



# Weedone® 638 Broadleaf Herbicide

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY DESCRIPTION

<b>Product Name:</b>	Nufarm Weedone 638 Broadleaf Herbicide
<b>Synonyms:</b>	DICHLOROPHENOXYACETIC ACID, BUTOXYETHANOL ESTER DICHLOROPHENOXYACETIC ACID, ETHYLENE GLYCOL BUTYL ETHER ESTER
<b>EPA Reg. No.:</b>	71368-3
<b>Company Name:</b>	Nufarm Americas, Inc. Burr Ridge, IL 60521
<b>Phone Numbers:</b>	<b>For Chemical Emergency, Spill, Leak, Fire, Exposure, Or Accident, Call CHEMTREC Day or Night: 1-800-424-9300.</b> <b>For Medical Emergencies Only, Call 877-325-1840.</b> <b>For additional non-emergency information, call: 1-800-852-5234.</b>
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### 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

COMPONENT	CAS REG. NO.	% BY WEIGHT
2-Butoxyethyl Ester of 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	1929-73-3	24.5
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	94-75-7	13.8
Naphthalene	91-20-3	2.3
Inert ingredients including emulsifier and other ingredients (trade secrets)		59.4

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview:

**Appearance and Odor:** Amber liquid, phenolic odor.

**Warning Statements:** DANGER. Keep out of reach of children.

Causes irreversible eye damage. Harmful if swallowed or absorbed through the skin. Avoid breathing spray mist.

Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing.

**Potential Adverse Health Effects:**

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

**Eye Contact:** Irritating to the eyes. Overexposure may cause irreversible eye damage, seen as corneal opacity.

**Skin Contact:** Frequent or prolonged contact may cause irritation. Dermal LD 50 is reported to be > 2,000 mg/kg

**Inhalation:** Harmful if inhaled. Overexposure may cause irritation to the respiratory tract, coughing, and dizziness.

**Ingestion:** Harmful if swallowed. May cause nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, decreased blood pressure, muscle weakness, muscle spasms.

**Medical Conditions Possibly Aggravated By Exposure:** Skin irritation may be aggravated in persons with existing skin lesions. Breathing of vapors may aggravate conditions such as asthma, emphysema or chronic bronchitis.

**Carcinogenicity:** Ingredients in this product are not specifically listed as carcinogens by NTP, IARC or OSHA. IRAC supplemental 7 lists chlorophenoxy herbicides as a class 2B carcinogen - Limited evidence in humans. The science advisory panel of EPA has given a class D status - not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity.

**Chronic Effects/Carcinogenicity:** Prolonged overexposure can cause liver, kidney and muscle damage. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) lists exposure to chlorophenoxy herbicides as a class 2B carcinogen, the category for limited evidence for carcinogenicity in humans. However, more current 2,4-D lifetime feeding studies in rats and mice did not show carcinogenic potential. The USEPA has given a class D classification (not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity).

**Reproductive Toxicity:** No impairment of reproductive function attributable to 2,4-D has been noted in laboratory animal studies.

**Developmental Toxicity:** Studies in laboratory animals with 2,4-D have shown decreased fetal body weights and delayed development in the offspring at doses toxic to mother animals.

**Genotoxicity:** There have been some positive and some negative studies, but the weight of evidence is that 2,4-D is not mutagenic.

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**If swallowed:** Call a physician or Poison Control Center. Do not induce vomiting. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**If on skin:** Wash thoroughly with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

**If in eyes:** Flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes and get medical attention.

**If inhaled:** Remove to fresh air and apply respiration if indicated.

**Note to Physician:** This product contains a phenoxy herbicidal chemical. There is no specific antidote. All treatments should be based on observed signs and symptoms of distress in the patient. Overexposure to materials other than this product may have occurred.

Myotonic effects may include muscle fibrillations, myotonia, and muscular weakness. Ingestion of massive doses may result in persistent fall of blood pressure. Myoglobin and hemoglobin may be found in urine. Elevations in lactate dehydrogenase (LDH), SGOT, SGPT and aldolase indicate the extent of muscle damage. It has been suggested that overexposure in humans may affect both the central and peripheral nervous systems. The acute effects on the central nervous system resemble those produced by alcohol or sedative drugs. In isolated cases, peripheral neuropathy and reduced nerve conduction velocities have been reported although these observations may be related to other factors. Gas-liquid chromatography for detecting and measuring chlorophenoxy compounds in blood and urine may be useful in confirming and assessing the magnitude of chlorophenoxy absorption.

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flash Point:** 150° F by TAG closed cup method.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not determined.

**Flammability Limits:** Not determined.

**Extinguishing Media:** Recommended (large fire): foam, water spray. Recommended (small fires): dry chemical, carbon dioxide.

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

**Unusual Fire and Explosion hazards:** When heated above the flash point, this material emits flammable vapors which, when mixed with air, can burn or be explosive. Fine mist or spray may be flammable at temperatures below the flash point. Under fire conditions, toxic, corrosive fumes are emitted. Containers will burst from internal pressure under extreme fire conditions.

**Hazardous Decomposition Materials (Under Fire Conditions):** Hydrogen chloride, other chlorine compounds, oxides of nitrogen and oxides of carbon.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Evacuation Procedures and Safety:** Wear appropriate protective gear for the situation. See Personal Protection information in Section 8.

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

**Cleanup and Disposal of Spill:** Pump any free liquid into an appropriate closed container. Collect washings for disposal. Decontaminate tools and equipment following cleanup. (See Section 13.)

**Environmental and Regulatory Reporting:** Prevent material from entering public sewer system or any waterways. Do not flush to drain. Large spills to soil or similar surfaces may necessitate removal of top soil. The affected area should be removed and placed in an appropriate container for disposal. Spills may be reportable to the National Response Center (800-424-8802) and to state and/or local agencies.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### **Handling:**

Handle containers carefully to avoid damage and spills.

### **Storage:**

Store in original container in a dry secured storage area. Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal. Avoid storage in close proximity to insecticides, fungicides, fertilizers and seeds. Keep container tightly closed when not in use.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### **General:**

These recommendations provide general guidance for handling this product. Because specific work environments and material handling practices vary, safety procedures should be developed for each intended usage, including maintenance and repair of equipment. Contact personal protective equipment manufacturers for assistance with selection, use and maintenance of such equipment.

### **Personal Protective Equipment:**

**Respiratory Protection:** When respirators are required, select NIOSH/MSHA approved equipment based on actual or potential airborne concentrations and in accordance with the appropriate regulatory standards and/or industrial recommendations. Under normal conditions, in the absence of other airborne contaminants, the following devices should provide protection from this material up to the conditions specified by the appropriate OSHA or ANSI standard(s): Air-purifying (half-mask/full-face) respirator with cartridges/canister approved for use against pesticides. Under conditions immediately dangerous to life or health, or emergency conditions with unknown concentrations, use a full-face positive pressure air-supplied respirator equipped with an emergency escape air supply unit or use a self-contained breathing apparatus unit.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Eye and face protection requirements will vary dependent upon work environment conditions and material handling practices. Appropriate ANSI Z87 approved equipment should be selected for the particular use

intended for this material. Eye contact should be prevented through use of protective eyewear such as chemical safety glasses with side shields or splash proof goggles. An emergency eye wash should be readily accessible to the work area.

**Skin Protection:** Skin contact should be avoided through the use of permeation resistant clothing, gloves and footwear, selected with regard for use conditions and exposure potential. An emergency shower should be readily accessible to the work area. Consider both durability and permeation resistance of clothing.

**Work Practice Controls:** 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:**

Exposure Limits:	OSHA PEL*	ACGIH TLV®*	STEL	Units
2-Butoxyethyl Ester of 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	10**	10**	ND	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	10 **	10 **	ND	mg/m3
Naphthalene	10 **	10 **	ND	mg/m3

\*\*Based on adopted limit for 2,4-D.

\*8-hour TWA unless otherwise noted.

**Ventilation:**

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

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**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>Physical Appearance:</b>	Amber liquid.
<b>Odor:</b>	Characteristic phenolic.
<b>pH:</b>	Not Available.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	Approximately 1.06
<b>Water Solubility:</b>	Product is emulsifiable in water.
<b>Melting Point Range:</b>	Not Available.
<b>Boiling Point Range:</b>	> 212 F at 760 mmHg.
<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	< 0.2 mm Hg @ 25°C
<b>Molecular Weight:</b>	321.22

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical Stability:** This material is stable under normal handling and storage conditions described in Section 7.

**Conditions To Be Avoided:** Excessive heat.

**Incompatibility With Other Materials:** Strong oxidizing agents: bases, acids.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

<b>Decomposition Type:</b>	Thermal
<b>Decomposition Products:</b>	Hydrogen chloride, other chlorine compounds, oxides of carbon and nitrogen.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Does not occur.

<b>11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION</b>
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Eye Irritation: Severely irritating (Rabbit).

Skin Irritation: Minimally irritating (Rabbit).

Dermal: Slightly toxic.(Rabbit LD50 >2000 mg/kg).

Inhalation: Harmful if Inhaled.

Oral: Harmful if Swallowed.

This product contains substances that are considered to be probable or suspected human carcinogens as follows:

Ingredients Name	OSHA	IARC	NTP	ACGIH
Chlorophenoxy herbicides	No	2B	No	No

(Also see Section 3.)

<b>12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION</b>
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For ecotoxicological data call the product information phone number listed in section 1.

For chemical fate data call the product information phone number listed in section 1

<b>13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>
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**Waste Disposal Method:**

Pesticide wastes are toxic. Improper disposal of excess pesticide is a violation of Federal Law and may contaminate ground water. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

**Container Handling and Disposal:**

Do not reuse empty container. Triple rinse (or equivalent) adding rinsate to application equipment. Then offer empty container 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.

<b>14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION</b>
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**NOTE:** Information is for surface transportation of package sizes generally offered and does not address regulatory variations due to changes in package size, mode of shipment or other conditions.

For DOT regulatory information, if required, consult transportation regulations, product shipping papers, or your Nufarm representative.

**DOT Proper Shipping Name:** NA  
**DOT Hazard Class / I.D. No.:** NA  
**DOT Label:** NA  
**U.S. Surface Freight Classification:** Weed killing compound, N.O.I.B.N

<b>15. REGULATORY INFORMATION</b>
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**Federal Regulations:**

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

**SARA Hazard Notification:**

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

Fire:	Reactive:	Release of Pressure:	Acute Health:	Chronic Health:
YES	No	No	Yes	Yes

## Section 313 Toxic Chemical(s):

2-Butoxyethyl Ester of 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	1929-73-3	24.5 %
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	94-75-7	13.8 %
Naphthalene	91-20-3	2.3 %

**Reportable Quantity (RQ) under U.S. CERCLA:**

Ingredient	RQ
2-Butoxyethyl Ester of 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	100 lbs
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	
Naphthalene	

**Selected State Regulations:**

This product contains the following components that are regulated under California Proposition 65:

Ingredient Name	Cancer List	Reproductive List	Risk Level (ug/day)	
			California	Nufarm
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

<b>16. OTHER INFORMATION</b>
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**National Fire Protection Association (NFPA®) Hazard Ratings:**

Ratings for This Product		Key to Ratings	
3	Health Hazard	0	Minimal
2	Flammability	1	Slight
0	Instability	2	Moderate
		3	Serious
		4	Severe

**Abbreviations and Acronyms Not Defined Elsewhere:**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
DOT	Department of Transportation
FIFRA	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
TWA	Time Weighted Average
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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