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### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** GibGro<sup>®</sup> 4LS  
**Synonyms:** Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub>; GA<sub>3</sub>  
**EPA Reg. No.:** 55146-62

**Company Name:** Nufarm Americas Inc. AGT Division  
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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency Overview:**

**Appearance and Odor:** Colorless to light yellow colored liquid with typical alcohol odor.

**Warning Statements:** Keep out of reach of children. WARNING. Causes substantial but temporary eye injury. Harmful if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through skin. Do not get in eyes or on clothing. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist, and avoid contact with skin. FLAMMABLE; flash point 55°F (13°C) TCC.

**Potential Health Effects:**

**Likely Routes of Exposure:** Inhalation, eye and skin contact.

**Eye Contact:** Moderately irritating based on toxicity studies. Vapors and mist may cause irritation.

**Skin Contact:** Slightly irritating based on toxicity studies. Overexposure by skin absorption to isopropanol may cause itching, redness, rash, drying and cracking.

**Ingestion:** Harmful if swallowed. Overexposure to isopropanol may cause flushing, headache, dizziness, mental depression, nausea, vomiting, irritation of gastrointestinal tract, drowsiness, anesthesia and coma.

**Inhalation:** Low inhalation toxicity. Overexposure to isopropanol may cause symptoms similar to those for ingestion.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** Inhalation of product may aggravate existing chronic respiratory problems such as asthma, emphysema or bronchitis. Skin contact may aggravate existing skin disease.

See Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION for more information.

**Potential Environmental Effects:**

Gibberellic Acid is practically non-toxic to birds, fish and freshwater invertebrates and not likely to cause adverse effects.

See Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION for more information.

### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

COMPONENT	CAS NO.	% BY WEIGHT
Gibberellic Acid	77-06-5	4.0
Isopropanol	67-63-0	96.0

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**If in Eyes:** Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

**If Swallowed:** Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**If on Skin:** Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 to 20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

**If Inhaled:** Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Flash Point:** 55°F (13°C) TCC

**Autoignition Temperature:** 750°F (399°C) (Isopropanol)

**Flammability Limits:** 2 – 12.7% (Isopropanol)

**Extinguishing Media:** Use alcohol resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures:** Firefighters should wear NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turn out gear. Dike area to prevent runoff and contamination of water sources. Dispose of fire control water later.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Flammable liquid, keep away from sparks and open flames. Heavier than air vapors can travel along surfaces to distant ignition sources and flash back.

**Hazardous Decomposition Materials (Under Fire Conditions):** May produce gases such as oxides of carbon.

**National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Hazard Rating:**

**Rating for this product: Health: 2    Flammability: 3    Reactivity: 0**

Hazards Scale: 0 = Minimal    1 = Slight    2 = Moderate    3 = Serious    4 = Severe

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal Precautions:** Wear appropriate protective gear for the situation. See Personal Protection information in Section 8.

**Environmental Precautions:** Prevent material from entering public sewer systems or any waterways. Do not flush to drain. Large spills to soil or similar surfaces may necessitate removal of topsoil. The affected area should be removed and placed in an appropriate container for disposal.

**Methods for Containment:** Dike spill using absorbent or impervious materials such as earth, sand or clay. Collect and contain contaminated absorbent and dike material for disposal.

**Methods for Cleanup and Disposal:** Pump any free liquid into an appropriate closed container. Collect washings for disposal. Decontaminate tools and equipment following cleanup. See Section 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS for more information.

**Other Information:** Large spills may be reportable to the National Response Center (800-424-8802) and to state and/or local agencies.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Handling:**

Do not get in eyes or on clothing. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist, and avoid contact with skin. Users should wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet. Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing. Remove

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

**Storage:**

FLAMMABLE! Keep away from heat and open flame. Keep containers tightly closed when not in use. Containers should be opened in well-ventilated areas. Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

<b>8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION</b>
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**Engineering Controls:**

Where engineering controls are indicated by specific use conditions or a potential for excessive exposure, use local exhaust ventilation at the point of generation.

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

**Eye/Face Protection:** To avoid contact with eyes, wear face shield, goggles or safety glasses with front, brow and temple protection. An emergency eyewash or water supply should be readily accessible to the work area.

**Skin Protection:** To avoid contact with skin, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, socks, shoes and chemical-resistant gloves as barrier laminate, butyl rubber, nitrile rubber, neoprene rubber, polyvinyl chloride, or viton. An emergency shower or water supply should be readily accessible to the work area.

**Respiratory Protection:** Not normally required. If vapors or mists exceed acceptable levels, wear NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with cartridges/canisters approved for use against pesticides.

**General Hygiene Considerations:** Personal hygiene is an important work practice exposure control measure and the following general measures should be taken when working with or handling this material: 1) do not store, use and/or consume foods, beverages, tobacco products, or cosmetics in areas where this material is stored; 2) wash hands and face carefully before eating, drinking, using tobacco, applying cosmetics or using the toilet.

**Exposure Guidelines:**

Component	OSHA		ACGIH		Unit
	TWA	STEL	TWA	STEL	
Gibberellic Acid	NE	NE	NE	NE	
Isopropanol	400	NE	200	400	ppm

NE = Not Established

<b>9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES</b>
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**Appearance and Odor:** Colorless to light yellow colored liquid with typical alcohol odor.

**Boiling Point:** 179-181°F (82-83°C)

**Solubility in Water:** Miscible

**Density:** 6.7 pounds/gallon

**Specific Gravity:** 0.80

**Evaporation Rate:** Not determined

**Vapor Density:** Not determined

**Freezing Point:** Not determined

**Vapor Pressure:** 13 mmHg @ 20°C

**pH:** 10 - 11

**Viscosity:** Not determined

**Note:** Physical data are typical values, but may vary from sample to sample. A typical value should not be construed as a guaranteed analysis or as a specification.

<b>10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY</b>
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**Chemical Stability:** This material is stable under normal handling and storage conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Excessive heat. Do not store near heat, flame or sparks.

**Incompatible Materials:** Strong oxidizing agents.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Under fire conditions, may produce gases such as oxides of carbon.

**Hazardous Reactions:** Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### **Toxicological Data:**

Data from laboratory studies on this product are summarized below:

**Oral:** Rat LD<sub>50</sub>: >5,300 mg/kg (female) and 6,000 mg/kg (male); FIFRA Category IV

**Dermal:** Rabbit LD<sub>50</sub>: >2,000 mg/kg; FIFRA Category III

**Inhalation:** Rat 4-hr LC<sub>50</sub>: >7.65 mg/L; FIFRA Category IV

**Eye Irritation:** Rabbit: Moderately irritating; FIFRA Category II

**Skin Irritation:** Rabbit: Slightly irritating; FIFRA Category IV

**Skin Sensitization:** Not a contact sensitizer in guinea pigs following repeated skin exposure.

### **Toxicity of Gibberellic Acid:**

Gibberellic acid is a plant growth hormone that has been reported to have estrogenic and androgenic activity in animals. In reproduction studies in rats, no maternal or fetal adverse effects to the fetus were noted following large dosages (1,000 mg/kg/day) of gibberellic acid.

### **Toxicity of Isopropanol:**

Isopropanol is a central nervous system depressant. Overexposure to isopropanol may also affect the liver, kidneys and skin. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) lists exposure to isopropanol as a Group 3 carcinogen (not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans). Repeated exposure at high concentrations (2.5% or greater in drinking water) produced a variety of reproductive, fertility, and developmental effects in rats.

**Assessment Carcinogenicity:** None listed with ACGIH, IARC, NTP or OSHA.

See Section 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION for more information.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### **Ecotoxicity:**

Data on Gibberellic Acid:

96-hour LC <sub>50</sub> Rainbow Trout:	>150 ppm	Bobwhite Quail Oral LD <sub>50</sub> :	>2,250 mg/kg
48-hour EC <sub>50</sub> Daphnia:	>143 ppm	Bobwhite Quail Dietary LC <sub>50</sub> :	>4,640 ppm
48-hour LD <sub>50</sub> Bee:	>25.0 µg/bee		

Data on Isopropanol:

96-hour LC <sub>50</sub> Fathead Minnow:	6,550 ppm	48-hour EC <sub>50</sub> Daphnia:	2,280 ppm
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### **Environmental Fate:**

Gibberellic acid is biodegradable. It will not accumulate in the soil or water. Isopropanol is readily biodegradable and is not expected to persist in an aquatic environment. It is not likely to bioconcentrate.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### **Waste Disposal Method:**

Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

### **Container Handling and Disposal:**

Triple rinse (or equivalent). Then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by incineration or, if allowed by state and local authorities by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

**14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

Follow the precautions indicated in Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE of this MSDS.

For Department of Transportation (DOT) regulatory information, if required, consult transportation regulations, product shipping papers or call Nufarm's DOT Manager at 708-755-2104, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Central Time.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****U.S. Federal Regulations:**

**TSCA Inventory:** This product is exempted from TSCA because it is solely for FIFRA regulated use.

**SARA Hazard Notification/Reporting:**

**Hazard Categories Under Criteria of SARA Title III Rules (40 CFR Part 370):** Immediate, Fire

**Section 313 Toxic Chemical(s):** None

**Reportable Quantity (RQ) under U.S. CERCLA:** None

**RCRA Waste Code:** None

**State Information:**

Other state regulations may apply. Check individual state requirements.

**California Proposition 65:** Not listed

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) serves different purposes than and DOES NOT REPLACE OR MODIFY THE EPA-ACCEPTED PRODUCT LABELING (attached to and accompanying the product container). This MSDS provides important health, safety and environmental information for employers, employees, emergency responders and others handling large quantities of the product in activities generally other than product use, while the labeling provides that information specifically for product use in the ordinary course.

Use, storage and disposal of pesticide products are regulated by the EPA under the authority of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) through the product labeling, and all necessary and appropriate precautionary, use, storage, and disposal information is set forth on that labeling. It is a violation of Federal law to use a pesticide product in any manner not prescribed on the EPA-accepted label.

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