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## SECTION – 1: PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** BONZI® Plant Growth Regulator

Formulation No.: A13185A

**Registration Number:** 25453 (Pest Control Products Act)

**Chemical Class:** A triazole plant growth regulator.

**Active Ingredient (%):** Paclobutrazol Technical (0.4%)

CAS No.: 76738-62-0

**Chemical Name:** (*αR,βR*)-*rel*-β-[(4-chlorophenyl)methyl]-α-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol.

**Product Use:** For use on container grown ornamental bedding plants and plugs. Please refer to product label for further details.

## SECTION – 2 : COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Material	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Other	NTP/IARC/OSHA Carcinogen	WHMIS†
Propylene Glycol (CAS No. 57-55-6)	Not Established	Not Established	50 ppm TWA****	No	Yes
Paclobutrazol Technical (0.4%)	Not Established	Not Established	5.0 ppm TWA***	Not Available	Not Established

\*\*\* Syngenta Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL)

\*\*\*\* Recommended by AIHA (American Industrial Hygiene Association)

† Material listed in Ingredient Disclosure List under Hazardous Products Act.

Ingredients not precisely identified are proprietary or non-hazardous. Values are not product specifications.

## SECTION – 3: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Symptoms of Acute Exposure

Low hazard for usual industrial or commercial handling.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Can decompose at high temperatures and form toxic gases.

### Physical Properties

Appearance: Milky white liquid.

Odour: Not determined.

### Unusual Fire, Explosion and Reactivity Hazards

During a fire, irritating and possibly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

**Relevant routes of exposure:** Skin, eyes, mouth, lungs.

## SECTION – 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

**IF POISONING IS SUSPECTED, immediately contact the poison information centre, doctor or nearest hospital.** Have the product container, label or Material Safety Data Sheet with you when calling Syngenta, a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. Tell the person contacted the complete product name, and the type and amount of exposure. Describe any symptoms and follow the advice given. Call the Syngenta Emergency Line [**1-800-327-8633 (1-800-FASTMED)**], for further information.

**EYE CONTACT:** Flush eyes with clean water, holding eyelids apart for a minimum of 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call Syngenta, a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice. Obtain medical attention immediately if irritation persists.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Immediately remove contaminated clothing and wash skin, hair and fingernails thoroughly with soap and water. Flush skin with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call Syngenta, a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

**INHALATION:** Move victim to fresh air. If not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call Syngenta, a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

**INGESTION:** If swallowed, immediately contact Syngenta, a poison control centre, doctor or nearest hospital for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not induce vomiting unless directed by a physician or a poison control center. If spontaneous vomiting occurs, have victim lean forward with head down to avoid breathing in of vomitus, rinse mouth and administer water.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:**  
There is no specific antidote. . Treat symptomatically.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS KNOWN TO BE AGGRAVATED:** None known.

## SECTION – 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flash point and method:** > 93.3 °C (Setaflash Closed Cup).

**Upper and lower flammable (explosive) limits in air:** Not applicable.

**Auto-ignition temperature:** Not applicable.

**Flammability:** Not applicable.

**Hazardous combustion products:** During a fire, irritating and possibly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion including, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, ammonia, halogen, halogen acids and possible trace amounts of carbonyl halide.

**Conditions under which flammability could occur:** Keep fire exposed containers cool by spraying with water.

**Extinguishing media:** Use water fog or mist, (avoid use of water jet), foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder or halon extinguishant. Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Evacuate nonessential personnel from the area to prevent human exposure to fire, smoke, fumes or products of combustion. Prevent use of contaminated buildings, area, and equipment until decontaminated. Water runoff can cause environmental damage. Contain run-off water with, for example, temporary earth barriers.

**Sensitivity to explosion by mechanical impact:** None known.

**Sensitivity to explosion by static discharge:** None known.

## SECTION – 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautions:** Make sure all personnel involved in the spill cleanup follow good industrial hygiene practices. A small spill can be handled routinely. Wear suitable protective clothing and eye protection to prevent skin and eye contact. Use adequate ventilation and wear equipment and clothing as described in Section 8 and/or the product label.

**Procedures for dealing with release or spill:** Control the spill at its source. Contain the spill to prevent from spreading or contaminating soil or from entering sewage and drainage systems or any body of water. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions outlined in Sections 7 and 8. Pump or scoop large amounts of liquid into a disposable container. Absorb remaining liquid or smaller spills with clay, sand or vermiculite. Scoop or sweep up material and place into a disposal container. Wash area with detergent and water. Pick up wash liquid with additional absorbent and place into

compatible disposal container. On soils, small amounts will naturally decompose. For large amounts, skim off the upper contaminated layer and collect for disposal. Once all material is cleaned up and placed in a disposal container, seal container and arrange for disposal. Spillages or uncontrolled discharges into watercourses must be reported to the appropriate regulatory authority.

## SECTION – 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling practices:** KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. Prevent eating, drinking, tobacco use, and cosmetic application in areas where there is a potential for exposure to the material. Avoid breathing vapours or spray mist. Wear full protective clothing and equipment (see Section 8). After work, rinse gloves and remove protective equipment, and wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling, and before eating, tobacco use, drinking, applying cosmetics or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use and separate from household laundry. Keep containers closed when not in use. Protect product, wash or rinse water, and contaminated materials from uncontrolled release into the environment, or from access by animals, birds or unauthorized people.

**Appropriate storage practices/requirements:** Store in original container only in a well-ventilated, cool, dry, secure area. Protect from heat, sparks and flame. Do not expose sealed containers to temperatures above 40 °C. Keep separate from other products to prevent cross contamination. Rotate stock. Clean up spilled material immediately.

**National Fire Code classification:** Not applicable.

## SECTION – 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Applicable control measures, including engineering controls:** Ensure work areas have ventilation, containment, and procedures sufficient to maintain airborne levels below the TLV. Warehouses, production area, parking lots and waste holding facilities must have adequate containment to prevent environmental contamination. Provide separate shower and eating facilities.

**THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION ARE INTENDED FOR THE MANUFACTURE, FORMULATION, PACKAGING AND USE OF THIS PRODUCT.**

**CONSULT THE PRODUCT LABEL FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS AND/OR ON-FARM APPLICATIONS.**

**Personal protective equipment for each exposure route:**

General: Avoid breathing dust, vapours or aerosols. Avoid contact with eye, skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating, drinking, applying cosmetics or handling tobacco.

**INGESTION:** Do not eat, drink, handle tobacco, or apply cosmetics in areas where there is a potential for exposure to this material. Always wash thoroughly after handling.

**EYES:** To avoid eye contact, wear chemical goggles or a full-face shield.

**SKIN:** Where contact is likely, wear chemical-resistant (such as nitrile or butyl) gloves, coveralls, socks and chemical-resistant footwear. For overhead exposure, wear chemical-resistant headgear.

**INHALATION:** A respirator is not normally required when handling this substance. Use effective engineering controls to comply with occupational exposure limits. A NIOSH-certified combination air-purifying respirator with an N, P or R 95 or HE class filter and an organic vapour cartridge may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Protection provided by air-purifying respirators is limited. Use a pressure demand atmosphere-supplying respirator if there is any potential for uncontrolled release, exposure levels are not known, or under any other circumstances where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

## SECTION – 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance:** Milky white liquid.

**Formulation Type:** An aqueous suspension.

**Odour:** Not determined.

**pH:** 7.7 (5% aqueous solution).

**Vapour pressure and reference temperature:** 7.5 x 10<sup>-9</sup> mmHg @ 20 °C (Paclobutrazol Technical)

**Vapour density:** Not available.

**Boiling point:** 100°C.

**Melting point:** Not available.  
**Freezing point:** - 6 °C.  
**Specific gravity or density:** 1.09 g/mL.  
**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.  
**Water/oil partition coefficient:** log K<sub>OW</sub> 3.2 (Paclobutrazol Technical)..  
**Odour threshold:** Not available.  
**Viscosity:** 386.7 cps @ 21 °C.  
**Solubility in Water:** 26 mg/L @ 20 °C (Paclobutrazol Technical).

## SECTION – 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical stability:** Stable under normal use and storage conditions.  
**Conditions to avoid:** High temperatures.  
**Incompatibility with other materials:** Strong oxidizing agents.  
**Hazardous decomposition products:** During a fire, irritating and possibly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion including, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, ammonia, halogen, halogen acids and possible trace amounts of carbonyl halide.  
**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

## SECTION – 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### **Acute toxicity/Irritation Studies (Finished Product):**

Ingestion:	<u>Low Acute Toxicity</u> Oral (LD50 Rat):	5,346 mg/kg body weight
Dermal:	<u>Not Available</u> Dermal (LD50 Rat):	See “Other Toxicity Information”, Sec. 11
Inhalation:	<u>Not Available</u> Inhalation (LC50 Rat):	See “Other Toxicity Information”, Sec. 11
Eye Contact:	<u>Non-Irritating (Rabbit)</u>	
Skin Contact:	<u>Non-Irritating (Rabbit)</u>	
Skin Sensitization:	<u>Not a Sensitizer (Guinea Pig)</u>	

### **Reproductive/Developmental Effects**

Paclobutrazol Technical:

Dose-related increase in minor skeletal defects and evidence of fetotoxicity in rat studies (urogenital defects). No adverse effects seen on reproductive parameters or reproductive organs in a 2-generation rat study. Liver effects were noted at the highest dose level in the FO females and male and female offspring.

### **Chronic/Subchronic Toxicity Studies**

Paclobutrazol Technical:

Evidence of liver toxicity in repeat dose rodent studies at high dose levels. (1250 ppm, 90-day and 2-year tests). No effects noted in rabbit studies. Non-genotoxic in a range of in vitro and in vivo short-term tests. No indication that paclobutrazol is an endocrine disruptor.

### **Carcinogenicity**

Paclobutrazol Technical:

No evidence of carcinogenicity in 2-year rodent studies.

### **Other Toxicity Information:**

Systemically toxic concentrations of this product will probably not be absorbed through human skin. No toxic effects are known to be associated with inhalation of dust from this material. Limited toxicity data are available on this specific product. This health hazard assessment is based on the results of screening tests.

### **Toxicity of Other Components**

The acute toxicity test results reported in Section 11, above, for the finished product take into account any acute hazards related to the “other components” in the formulation.

#### Propylene Glycol:

Reported to cause central nervous system (CNS) depression (e.g. anesthesia, dizziness, confusion), headache and nausea. Also, eye irritation may occur with lacrimation but no residual discomfort or injury. Prolonged contact to skin may cause mild to moderate irritation and possible allergic reactions. Chronic dietary exposure caused kidney and liver injury in experimental animals.

**Other materials that show synergistic toxic effects together with the product:** None known.

### **Target Organs**

#### Active Ingredient

Paclobutrazol Technical: Liver.

#### Inert Ingredients

Propylene Glycol: CNS, liver, kidney, skin, eye.

## SECTION – 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### **Summary of Effects**

BONZI is a plant growth regulator that is used on container-grown ornamental bedding plants and plugs. The active ingredient, paclobutrazol, is practically nontoxic to birds and insects (bees), slightly toxic to aquatic invertebrates (water flea) and highly toxic to fish.

### **Eco-Acute Toxicity**

#### Paclobutrazol Technical:

Green Algae 5-Day EC <sub>50</sub>	7.2 ppm
Bees LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub> (Contact)	> 50 µg/bee
Invertebrates (Water Flea) LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	33.2 ppm
Fish (Trout) 96-hour LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	27.8 ppm
Fish (Bluegill) 96-hour LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	23.6 ppm
Birds (8-day dietary - Bobwhite Quail) LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	> 20,000 ppm
Birds (8-day dietary - Mallard Duck) LC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub>	> 20,000 ppm

### **Eco-Chronic Toxicity**

#### Paclobutrazol Technical:

Invertebrates (Water Flea) 22-Day NOEC	0.32 ppm
Fish (Trout) 28-Day NOEC	3.3 ppm

### **Environmental Fate**

The active ingredient, paclobutrazol but is persistent in soil and water. It has low mobility in soil, and a low bioaccumulation potential. Hydrolysis, evaporation and photolysis are not significant pathways for environmental dissipation. The main pathways for dissipation are microbial degradation and formation of bound residues. The soil dissipation half-life is 25-223 days.

The technical material completely mixes with water (after 24 h).

## SECTION – 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste disposal information:** Do not reuse empty containers unless they are specifically designed to be re-filled. Empty container retains product residue. Dispose of empty containers in accordance with local regulations. Consult provincial environment ministry for advice on waste disposal. Industrial/commercial waste may be handled at licensed facilities only. Waste shipments must be securely packaged and properly labelled. Only licensed carriers may be used, and proper documents must accompany the shipment.

## SECTION – 14 : TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Shipping information such as shipping classification:**

TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS CLASSIFICATION - ROAD/RAIL

Not Regulated.

## SECTION – 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

**WHMIS classification for product:** Exempt

**A statement that the MSDS has been prepared to meet WHMIS requirements, except for use of the 16 headings.**

This MSDS has been prepared in accordance with WHMIS requirements, but the data are presented under 16 headings.

Other regulations; restrictions and prohibitions

Pest Control Products (PCP) Act Registration No.: 25453

## SECTION – 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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