

**SAFETY DATA SHEET****Urea**
**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**
**1.1 Product identifier**

**Product name** : Urea  
**EC number** : 200-315-5  
**REACH Registration number** : 01-2119463277-33-0001;01-2119463277-33-0002  
**CAS number** : 57-13-6  
**Product type** : EC FERTILISER  
**Chemical formula** : C-H4-N2-O

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

**Product use** : Fertilizers  
**Area of application** : Professional applications.

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number****Supplier**

**Telephone number** : (31) 46 4765555 (24/7)

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification**
**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

**Product definition** : Mono-constituent substance

**Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]**

Not classified.

**Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC [DSD]**

Not classified.

See Section 16 for the full text of the R phrases or H statements declared above.

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

**2.2 Label elements**

**Hazard pictograms** : Not applicable.  
**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.

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**Disposal** : Not applicable.

**Supplemental label elements** : Not applicable.

### 2.3 Other hazards

**Substance meets the criteria for PBT according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, Annex XIII** : No.  
P: Not available. B: Not available. T: No.

**Substance meets the criteria for vPvB according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, Annex XIII** : Not available.

**Other hazards which do not result in classification** : Fine dust clouds may form explosive mixtures with air. Handling and/or processing of this material may generate a dust which can cause mechanical irritation of the eyes, skin, nose and throat.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

**Substance/mixture** : Mono-constituent substance

Product/ingredient name	Identifiers	%	Classification	
			67/548/EEC	Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]
urea	REACH #: 01-2119463277-33 EC: 200-315-5 CAS: 57-13-6	100	Not classified.	Not classified.

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier, are classified and contribute to the classification of the substance and hence require reporting in this section.

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of 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. In case of inhalation of decomposition products in a fire, symptoms may be delayed. The exposed person may need to be kept under medical surveillance for 48 hours.
- 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.
- Protection of first-aiders** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

#### Potential acute health effects

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

- Eye contact** : Exposure to airborne concentrations above statutory or recommended exposure limits may cause irritation of the eyes.
- Inhalation** : Exposure to airborne concentrations above statutory or recommended exposure limits may cause irritation of the nose, throat and lungs. Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard. Serious effects may be delayed following exposure.
- Skin contact** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Ingestion** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Over-exposure signs/symptoms

- Eye contact** : Adverse symptoms may include the following:  
irritation  
redness
- Inhalation** : Adverse symptoms may include the following:  
respiratory tract irritation  
coughing
- Skin contact** : No specific data.
- Ingestion** : No specific data.

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

- Notes to physician** : In case of inhalation of decomposition products in a fire, symptoms may be delayed. The exposed person may need to be kept under medical surveillance for 48 hours.
- Specific treatments** : No specific treatment.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media** : Non-combustible. Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media** : None known.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Hazards from the substance or mixture** : Fine dust clouds may form explosive mixtures with air.
- Hazardous combustion products** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:  
carbon dioxide  
carbon monoxide  
nitrogen oxides  
ammonia  
amines

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

- Special precautions 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 training. Move containers from fire area if this can be done without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.
- 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. Clothing for fire-fighters (including helmets, protective boots and gloves) conforming to European standard EN 469 will provide a basic level of protection for chemical incidents.
- Additional information** : References : Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1 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 spilt material. Shut off all ignition sources. No flares, smoking or flames in hazard area. Avoid breathing dust. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.

**For emergency responders** : If specialised 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 non-emergency personnel".

**6.2 Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilt 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).

### 6.3 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, labelled waste container. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

**Large spill** : Move containers from spill area. Approach the release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labelled waste container. Avoid creating dusty conditions and prevent wind dispersal. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.

**6.4 Reference to other sections** : See Section 1 for emergency contact information.  
See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment.  
See Section 13 for additional waste treatment information.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

The information in this section contains generic advice and guidance. The list of Identified Uses in Section 1 should be consulted for any available use-specific information provided in the Exposure Scenario(s).

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

**Protective measures** : Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid breathing dust. Avoid the creation of dust when handling and avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Prevent dust accumulation. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Electrical equipment and lighting should be protected to appropriate standards to prevent dust coming into contact with hot surfaces, sparks or other ignition sources. Take precautionary measures against electrostatic discharges. To avoid fire or explosion, dissipate static electricity during transfer by earthing and bonding containers and equipment before transferring material.

**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.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities** : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in a segregated and approved area. 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. Eliminate all ignition sources. Separate from oxidizing materials. 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 unlabelled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

**Recommendations** : Not available.

**Industrial sector specific solutions** : Not available.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

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### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Occupational exposure limits

No exposure limit value known.

**Recommended monitoring procedures** : If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment. Reference should be made to European Standard EN 689 for methods for the assessment of exposure by inhalation to chemical agents and national guidance documents for methods for the determination of hazardous substances.

#### Derived effect levels

Product/ingredient name	Type	Exposure	Value	Population	Effects
urea	DNEL	Long term Dermal	580 mg/kg bw/day	Workers	-
	DNEL	Long term Inhalation	125 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Consumers	-
	DNEL	Long term Oral	42 mg/day	Consumers	-

#### Predicted effect concentrations

Product/ingredient name	Type	Compartment Detail	Value	Method Detail
urea	PNEC	Fresh water	0.047 mg/l	Assessment Factors

### 8.2 Exposure controls

**Appropriate engineering controls** : Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapour or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits. The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapour or dust concentrations below any lower explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

#### 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 operating conditions cause high dust concentrations to be produced, use dust goggles. Recommended: 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. >8 hours (breakthrough time): nitrile rubber (0.5 mm), natural rubber (latex) (0.5 mm), neoprene (0.5 mm), Viton® (0.4 mm) .

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

- 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. Recommended: Working clothes.
- Other skin protection** : Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
- Respiratory protection** : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator. Recommended: Wear dust protection mask P2.
- 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.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Appearance

- Physical state** : Solid. [Crystals.]
- Colour** : White.
- Odour** : Odourless./ Ammonia. [Slight]
- Odour threshold** : Not available.
- pH** : 9.2 to 9.5 [Conc. (% w/w): 10%]
- Melting point/freezing point** : 134°C
- Initial boiling point and boiling range** : Decomposition temperature: 135°C
- Flash point** : Not applicable.
- Evaporation rate** : Not available.
- Flammability (solid, gas)** : Not available.
- Burning time** : Not available.
- Burning rate** : Not available.
- Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits** : Not available.
- Vapour pressure** : <0.01 kPa
- Vapour density** : 2.07 [Air = 1]
- Relative density** : 1.33 [Water = 1]
- Density** : 1.33 g/cm<sup>3</sup> [20°C]
- Solubility(ies)** : Easily soluble in the following materials: cold water. at 20°C
- Solubility(ies) (water)** : 6.24 g/l
- Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water** : -1.73
- Auto-ignition temperature** : Not applicable.
- Decomposition temperature** : 135°C
- Viscosity** : Dynamic: 2 mPa·s (2 cP)
- Explosive properties** : Not available.
- Oxidising properties** : Not available.

### 9.2 Other information

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

**Physical/chemical properties comments** : Molecular weight: 60.06 g/mole  
Minimum ignition energy (mJ): 2.8e+006

No additional information.

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

- 10.1 Reactivity** : No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients.
- 10.2 Chemical stability** : The product is stable. Hygroscopic.
- 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.
- 10.4 Conditions to avoid** : Avoid the creation of dust when handling and avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Take precautionary measures against electrostatic discharges. To avoid fire or explosion, dissipate static electricity during transfer by earthing and bonding containers and equipment before transferring material. Prevent dust accumulation. Avoid high temperature and moisture.
- 10.5 Incompatible materials** : Reactive or incompatible with the following materials: oxidizing materials, acids, alkalis and moisture.  
Sodium hypochlorite  
Explosive in the presence of the following materials or conditions: oxidizing materials, acids, Perchlorate salt. Chlorine, Nitrite salt. Nitrate salt.
- 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
urea	LD50 Oral	Mouse	11 g/kg	-
	LD50 Oral	Rat	8471 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Oral	Rat	14300 mg/kg	-
	LDLo Oral	Rabbit	10 g/kg	-

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

#### Irritation/Corrosion

**Conclusion/Summary**

- Skin** : Non-irritant to skin.
- Eyes** : Non-irritating to the eyes.
- Respiratory** : Non-irritating to the respiratory system.

#### Sensitiser

**Conclusion/Summary**

- Skin** : Non-sensitiser to skin.
- Respiratory** : Non-sensitiser to lungs.

#### Mutagenicity

Product/ingredient name	Test	Experiment	Result
urea	Ames test.	Experiment: In vitro Subject: Bacteria	Negative

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**Conclusion/Summary** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Carcinogenicity

**Conclusion/Summary** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Reproductive toxicity

**Conclusion/Summary** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Teratogenicity

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

### Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Not available.

### 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

**Inhalation** : Exposure to airborne concentrations above statutory or recommended exposure limits may cause irritation of the nose, throat and lungs. Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard. Serious effects may be delayed following exposure.

**Ingestion** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Skin contact** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Eye contact** : Exposure to airborne concentrations above statutory or recommended exposure limits may cause irritation of the eyes.

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

**Inhalation** : Adverse symptoms may include the following:  
respiratory tract irritation  
coughing

**Ingestion** : No specific data.

**Skin contact** : No specific data.

**Eye contact** : Adverse symptoms may include the following:  
irritation  
redness

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

#### Short term exposure

**Potential immediate effects** : Not available.

**Potential delayed effects** : Not available.

#### Long term exposure

**Potential immediate effects** : Not available.

**Potential delayed effects** : Not available.

### Potential chronic health effects

Not available.

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

**General** : Repeated or prolonged inhalation of dust may lead to chronic respiratory irritation.

**Carcinogenicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Mutagenicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

- 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.  
**Other information** : Not available.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Exposure
urea	Acute LC50 6810 mg/l	Fish	96 hours

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Product/ingredient name	Test	Result	Dose	Inoculum
urea	OECD 302B Inherent Biodegradability: Zahn- Wellens/EMPA Test	96 % - 16 days	-	-

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

Product/ingredient name	Aquatic half-life	Photolysis	Biodegradability
urea	-	-	Readily

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Product/ingredient name	LogP <sub>ow</sub>	BCF	Potential
urea	-1.73	-	low

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

- Soil/water partition coefficient (K<sub>oc</sub>)** : Not available.  
**Mobility** : Not available.

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

- PBT** : No.  
P: Not available. B: Not available. T: No.  
**vPvB** : Not available.  
vP: Not available. vB: Not available.

**12.6 Other adverse effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

The information in this section contains generic advice and guidance. The list of Identified Uses in Section 1 should be consulted for any available use-specific information provided in the Exposure Scenario(s).

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

- Methods of disposal** : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimised wherever possible. Significant quantities of waste product residues should not be disposed of via the foul sewer but processed in a suitable effluent treatment plant. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. 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.
- Hazardous waste** : Within the present knowledge of the supplier, this product is not regarded as hazardous waste, as defined by EU Directive 91/689/EEC.
- Packaging**
- Methods of disposal** : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimised wherever possible. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible.
- Special precautions** : 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 spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

	ADR/RID	ADN/ADNR	IMDG	IATA
14.1 UN number	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.
14.2 UN proper shipping name	-	-	-	-
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	-	-	-	-
14.4 Packing group	-	-	-	-
14.5 Environmental hazards	No.	No.	No.	No.
14.6 Special precautions for user	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.
Additional information	-	-	-	-

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code : Not available.

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture  
[EU Regulation \(EC\) No. 1907/2006 \(REACH\)](#)

[Annex XIV - List of substances subject to authorisation](#)

[Substances of very high concern](#)

None of the components are listed.

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

**Annex XVII - Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles** : Not applicable.

### Other EU regulations

**Europe inventory** : This material is listed or exempted.

### International regulations

**Chemical Weapons Convention List Schedule I Chemicals** : Not listed

**Chemical Weapons Convention List Schedule II Chemicals** : Not listed

**Chemical Weapons Convention List Schedule III Chemicals** : Not listed

**15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment** : Complete.

**15.3 Registration status** : Applicable.

## SECTION 16: Other information

✔ Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.

**Abbreviations and acronyms** : ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate  
 CLP = Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation [Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008]  
 DNEL = Derived No Effect Level  
 EUH statement = CLP-specific Hazard statement  
 PNEC = Predicted No Effect Concentration  
 RRN = REACH Registration Number

**Key literature references and sources for data** : Literature data and/or investigation reports are available through the manufacturer.

### Procedure used to derive the classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]

Classification	Justification
Not classified.	

**Full text of abbreviated H statements** : Not applicable.

**Full text of classifications [CLP/GHS]** : Not applicable.

**Full text of abbreviated R phrases** : Not applicable.

**Full text of classifications [DSD/DPD]** : Not applicable.

**Training advice** : Before handling this substance/preparation, the personnel involved should be instructed by means of this safety data sheet.

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### 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.