undergo various reactions. This complex behaviour in water has important implications for the specifications and the data given in Table 1 for water solubility, octanol/water partition coefficient, hydrolysis and pK_a . The Meeting questioned the meaning of these data but the manufacturer explained that the behaviour of fosetyl-aluminium in water is not completely understood and therefore the data in Table 1 should be interpreted with precaution. Broadly, when fosetyl-aluminium dissolves in water it dissociates and the aluminium (Al^{3+}) ions, which are liberated, tend to form aluminium hydroxide (which may precipitate or flocculate), while the liberated acidic fosetyl ions tend to be hydrolyzed, with the formation of inorganic phosphite^{1*} and ethanol. The given values in table 1 for water solubility and partition coefficient only refer to the organic moiety, i.e. the fosetyl.

¹ Inorganic phosphite is a convenient term describing the dianion of a rather strong acid, which exists as an equilibrium mixture of two tautomers, phosphonic acid and phosphorous acid (the former tending to be predominant).

Inorganic phosphite is a fungicidally active component and its various salts have also been registered as pesticides but not in the EU. However, inorganic phosphite can be phytotoxic at high concentrations and fosetyl-aluminium minimizes this problem by generating inorganic phosphite relatively slowly.

Inorganic phosphite (as the free acid) may accelerate the hydrolysis of fosetyl in formulations, or in the spray-tank, but rapid neutralization in the environment means that this effect is not a problem following application in the field.

The Meeting was provided with commercially confidential information on the manufacturing process for fosetyl-aluminium, the manufacturing specifications for the TC and 5-batch analytical data on the purity and impurities ≥ 1 g/kg. Mass balances were high (99.1 - 102.0 %) and no unidentified impurities were detected. The data were identical to those submitted for registration in the Federal Republic of Germany.

The existing and proposed specifications were similar, and generally in accordance with the requirements of the Manual (FAO/WHO 2006), but the Meeting considered the following points.

TC, WP, WG. Inorganic phosphite was limited by a clause in the existing specifications for fosetyl-aluminium TC, WP and WG and the manufacturer considered that it should be designated as a relevant impurity in the proposed specifications. Although it is potentially phytotoxic, the Meeting noted that its concentration should be adequately limited by control of the water and active ingredient content and therefore agreed that inorganic phosphite should not be designated as a relevant impurity. The manufacturer agreed and specified the pH value for TC instead to control hydrolysis.

Water was limited by a clause in the existing specifications for the TC, WP and WG, because it hydrolyzes fosetyl-aluminium, with the formation of inorganic phosphite. The Meeting agreed with the manufacturer that it should be designated as a relevant impurity.

WP, WG. Given that fosetyl-aluminium is water-soluble (and subject to further degradation in water), the Meeting questioned whether the WP and WG should be designated SP and SG, respectively. The manufacturer stated that dissolution occurs only slowly in water (about 80 % of Aliette WP is dissolved after 60 min). Initially, almost all of the active ingredient is in the form of a suspension. The Meeting therefore accepted the proposed designations.

The Meeting questioned the proposed pH range (3.0 - 5.0) because, although fosetyl-aluminium was considered to be stable at pH 5-7, its half-life at pH 3 is only 5 days (at 22 °C). The manufacturer explained that the apparently low pH range represents a compromise for optimum product shelf-life: at pH < 3, the active ingredient is too unstable and at pH > 5 flocculation can occur upon dispersal in water, prior to application. The Meeting accepted the explanation and the proposed range.

The Meeting questioned the wettability limits of 2 min and 1 min for WP and WG, respectively, which appeared to indicate very slow wetting of the water-soluble active ingredient. The manufacturer explained that fosetyl-aluminium dissolves very slowly in water. The crystalline solid has a relatively low affinity for water and it is important not to increase this, to avoid increasing the uptake of water during product storage and the consequent increased degradation of the active ingredient. The Meeting accepted the explanation and the proposed limits.

As a consequence of the complex behaviour of fosetyl-aluminium in water, the Meeting questioned the meaning of the proposed clauses and limits for degree of dispersion (WG) and suspensibility (WP and WG). The manufacturer acknowledged that both chemical and gravimetric measurements may be rendered somewhat inaccurate by the dissolution and degradation that occurs but stated that the proposed limits take into account this behaviour. The Meeting therefore accepted the proposed limits.

WG. The Meeting questioned the apparently low limit of 90 % for flowability. The manufacturer stated that clumping can occur, even at low water content. The Meeting noted that if this happened then the product would not comply with the description. After checking available data the manufacturer raised the value to 100 %.

Analytical methods for determination of fosetyl-aluminium in the TC, WP and WG are full CIPAC methods, in which the fosetyl moiety is determined by ion chromatography, using conductivity detection and external standardization. The retention time in ion chromatography provides a mean for identifying the fosetyl moiety. Confirmation of identity of the fosetyl moiety may further be accomplished by LC-MS.

The CIPAC method for identification of fosetyl-aluminium is based on the IR spectrum, which is suitable for the TC but could be questionable for use with the formulations. The Meeting agreed that a second identity test is required to ensure correct identification as fosetyl-aluminium and the manufacturer provided an analytical method, where aluminium (fosetyl-aluminium contains 7.6 % w/w aluminium) is determined by chelatometric titration.

The method for determination of water, as a relevant impurity, is a CIPAC MT 30.5, Karl Fischer method using pyridine-free reagent published in Handbook J.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION
FOR
EVALUATION REPORT 384.013/2010**

USES

Fosetyl-aluminium is a phosphonate compound but has a structure and mode of action which are unlike those of most other organophosphorus compounds used as pesticides. It was first commercialised as an agricultural systemic fungicide in 1977 and, although perhaps most well known for the protection of grape vines against mildew, it is registered for use on more than 100 crops. Fosetyl-aluminium is used for control of various plant pathogenic phycomycetes and ascomycetes in various crops, and it is also used to control certain plant pathogenic bacteria (e.g. *Erwinia*, *Xanthomonas*). Modes of application are very varied, including foliar, root, soil, dip, trunk paint/injection, and seed treatments.

Fosetyl-aluminium is a preventative fungicide, inhibiting fungal spore germination and penetration of the pathogen into plants, but it also acts indirectly by stimulating the plant's natural defence mechanisms. For these reasons, its effects are relatively long-lasting and resistance rarely occurs.

IDENTITY

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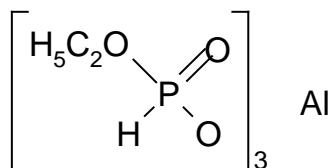
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Structural formula (fosetyl-aluminium)



Empirical formula

fosetyl: C₂H₇O₃P
fosetyl-aluminium: C₆H₁₈AlO₉P₃

Relative molecular mass

fosetyl: 110.03
fosetyl-aluminium: 354.14

CAS Registry number

fosetyl: 15845-66-6
fosetyl-aluminium: 39148-24-8

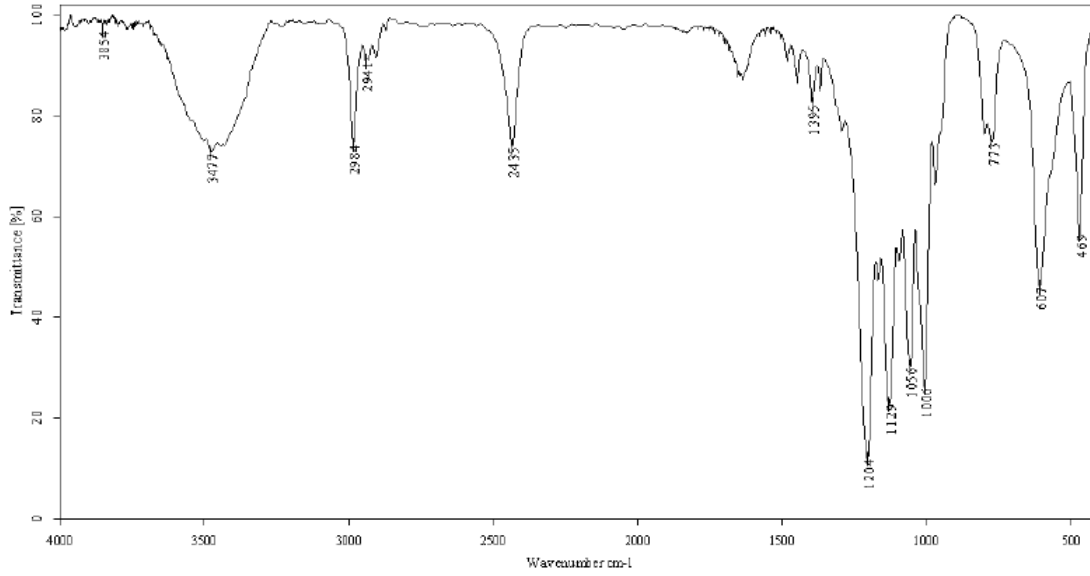
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Identity tests

HPLC retention time; IR spectrum (see below)

Bayer CropScience



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Mesurée le: 09/1999	Méthode: ETU	Zerofiling: 2

PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Table 1. Physical and chemical properties of pure fosetyl-aluminium

Parameter	Value(s) and conditions	Purity %	Method reference	Reference
Vapour pressure	< 10 ⁻⁷ Pa at 25°C	98.0	EEC A.4 gas saturation method; OECD 104	M-179047-01-1
Melting point	215 °C	99.1	EEC A1	M-179033-01-1
Boiling point	not measurable	99.1	-	M-179033-01-1
Decomposition temperature	> 277 °C	99.1	OECD 113	M-163556-01-1
Solubility in water	111.3 g/L at 20°C (pH 7.7) not influenced by pH in the range pH 5.1-8.6	99.3	EEC A.6, OECD 105, flask method	M-179038-01-1
Octanol/water partition coefficient	log P K _{OW} = -2.11 at 21°C (pH 6.8) not influenced by pH in the range pH 4-10	99.1	EEC A.8, OECD 107, flask shaking method	M-184417-01-1
Hydrolysis characteristics	Half-life = 5 d at 22°C at pH 3 Half-life = 13.4 d at 22°C at pH 13 Stable at 22°C at pH 5-9	99.7	EPA Vol 43 No.132	M-159693-01-1
Photolysis characteristics	Based on the absence of absorption in the range 190-800 nm, the influence of photolysis on decomposition is expected to be negligible	-	-	-
Dissociation characteristics	At 20-25°C, the measured pKa was 4.7 (average of 3 measurements). This represents the pKa of neither fosetyl nor inorganic phosphite but is an artefact due to the presence of aluminium hydroxide, generated when fosetyl-aluminium is dissolved in water	99.1	OECD 112, potentiometric method	M-179042-01-1

Table 2. Chemical composition and properties of technical fosetyl-aluminium (TC)

Manufacturing process, maximum limits for impurities ³ 1 g/kg, 5 batch analysis data		Confidential information supplied and held on file by FAO. Mass balances were 991.1 – 1020.2 g/kg.		
Declared minimum [a.i.] content		960 g/kg		
Relevant impurities ³ 1 g/kg and maximum limits for them		Water, 7 g/kg		
Relevant impurities < 1 g/kg and maximum limits for them:		None		
Stabilisers or other additives and maximum limits for them:		None		
Parameter	Value and conditions	Purity %	Method reference	Study reference
Melting temperature range of the TC and/or TK	207 – 210 °C	97.6	OECD 102	M-179033-01-1
Solubility in organic solvents (at 20 °C)	< 1 mg/L n-heptane < 1 mg/L ethyl acetate 1 mg/L xylene 1 mg/L acetonitrile 4 mg/L dichloromethane 6 mg/L acetone 10 mg/L n-octanol 807 mg/L methanol	97.6	EEC A.6 OECD 105 Flask method	M-179038-01-1

HAZARD SUMMARY

Fosetyl-aluminium has not been evaluated by the FAO/WHO JMPR or IPCS.

The WHO classification of fosetyl is class U, unlikely to present acute hazard in normal use (WHO 2002).

The EU hazard classification for labelling of technical active according to regulation EC/790/2009 is Xi (irritant) and R41 (risk of severe eye irritation) and “serious eye damage”, Category 1 (H 318).

FORMULATIONS

The active substance fosetyl-aluminium is sold under different trade names. The most common trade name is ALIETTE^â and it is used world-wide mainly for the grape, fruit and vegetable foliar market segment.

The main formulation types available are: WGs & WPs.

Fosetyl-aluminium can be co-formulated with: benalaxyl, captan, carbendazim, chlorothalonil, copper oxychloride, cymoxanil, dimethoate, fenamidone, fluopicolide, folpet, iprovalicarb, mancozeb and metiram zinc.

METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND TESTING

The analytical method for fosetyl-aluminium (including identity tests) is CIPAC method 384 (CIPAC Handbook J), which encompasses TC, WP and WG. The method is based on ion chromatography with conductivity detection and quantifies the fosetyl moiety. Identification of fosetyl-aluminium is by means of its IR spectrum in the TC and identification of the fosetyl moiety is by means of its HPLC retention time. Fosetyl (calculated as fosetyl-aluminium but detected as dissociated fosetyl in solution) in a buffered solution is separated by ion chromatography and determined with a conductometric detector and external standardization.

The test method for determination of aluminium-ion is by chelatometric titration.

The analytical method for determination of inorganic phosphite and other impurities is also based on ion chromatography with conductivity detection. The test method for determination of water as an impurity is CIPAC MT 30.5

Test methods for determination of physico-chemical properties of the technical active ingredient were OECD, EPA, EC, while those for the formulations are CIPAC, as indicated in the specifications.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

The physical properties, the methods for testing them and the limits proposed for the TC, WP and WG formulations complied with the requirements of the Manual (FAO/WHO, 2010).

CONTAINERS AND PACKAGING

No special requirements for containers and packaging have been identified.

EXPRESSION OF THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT

The active ingredient is expressed as fosetyl-aluminium.

ANNEX 1

HAZARD SUMMARY PROVIDED BY THE PROPOSER

Note: The proposer provided written confirmation that the toxicological and ecotoxicological data included in the following summary were derived from fosetyl-aluminium having impurity profiles similar to those referred to in Table 2, above.

Table 3 Toxicology profile of fosetyl-aluminium technical material, based on acute toxicity, irritation and sensitization

Species	Test	Purity %	Duration and conditions or guideline adopted	Result	Reference
Rat (m, f)	oral	97.0	single application; OECD 401	LD ₅₀ > 7080 mg/kg bw (m,f)	M-179086-01-1
Rat	dermal	97.0	single application, 24 h; OECD 402	LD ₅₀ > 2000 mg/kg bw	M-179084-01-1
Rat	inhalation	97.0	dust, 4 h exposure; OECD 403	LC ₅₀ > 5.11 mg/l	M-178978-01-1
Rabbit	skin irritation	97.0	OECD 404	Non-irritating	M-179080-01-1
Rabbit	eye irritation	97.0	OECD 405	Severe irritation	M-179082-01-1
Guinea pig	skin sensitization	97.0	Maximization test, OECD 406	Non-sensitizing	M-179051-01-1

Table 4 Toxicology profile of fosetyl-aluminium technical material, based on repeated administration (sub-acute to chronic)

Species	Test	Purity %	Duration and conditions or guideline adopted	Result	Reference
Mouse (m,f)	sub-acute, oral	97.8	6 weeks, guideline unspecified	NOAEL = 40000 ppm 7390 (m), 9361 (f) mg/kg bw/day	M-159695-01-1
Rat	sub-acute, dermal	98.1	28 day, OPPTS 870.3200 (1998) (EPA FIFRA 82.2)	NOAEL = 1050 mg/kg/day	M-178986-01-1
Rat	sub-chronic, oral	98.1	90 day, OECD 408	NOAEL = 20000 ppm 1269 (m) & 1580 (f) mg/kg bw/day 1424 mg/kg bw/day (both sexes)	M-184588-01-1
Dog	sub-chronic, oral	99.7	90 day, guideline unspecified	NOAEL = 50000 ppm 1309 (m) & 1446 (f) mg/kg bw/day 1377 mg/kg bw/day (both sexes)	M-231272-01-2
Rat	chronic toxicity & oncogenicity, feeding	99.7	24 months, OECD 453	NOAEL = 8000 ppm, 348 (m) & 450 (f) mg/kg bw/day	M-249664-02-1
Mouse	chronic toxicity & oncogenicity, feeding	96.9	24 months, OECD 451	NOAEL = 30000 ppm, 3956 (m) & 4549 (f) mg/kg bw/day Not carcinogenic	M-159267-01-1
Dog	chronic toxicity & oncogenicity, feeding	96.9	24 months, OECD 452	NOAEL = 10000 ppm, 309 (m) & 288 (f) mg/kg bw/day 298 mg/kg bw/day (both sexes) Not carcinogenic	M-159302-01-1
Rat	multi-generation reproduction toxicity	97.3	Over 3 generations, guideline unspecified	NOAEL maternal & foetal = 6000 ppm (23) 439 (m) & 520 (f) mg/kg bw/day (F0) NOAEL reproduction = 24000 ppm 1782 (m) & 1997 (f) mg/kg/day (F0)	M-159087-01-1

Table 4 Toxicology profile of fosetyl-aluminium technical material, based on repeated administration (sub-acute to chronic)

Species	Test	Purity %	Duration and conditions or guideline adopted	Result	Reference
Rat	developmental toxicity	99.8	From Gestation Day 6 to 15, considered to meet requirement OECD 414	NOAEL maternal = 1000 mg/kg bw/day NOAEL developmental = 1000 mg/kg bw/day	M-158819-01-1
Rabbit	developmental toxicity	98.1	From Gestation Day 4 to 28, OECD 414	NOAEL maternal = 300 mg/kg bw/day NOAEL developmental = 300 mg/kg bw/day	M-205472-01-1

Table 5 Mutagenicity profile of fosetyl-aluminium technical material based on *in vitro* and *in vivo* tests

Species	Test	Purity %	Conditions and doses	Result	Reference
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> TA 98, 100, 1535 & 1537, <i>Escherichia coli</i> WP2 uvrA	Ames test	97.0	OECD 471	negative	M-184456-01-1
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> TA 98,100,1535 & 1538	Ames test	99.7	OECD 471	negative	M-159301-01-1
Chinese hamster ovary cells (CHO-HGPRT)	<i>In vitro</i> chromosome aberration test	97.5	conducted according to a method described by Natarajan <i>et al.</i>	negative	M-231739-01-2
Mouse lymphoma assay	<i>In vitro</i> mammalian cell gene mutation test	97.0	OECD 476	negative	M-184459-01-1
Mouse, CD1 (m,f)	<i>In vivo</i> micronucleus test	97.0	OECD 474	negative	M-178982-01-1
<i>Escherichia coli</i> K12	<i>In vitro</i> , induct test	99.7	conducted according to a method described by Moreau P. <i>et al.</i>	negative	M-159301-01-1
<i>Escherichia coli</i> W3478–W3110	DNA repair test	99.7	conducted according to a method described by Rosenkrantz H.S. <i>et al.</i>	negative	M-159301-01-1

Table 6 Ecotoxicology profile of fosetyl-aluminium technical material

Species	Test	Purity %	Duration and conditions	Results	Reference
<i>Daphnia magna</i> (water flea)	acute	95.9	OECD 202, 48 h, 21°C, static	EC ₅₀ > 100 mg/l	M-170914-01-1
<i>Daphnia magna</i> (water flea)	chronic toxicity	95.9	OECD 202, 21 d, 21°C, static renewal	NOEC = 17 mg/l	M-189214-01-1

Table 6 Ecotoxicology profile of fosetyl-aluminium technical material

Species	Test	Purity %	Duration and conditions	Results	Reference
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> (rainbow trout)	acute toxicity	97.8	OECD 203, 96 h, 14°C, semi-static	LC ₅₀ > 122 mg/l	M-189219-01-1
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> (bluegill sunfish)	acute toxicity	97.0	OECD 203, 96 h, 21°C	LC ₅₀ > 60 mg/l	M-184477-01-1
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> (rainbow trout)	chronic toxicity	97	28 d, 14°C	EC ₅₀ = 100 mg/l	M-184572-01-1
<i>Scenedesmus subspicatus</i> (green alga)	chronic toxicity	97.8	OECD 201, 72 h, 23°C	E _r C ₅₀ > 16 mg/l NOEC = 1.4 mg/l	M-189220-01-1
Earthworm	acute toxicity	97.0	OECD 207, 14 d	LC ₅₀ > 1000 mg/kg dry soil	M-179078-01-1
<i>Apis mellifera</i> (honey bee)	acute contact toxicity	98.6	96 h	LD ₅₀ > 1000 µg/bee	M-189217-01-1
<i>Apis mellifera</i> (honey bee)	acute oral toxicity	98.6	96 h	LD ₅₀ = 461.8 µg/bee	M-189217-01-1
Bobwhite quail	acute toxicity	97.5	14 d, single dose	LD ₅₀ > 8000 mg/kg bw	M-159690-01-1
Japanese quail	acute toxicity	95	14 d, single dose	LD ₅₀ = 4997 mg/kg bw	M-158803-01-1
Bobwhite quail	short-term dietary toxicity	97.5	US EPA 163.71-2, 11 d, 5 d dosing	LC ₅₀ > 20000 ppm diet	M-159687-01-1
Mallard duck	short-term dietary toxicity	97.5	US EPA 163.71-2, 11 d, 5 d dosing	LC ₅₀ > 20000 ppm diet	M-159685-01-1
Japanese quail	sub-chronic reproduction toxicity	99.6	OECD, 6 weeks	NOEC ≥ 1500 ppm diet	M-189216-01-1

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