

Material Safety Data Sheet

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Wefco ACTIVE[®] Rat & Mouse Liquid Concentrate 2.5 (PCO)

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1) IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION

Commercial Name:	Wefco ACTIVE[®] Rat & Mouse Liquid Concentrate (PCO)
Registration Number:	L 6191
Chemical Class:	3-[3-(4'-bromo[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthalenyl
Appearance:	Product is chemically a coumarin- type anticoagulant rodenticide concentrate, based on 2.5 g/kg (0.25%) active brodifacoum in the form of liquid, blue in colour.
Use:	An anticoagulant bait used in the control of the Roof rat, Norway rat, House mouse and Gerbil.

2) COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Brodifacoum	Technical Concentrate	0.25%
CAS Number:	56073-10-0	

Ingredients not precisely identified are proprietary or none hazardous.

3) HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

UN No:	3026
IMCO:	6.1
HAZARDS	Coumarin derivative pesticides, liquid, toxic, n.o.s Contains brodifacoum 2.5 g/kg Non- flammable, non- corrosive, non- explosive.

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Nature Of Hazard

Harmful if swallowed, if inhaled and on prolonged skin contact. Skin absorption may occur over an extended period. Symptoms of poisoning develop after several hours or days due to the anti-coagulant properties.

Acute Symptoms of Human Exposure

Poison readily absorbed on prolonged skin contact and ingestion. Anti vitamin K₁ properties cause blood coagulation inducing haemorrhagic syndrome. Symptoms may develop over several hours or days. Poisoning may cause an abrupt and unusual abdominal pain, increasing the tendency to bleed under the skin as well as nose, gum bleeding and haemorrhaging around the elbow and knee joints. Pallor and blood in urine and faeces.

4) FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye

Immediately wash eyes with copious amounts of clean water for at least 15 minutes.

Skin

Immediately remove contaminated clothing, rinse affected skin area with plenty of soap and cool water or shower. **Do not** rub skin hard.

Inhalation

In the unlikely event of exposure by inhalation remove patient from source of poisoning to a well-ventilated area and loosen constricting clothes. **Do not** apply mouth-to-mouth respiration without the use of a disposable protective mouthpiece.

Ingestion

Keep patient calm and reassured, rinse mouth with water and ensure airway is clear. In case of suspected poisoning, immediately transport patient to doctor or hospital and contact a poison centre. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. **Do not** apply direct mouth-to-mouth respiration without the use of a disposable protective mouthpiece.

SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE PROMPTLY AND SHOW THIS MSDS TO THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Note To Physician

The efficacy of treatment must be measured by monitoring the Quick time and treatment must only be stopped when the Quick time has returned and remained at normal values. Administer 5mg/kg Vitamin K₁, intravenously on the first day followed by another administration of the same dose if the Quick time does not normalise within a few hours of the first injection. Follow up with 5mg/kg per day orally on the second and following days. The duration of treatment is generally between 10 and 15 days. In severe cases, small transfusions of matched fresh blood may improve prothrombin levels.

5) FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Specific Hazard

Product is classified as a Group II Hazardous Substance under the Hazardous Substance Act, Act 15 of 1973, as amended.

Decomposition of Product in Fire

Under thermal decomposition Brodifacoum may emit irritating and toxic fumes.

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Fire Extinguisher Agents

Foam, chemical dry powders and halogenated agents.

Protection For Fire-fighters

Chemical impermeable gloves, safety goggles or face shield, effective protection or self-contained breathing apparatus as dictated by circumstances, full-length protective clothing and boots.

Specific Methods

No unprotected person should be allowed in the vicinity. Contain spillage using sand or earth barriers. Evacuation of area may be necessary in the event of a fire. Decontaminate area thoroughly by removing all spillage and contaminated waste. Material is toxic to fish, birds and wildlife.

6) ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

PRECAUTIONS

Personal

Wear gloves and suitable protective clothing; avoid skin contact and / or inhalation of droplets; wash exposed skin area with soap and water and change clothes after handling. Report incident to emergency personnel in the event of a large spill.

Environmental

Contain spillage with sand or other suitable absorbent material, carefully shovel up and transfer to a waste container, mark container "HAZARDOUS WASTE". Prevent contamination of sewers, waterways, low areas, drinking water, crops and / or grazing. The material is toxic to fish, birds and wildlife.

Methods For Cleaning

Contain spillage with sand or other suitable absorbent material, carefully shovel up and transfer to a waste container, mark container "HAZARDOUS WASTE". Dispose of as for hazardous waste in accordance with local / national regulations.

Prevention of Secondary Hazardous

Inspect for damaged containers and take the necessary precautions.

Protective Clothing

Chemical impermeable gloves, safety goggles or face shield, effective respiratory protection or self contained breathing apparatus as dictated by circumstances, full-length protective clothing, apron and boots.

7) HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling

Store in the original container away from any edible commodity, food utensils and drinking water. Avoid contact with the skin by wearing rubber gloves and wash exposed skin area after handling. **Do not** eat, drink or smoke while handling the bait or before washing hands and face.

Environmental Precautions

Prevent contamination of all sources of drinking water, rivers and dams as well as crops or grazing areas.

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Storage

Store in original containers under lock and key, out of reach of children, animals and uninformed persons. Store in a cool dry place away from sources of heat and naked flames.

Environmental Precautions

Prevent contamination of all sources of drinking water, rivers and dams as well as crops or grazing areas.

Hazards

The product is toxic to fish, birds and wildlife. Poisoned dead rodents may present a hazard to scavengers. Bury or burn dead rodents and any bait not consumed at end of treatment.

Storage

Store in original containers under lock and key, out of reach of children, animals and uninformed persons. Store in a cool dry place away from sources of heat and naked flames.

8) EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONEL PROTECTION

In the manufacturing process minimise exposure in accordance with good hygiene practice. Ensure area is well ventilated and protective clothing is used to protect eyes and body. Suitable mask or respirator for liquid pesticides should be used for respiratory protection and eyewash and safety shower should be available in the work area.

9) PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Liquid
Colour:	Blue
Odour:	None
Boiling point:	190 °C
Melting Point:	N/A
Vapour Pressure:	Negligible @20 °C
Vapour Density:	Not applicable
Specific Gravity:	1050 g/Lt
Solubility:	Very soluble
PH:	9

10) STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:	Stable under normal conditions. Avoid direct sunlight
Incompatibility/ materials to avoid:	Unknown
Hazardous decomposition products:	Piruvic and acetic acid

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11) TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Oral toxicity: LD50 acute oral rat = 0.27mg/kg (WHO)

Dermal toxicity: LD50 acute dermal = >2000 mg/kg

Acute Symptoms of Human Exposure

Dermal

Irritation will probably not develop following contact with human skin.

Skin Absorption

Systemically toxic concentrations of this product will probably not be absorbed through human skin.

Inhalation

Because this product is a wax block, inhalation is not expected to be a normal route of exposure.

Eye:

No irritation is expected to develop following contact with the human eye.

Overexposure may cause an abrupt and unusual abdominal pain, increased tendency to bleed from nose and gum. Bleeding under the skin, pallor, blood in the urine and faeces, haemorrhage into and around elbow and knee joints and multiple spread of haematoma. Individuals with blood clotting disorders may be more susceptible to over exposure effects.

12) ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This material is toxic to fish, birds and wildlife

13) DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION

Accidental Spillage

Contain spillage by covering with sand, soil or other absorbent material and transfer to a suitable waste container and dispose of waste in accordance with local and /or national regulations.

Disposal of Used Packing Material

Destroy the empty container by perforating and flattening and unused product as for toxic waste in accordance with local and /or national regulations. **Do not** re-use for any other purpose.

14) TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

UN No:	3026
IMDG:	6.1
IATA:	6.1
Road:	6.1
Rail:	6.1
Hazardous symbol:	Xn Harmful

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15) REGULATORY INFORMATION

R –phases: 21, 22-48

S-Phases: 36, 37-44

WHO Classification: Very toxic

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16) OTHER INFORMATION

This product contains a human taste deterrent (denatonium benzoate) and blue warning dye for safety reasons. It is included at a concentration that is repulsive to human taste but is not detected by rats and mice.

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