

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## **Section 1: Identification**

**Product Name:** SOFTFALL, PINE BARK MULCH, PINE BARK FINE, RED CHIPS,

**EUCI MULCH & TEA TREE MULCH** 

Other Names: As Above
UN Number: Not allocated
Hazchem Code: Not allocated
Dangerous Goods Class: Not allocated
Poison Schedule: Not allocated

**Use:** Landscaping and general horticultural purpose

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## **Section 2: Hazard Information**

Not classified as hazardous under Australian GHS criteria. Not classified as dangerous goods according to the Australian Dangerous Goods Code.

### **Label Elements**

#### **Hazard Pictogram:**



Signal Word: WARNING

# **Section 3: Composition of Ingredients**

Mixtures	Composition
Softfall	Pine Bark
Pine Bark Mulch	Pine Bark
Pine Bark Fine	Pine Bark
Red Chips	Hardwood
Euci Mulch	Eucalyptus
Tea Tree Mulch	Tea Tree

## **Section 4: First Aid**

#### Acute Health Effects

**Swallowed:** Unlikely under normal conditions. Swallowing bark and mulches may cause abdominal discomfort and increase the risk of gastro-intestinal infections.

**Eye:** The dust and/or mist (bioaerosols) may be irritating to the eyes resulting in redness and watering, or eye infection.

**Skin:** Skin contact with these products and their dusts and/or mists (bioaerosols) may result in skin irritation and in some people may lead to skin sensitisation, dermatitis or skin infection.

**Inhaled:** Inhalation of dust and/or mists (bioaerosols) may irritate, inflame or sensitise the nose, throat and lungs, and aggravate pre-existing conditions such as asthma and bronchitis

#### Chronic health effects

Repeated inhalation of dust/or mist (bioaerosols) from these products may result in respiratory irritation, inflammation or sensitisation resulting in illnesses including hay fever.

# **Section 5: Fire Fighting**

**Product Flammability:** Non-flammable

**Type of extinguisher:** Water or Class A extinguisher **Hazards from combustion:** No information available

**Hazchem Code:** Not applicable

## **Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

#### **Exposure standards**

**Work safe Australia Exposure Standard:** There is no specific standard for bark, mulches and other organic gardening materials.

**Recommendation:** Keep exposure to dust and/or mist (bioaerosols) from these products as low as practicable.

**Engineering controls:** All work with these products should be carried out in such a way as to avoid skin contact and minimise exposure to dust and/or mist (bioaerosols).

**Respiratory protection:** Avoid breathing dust and/or mist (bioaerosols). Wear an approved P1 or P2 respirator suitable for respirable particulates and conforming to AS/NZS 1715 and 1716 when exposed to dust and/or mist (bioaerosols). These Standards should be followed in the selection, fit-testing, use, storage and maintenance of the respirators.

**Skin protection:** Wear standard duty gloves (AS 2161), loose comfortable clothing, and boots. Long-sleeved shirts and long trousers and recommended if skin irritation occurs. Wash

skin with mild soap and water immediately after working with these materials. Launder work clothes regularly.

## **Section 7: Handling & Storage**

**Precautions for safe handling:** Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Avoid breathing dust and/or liquid mists (bioaerosols). Wash thoroughly immediately after handling. Wash work clothes regularly.

**Conditions for safe storage**: Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Partly used bags should be closed well

**Emergency Procedures:** Ensure adequate ventilation, avoid dust. Use personal protective equipment. Prevent product from entering drains or waterways. Do not contaminate surface water.

# **Section 8: Exposure Controls**



#### **Personal Protection:**

**Eye & Face Protection:** Safety Goggles (AS/NZS 1336) **Skin Protection:** Wear Suitable protective Clothing **Hands/Feet Protection:** Standard Duty Gloves (AS2161)

Body Protection: See 'Skin Protection' above

Other Protection: Particulate Respirator (AS/NZS 1715 and 1716)

## **Section 9: Physical and Chemical**

**Appearance:** Dark Brown and Black blend of organic materials

**Odour:** Non specific "Earthy" odour

Boiling Point:Not applicableMelting Point:Not applicableVapour Pressure:Not applicableFlashpoint:Not applicable

**PH:** 5.0-7.5

# **Section 10: Stability & Reactivity**

Stable under normal conditions of use.

# **Section 11: Toxicological Information**

This product is made from organic materials, including composted pine bark, and contains living micro-organisms, including bacteria, fungi and protozoa. May also contain mineral and fertiliser additives.

**RISK:** Inhalation of dust and/or liquid mists may irritate, inflame or sensitise the nose, throat and lungs resulting in illnesses ranging from hay fever or asthma, to pneumonia (eg Legionnaire's disease) or pneumonia-like illnesses. Direct contact with this material or its dust and/or liquid mists (bioaerosols) may cause skin irritation (dermatitis), and skin or eye infection or irritation. People particularly at risk are those suffering from asthma or allergies, and those whose immune defence systems are compromised.

## **Section 12: Ecological Information**

Avoid Contamination of Waterways

## **Section 13: Disposal**

**Disposal Methods:** Clean up by vacuuming or wet sweeping to avoid dust dispersal. Use product totally or collect in containers and dispose in accordance with local authority quidelines

# **Section 14: Transport**

**Precautions for Transportation:** Trucks to use tarpaulin to cover the load (for bulk deliveries)

## **Section 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

### Section 16: Other

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