# SAFETY DATA SHEET UREA

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## Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

**PRODUCT NAME/TRADE NAME**

Urea, Fertilizer Grade, Granular 46-0-0

**SYNONYM**

This material safety data sheet applies to Fertiglobe granule urea.

**CHEMICAL NAME**

Carbamide

**CHEMICAL FAMILY**

alphabetic amide

**CHEMICAL FORMULA**

CO(NH₂)

### Material Uses

Fertilizers, Intermediate, Manufacture of substances, Formulation of preparations (mixtures), Raw material, Use as laboratory reagent, Processing aid, Manufacture of plastics, Cosmetics, Ink and toners.

Do not use with strong oxidizing agents, acids, alkalis, nitrates, sodium or calcium hypochlorite

## Section II. Hazardous Ingredients

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<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>&gt;98</td>
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<tr>
<td>Urea reaction products with formaldehyde</td>
<td>68611-64-3</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Imidodicarbonic diamide (biuret)</td>
<td>108-19-0</td>
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ACGIH TLV notations:

- No assigned TLV
- (C) - Ceiling - the concentration not to be exceeded at any time
- (I) - measured as the inhalable fraction or the aerosol
- (R) - measured as the Respirable fraction of the aerosol
- (T) - measured as the Thoracic fraction or the aerosol

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Section III. Hazards Identification.

| POTENTIAL ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS | Not considered to be toxic for humans under normal conditions of use. However, in keeping with good industrial hygiene practises, exposure to any chemical should be kept to a minimum. This product may cause irritation to the eyes and skin due to mechanical action. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| POTENTIAL CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS | CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: NONE by ACGIH, EPA, IARC, OSHA.  
MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: NONE by ACGIH, EPA, IARC, OSHA.  
TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: NONE by ACGIH, EPA, IARC, OSHA.  
There is no known effect from chronic exposure to this product. Urea is approved as a food and cosmetic additive, is an ingredient in clinical preparations, and is a normal human metabolite found in urine. |

Section IV. First Aid Measures

**EYE CONTACT**  
May cause eye irritation by mechanical action. Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Obtain medical attention if irritation persists.

**MINOR SKIN CONTACT**  
May cause skin irritation due to drying (salt effect). Wash contaminated skin with soap and water. Cover dry or irritated skin with a good quality skin lotion. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

**EXTENSIVE SKIN CONTACT**  
No additional information.

**MINOR INHALATION**  
Repeated or prolonged inhalation of dust may lead to respiratory irritation. Allow the person to rest in a well ventilated area. Obtain medical attention if irritation persists.

**SEVERE INHALATION**  
No additional information.

**SLIGHTINGESTION**  
Do not induce vomiting. Low toxicity. May cause digestive tract irritation, with accompanying nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. If spontaneous vomiting does occur, lower the head so that the vomit will not reenter the mouth and throat.

If tolerated, give no more than 1 cup of milk or water for adults or 1/2 cup for children to rinse the mouth and throat, dilute the stomach contents, and minimize irritation. Obtain medical attention if irritation persists.

**EXTENSIVE INGESTION**  
No additional information.

Section V. Fire and Explosion Data

**THE PRODUCT IS**  
Non-flammable.

**AUTO-IGNITION TEMPERATURE**  
Not applicable.

**FLASH POINT**  
Not applicable.

**FLAMMABILITY LIMITS**  
Not applicable.
PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION
Material will not burn. Undergoes thermal decomposition at elevated temperatures to produce solid cyanuric acid and release toxic and combustible gases (ammonia, carbon dioxide, and oxides of nitrogen).

FIRE HAZARD IN THE PRESENCE OF VARIOUS SUBSTANCES
Not applicable.

EXPLOSION HAZARD IN THE PRESENCE OF VARIOUS SUBSTANCES
May be explosive on contact with halogens such as chlorine. Non-explosive from open flames and sparks, shocks, heat, oxidizing materials, combustible materials, organic materials, metals, acids, alkalis, or moisture.

FIRE FIGHTING MEDIA AND INSTRUCTIONS
Non-flammable. Material will not burn. Undergoes thermal decomposition at elevated temperatures to release toxic and combustible gases (ammonia, carbon dioxide, and oxides of nitrogen). If fumes or gases are present, fire fighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding materials.

SPECIAL REMARKS ON FIRE HAZARDS
Flammable/toxic gases will form at elevated temperatures by thermal decomposition. When heated to decomposition, may release Ammonia, Amines and/or Oxides of nitrogen. May decompose in a fire giving off toxic fumes. Carbon monoxide, Carbon dioxide. Combustion or thermal decomposition will evolve toxic and irritant vapors. Product may emit formaldehyde vapor at temperatures above 180°C in the presence of air. Formaldehyde vapor is a suspected carcinogen, toxic by inhalation and irritating to eyes and the respiratory system. Exposure limits should be strictly respected.

Special remarks on explosion hazards
May be explosive when mixed with hypochlorites due to the formation of nitrogen trichloride which explodes spontaneously in air.

Section VI. Accidental Release Measures

SMALL SPILL
Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a suitable container for intended use or disposal.

LARGE SPILL
Prevent additional discharge of material, if possible to do so without hazard. Prevent spills from entering sewers, watercourses, wells, etc. Product will promote algae growth which may degrade water quality and taste. Notify downstream water users. Recover and place material in suitable containers for recycle, reuse, or disposal.

Section VII. Handling and Storage

PRECAUTIONS
If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit. Keep out of reach of children.

STORAGE
Store in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area. Keep away from incompatible materials such as reducing agents. Do not blend or store in contact with ammonium nitrate. Dry urea and dry ammonium nitrate will react together to produce a slurry.

Specific end use(s)
This product is hygroscopic. Protect from moisture. Strong oxidizing agents, acids, alkalis, nitrates, sodium, or calcium hypochlorite. Fertilizers, Intermediate, Manufacture of substances, Formulation of preparations (mixtures), Raw material, Use as laboratory reagent, Processing aid, Manufacture of plastics, Cosmetics, Ink and toners.

Section VIII. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

ENGINEERING CONTROLS
Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

PERSONAL PROTECTION
The selection of personal protective equipment varies, depending upon conditions of use. Under well controlled conditions where contact with the substance is limited and exposures are below the occupational exposure limit, normal work clothing may suffice. Where skin and eye contact may occur because of brief periodic exposures, wear long sleeved clothing or coveralls and safety glasses with side shields.

Eye/face protection
Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. A filtering facepiece dust mask is adequate for most applications. A NIOSH approved full facepiece or half mask dust respirator with N-100 or P-100 filters should be used under conditions where airborne concentrations may exceed occupational exposure limits. For U.S facilities, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 requirements must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirator’s use.

Skin protection

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**PERSONAL PROTECTION IN CASE OF LARGE RELEASE**

No additional recommendations.

**EXPOSURE LIMITS**

AIHA Workplace Environmental Exposure Limits: 10 mg/m³ TWA for Urea as inhalable dust.

OSHA PEL: 15 mg/m³ for Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated.

Federal, State or Provincial exposure limits may vary by jurisdiction. Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits in your area.
Section IX. Physical and Chemical Properties

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<td>MOLECULAR WEIGHT</td>
<td>60.06</td>
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<td>pH (10% SOLN/WATER)</td>
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<td>BOILING POINT</td>
<td>Decomposes at 135°C</td>
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<td>SPECIFIC GRAVITY</td>
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<td>BULK DENSITY kg/m³ lbs/ft³</td>
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<td>VAPOR PRESSURE</td>
<td>0.08 kPa</td>
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<td>Not available.</td>
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<td>COLOR</td>
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<td>ODOR</td>
<td>Odorless to slightly ammoniacal.</td>
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<td>ODOR THRESHOLD</td>
<td>17 PPM as ammonia.</td>
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<td>TASTE</td>
<td>Saline.</td>
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<td>VOLATILITY</td>
<td>Not available.</td>
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<td>SOLUBILITY</td>
<td>Easily soluble in hot water. Soluble in cold water. Partially soluble in methanol, diethyl ether. Insoluble in n-octanol.</td>
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<td>DISPERSION PROPERTIES</td>
<td>See solubility in water, methanol, diethyl ether.</td>
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Section X. Stability and Reactivity Data

| STABILITY                      | The product is stable. |
| INSTABILITY                    | Not available.         |
| TEMPERATURE                    | No additional remark.  |
| CONDITIONS OF INSTABILITY      |                         |
| INCOMPATABILITY WITH           | Reactive with halogens. Slightly reactive with oxidizing agents, reducing agents, acids, alkanes, moisture. Non-reactive with combustible materials, organic materials, most metals. |
| VARIOUS SUBSTANCES             |                         |
| CORROSIVITY                    | Corrosive to mild steel. Slightly corrosive to aluminum, zinc, or copper. Non-corrosive to glass, 304 or 316 stainless steel. |
| SPECIAL REMARKS ON REACTIVITY  | Absorbs moisture from the air. Hygroscopic; keep container tightly closed. |
| SPECIAL REMARKS ON CORROSIVITY | Avoid contact with moisture. Slow hydrolysis may produce acids corrosive to metals. Contact your sales representative or a metallurgical specialist to ensure compatibility with system equipment. |

Section XI. Toxicological Information

| SIGNIFICANT ROUTES OF EXPOSURE | Ingestion. Inhalation. |
| TOXICITY TO ANIMALS            | See Section II. Under controlled feeding conditions, urea is used as a nutritional supplement in cattle and other animals. The toxic dose in cattle given urea for the first time is considered to be 0.45 g/kg or a total of 100-200 g. Mature bulls can digest as much as 400 g a day without ill effect. As little as 50 g may cause adverse effects in cattle not accustomed to it. |
|                               | Animal Antidote and Emergency Treatment: In animals, the cold water - acetic acid treatment may work. The adult cow is given 19-38 liters cold water and 3.8 liters of 5% acetic acid (vinegar) orally. This treatment limits absorption of ammonia from the rumen by diluting the rumen contents and slowing the rate of hydrolysis of urea by decreasing rumen pH and temperature. The treatment also promotes urine flow that, if maintained by fluid therapy, may assure recovery from urea toxicity. Gaseous or fluid bloat should be relieved before pumping water into the rumen. Consult your veterinarian immediately. |
**SPECIAL REMARKS ON TOXICITY TO ANIMALS**

Very low toxicity for humans or animals under normal conditions of careful, responsible use. Urea is used in small quantities as a feed supplement for livestock. Urea ingestion may be harmful to wildlife, livestock and birds at body burdens of several thousands of mg/kg if ingested without adequate mixing. Clean up all spilled material, especially where bulk fertilizer loading of equipment occurs to prevent animal overexposure. If used for the manufacture of feeds, mix thoroughly by making a preblend with one of the ingredients, then adding and mixing the preblend with all other ingredients. Equivalent protein from Urea should not exceed one-third of the protein in the mixture.

**OTHER EFFECTS ON HUMANS**

Our data base contains no additional remark on the toxicity of this product.

**SPECIAL REMARKS ON CHRONIC EFFECTS ON HUMANS**

No effects.

**SPECIAL REMARKS ON OTHER EFFECTS ON HUMANS**

May cause irritation of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

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**Section XII. Ecological Information**

**ECOTOXICITY**

Will slowly release ammonia and degrade to nitrate. Ammonia is a toxic hazard to fish. However, ammonia release is slow making urea much less toxic than ammonium salts. Aquatic toxicity tests indicate 24 Hr exposure at 16,000 mg/L of urea did not kill Creek Chubs. Urea is added in small quantities as a feed supplement for cattle. Urea ingestion may be harmful to mammals and birds at body burdens of several thousands of mg/kg. Ensure that livestock and wildlife do not ingest urea unless adequately mixed with feed rations. Non-persistent. Non-cumulative when applied using normal agricultural practices. The product itself and its products of degradation are not harmful under normal conditions of careful and responsible use. U.S.D.O.T.: This material is NOT listed as a Marine pollutant.

**BOD and COD**

Not available.

**PRODUCTS OF DEGRADATION**

Ammonia, carbon dioxide and water.

**TOXICITY OF THE PRODUCTS OF DEGRADATION**

The product itself and its products of degradation are not harmful under normal conditions of use. Avoid spills or releases to watercourses.

**SPECIAL REMARKS ON THE PRODUCTS OF DEGRADATION**

Urea will promote algae growth which may degrade water quality and taste. Notify downstream water users. Will dissolve and disperse in water. Reclaiming material may not be viable.

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**Section XIII. Disposal Considerations**

**WASTE DISPOSAL OR RECYCLING**

Recover and place material in a suitable container for intended use or disposal. Ensure disposal complies with government requirements and local regulations.

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**Section XIV. Transport Information**

**DOT / TDG CLASSIFICATION**

Not controlled under DOT (US) or TDG (Canada).

**PIN and Shipping Name**

Not applicable.

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR TRANSPORT**

Not applicable.

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**DOT (U.S.A) (Pictograms)**

Not applicable.
### Section XV. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms

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<td>CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (CEPA): This product and all its components are on the Domestic Substances List (DSL) and acceptable for use under the provisions of CEPA. EINECS: This product is on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances. CERCLA/SU PERFUND : 40 CFR 117,302: This product contains no Reportable le Quantity (RQ) Substances. This product does not contain Section 313 reportable ingredients This product is not considered as a priority pollutant as regulated under the Clean Water Act. TSCA (Toxic Substance Control Act): This product and all its components are listed on the TSCA Inventory. CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65: This product contains no chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and is not subject to control under WHMIS (Canada), or the Hazcom Standard (US).</td>
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### Section XVI. Other Information

**REFERENCES**
- Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 122, No. 2 Registration SOR/88-64 31 December, 1987
- Hazardous Products Act “Ingredient Disclosure list”.
- Domestic Substances List, Canadian Environmental Protection Act
- 29 CFR Part 1910
- 33 CFR Parts 151, 153, 154, 156
- 40 CFR Parts 1-799
- 46 CFR Part 153
- 49 CFR Parts 1-199
- American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances, 2006.
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