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## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Merck Animal Health urges each user or recipient of this MSDS to read the entire data sheet to become aware of the hazards associated with this material.

### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSTANCE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

**MSDS NAME:** **PANACUR Suspension 5-10%**

**SYNONYM(S):** PANACURE Suspension 5-10%  
Concentrated Fenbendazol 5%  
PremixPanacure 10% Suspension  
Safe-Guard 10% Suspension  
Panacure 10% Suspension (Flavored)  
Panacur Equine Guard (Flavored)

**MSDS NUMBER:** SP002409

**EMERGENCY NUMBER(S):** (908) 423-6000 (24/7/365) English Only

Transportation Emergencies - CHEMTREC:  
(800) 424-9300 (Inside Continental USA)  
(703) 527-3887 (Outside Continental USA)

Rocky Mountain Poison Center (For Human Exposure):  
(303) 595-4869

Animal Health Technical Services:  
For Animal Adverse Events: Small Animals and Horses: (800) 224-5318  
For Animal Adverse Events: Livestock: (800) 211-3573  
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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Suspension

White

Odorless

May be irritating to eyes, skin or respiratory tract.

May be harmful if swallowed.

*May cause effects to:*

liver

kidney

gastrointestinal tract

stomach

immune system

blood

central nervous system

fetus

Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

The information presented below pertains to the following individual ingredients, and not to the mixture(s). Only information about the ingredients that are expected to contribute significantly to the potential health hazard profile of the formulation(s) are presented.

The active ingredient fenbendazole is a benzimidazole carbamate anthelmintic that is structurally related to mebendazole. Therapeutic use of mebendazole, a substance of the same chemical class as fenbendazole, has been reported to cause gastrointestinal disturbances (transient abdominal pain), diarrhea, headache, and dizziness. Frequent effects reported after treatment with high-doses of mebendazole have included allergic reactions (fever and skin reactions), raised liver enzyme values, alopecia, bone marrow depression, reduced leucocyte count and raised serum-transaminase values.

A number of oral subchronic and chronic animal studies have been conducted with fenbendazole and have demonstrated that the liver is the main target tissue. In addition, stomach, kidneys, blood, immune system, and central nervous system are also affected by treatment with fenbendazole. Developmental effects have been reported in rabbits following treatment with fenbendazole.

### LISTED CARCINOGENS

Povidone is classified by IARC as a Group 3 carcinogen (unclassifiable as to carcinogenicity in humans).

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**CHEMICAL FAMILY:** Anthelmintic

**PRODUCT USE:** Veterinary product

**CHEMICAL FORMULA:** Mixture.

The formulation for this product is proprietary information. Only hazardous ingredients in concentrations of 1% or greater and/or carcinogenic ingredients in concentrations of 0.1% or greater are listed in the Chemical Composition table. Active ingredients in any concentration are listed. For additional information about carcinogenic ingredients see Section 2.

### CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

INGREDIENT	CAS NUMBER	PERCENT
Povidone	9003-39-8	<10
Silicon Dioxide Amorphous	112945-52-5	<10
Fenbendazole	43210-67-9	5-10

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

This MSDS is written to provide health and safety information for individuals who will be handling the final product formulation during research, manufacturing, and distribution. For health and safety information for individual ingredients used during manufacturing, refer to the appropriate MSDS for each ingredient. Refer to the package insert or product label for handling guidance for the consumer.

**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

<b>INHALATION:</b>	Remove to fresh air. If any trouble breathing, get immediate medical attention. Administer artificial respiration if breathing has ceased. If irritation or symptoms occur or persist, consult a physician.
<b>SKIN CONTACT:</b>	In case of skin contact, while wearing protective gloves, carefully remove any contaminated clothing, including shoes, and wash skin thoroughly with soap and water. If irritation or symptoms occur or persist, consult a physician.
<b>EYE CONTACT:</b>	In case of eye contact, immediately rinse eyes thoroughly with plenty of water. If wearing contact lenses, remove only after initial rinse, and continue rinsing eyes for at least 15 minutes. If irritation occurs or persists, consult a physician.
<b>INGESTION:</b>	Rinse mouth and drink a glass of water. Do not induce vomiting unless under the direction of a qualified medical professional or Poison Control Center. If symptoms persist, consult a physician.

**SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES****FLAMMABILITY DATA:**

Flash Point: Not determined (liquids) or not applicable (solids).

**EXPLOSION HAZARDS:**

Under normal conditions of use, this material does not present a significant fire or explosion hazard. However, like most organic compounds, this material may present a dust deflagration hazard if sufficient quantities are suspended in air. This hazard may exist where sufficient quantities of finely divided material are (or may become) suspended in air during typical process operations. An assessment of each operation should be conducted and suitable deflagration prevention and protection techniques employed. This material has been shown by standard laboratory testing to exhibit a low sensitivity to ignition by electrostatic discharges. However, all large conductive items used during processing of this material should be suitably grounded.

**SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:**

Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**SUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), extinguishing powder or water spray.

See Section 9 for Physical and Chemical Properties.

**SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS:**

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Keep personnel away from the clean-up area.

**SPILL RESPONSE / CLEANUP:**

All spills should be handled according to site requirements and based on precautions cited in the MSDS. In the case of liquids, use proper absorbent materials. For laboratories and small-scale operations, incidental spills within a hood or enclosure should be cleaned by using a HEPA filtered vacuum or wet cleaning methods as appropriate. For large dry or liquid spills or those spills outside enclosure or hood, appropriate emergency response personnel should be notified. In manufacturing and large-scale operations, HEPA vacuuming prior to wet mopping or cleaning is required.

See Sections 9 and 10 for additional physical, chemical, and hazard information.

**SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****HANDLING:**

Keep containers adequately sealed during material transfer, transport, or when not in use. Wash face, hands, and any exposed skin after handling. Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this substance or mixture.

Appropriate handling of this material is dependent on many factors, including physical form, duration and frequency of process or task, and effectiveness of engineering controls. Site-specific risk assessments should be conducted to determine the feasibility and the appropriateness of all exposure control measures. See Section 8 (Exposure Controls) for additional guidance.

**STORAGE:**

Store in adequately sealed container. Store below 25 deg C. Do not freeze.

See Section 8 for exposure controls and additional safe handling information.

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

### OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE GUIDELINE (OEG):

An Occupational Exposure Guideline (OEG) of 100 mcg/m<sup>3</sup> (8-hr. TWA) has been established for fenbendazole.

### EXPOSURE CONTROLS

The health hazard risks of handling this material are dependent on many factors, including physical form, duration and frequency of process or task, and effectiveness of engineering controls. Site-specific risk assessments should be conducted to determine the feasibility and the appropriateness of all exposure control measures. Exposure controls for normal operating or routine procedures follow a tiered strategy. Engineering controls are the preferred means of long-term or permanent exposure control. If engineering controls are not feasible, appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) may be considered as alternative control measures. Exposure controls for non-routine operations must be evaluated and addressed as part of the site-specific risk assessment.

### RECOMMENDED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE):

Respiratory Protection:	Respiratory protective equipment (RPE) may be required for certain laboratory and large-scale manufacturing tasks if potential airborne breathing zone concentrations of substances exceed the relevant exposure limit(s). Workplace risk assessment should be completed before specifying and implementing RPE usage. Potential exposure points and pathways, task duration and frequency, potential employee contact with the substance, and the ability of the substance to be rendered airborne during specific tasks should be evaluated. Initial and ongoing strategies of quantitative exposure measurement should be obtained as required by the workplace risk assessment. All RPE must conform to local and regional specifications for efficacy and performance. Consult your site or corporate health and safety professional for additional guidance.
Skin Protection:	Gloves that provide an appropriate barrier to the skin are recommended if there is potential for contact with this material. Consult your site safety staff for guidance.
Eye Protection:	Safety glasses with side shields. Use of goggles or full face protection may be required based on hazard, potential for contact, or level of exposure. Consult your site safety staff for guidance.
Body Protection:	<p>In small-scale or laboratory operations, lab coats or equivalent protection is required. Disposable Tyvek or other dust impermeable suit should be considered based on procedure or level of exposure. Use of additional PPE such as shoe coverings, gauntlets, hood, or head covering may be necessary. Consult your site safety staff for guidance.</p> <p>In large-scale or manufacturing operations, disposable Tyvek or other dust impermeable suit is recommended and based on level of exposure. Use of additional PPE such as shoe coverings, gauntlets, hood, or head covering may be necessary. Consult your site safety staff for guidance.</p>

## EXPOSURE LIMIT VALUES

No exposure limits are available for the material or for any hazardous ingredient in this formulation.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

FORM:	Suspension
COLOR:	White
ODOR:	Odorless
pH:	6-8
SOLUBILITY:	
Water:	Insoluble

See Section 5 for flammability/explosivity information.

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### STABILITY/ REACTIVITY:

Stable under normal conditions.

### INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS / CONDITIONS TO AVOID:

Strong Oxidizers.

### HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS / REACTIONS:

Carbon oxides (COx).

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

The information presented below pertains to the following individual ingredients, and not to the mixture(s). Only information about the ingredients that are expected to contribute significantly to the potential health hazard profile of the formulation(s) is presented.

### ACUTE TOXICITY DATA

#### SKIN:

Fenbendazole was not irritating to the skin of rabbits.

#### EYE:

Fenbendazole was not irritating to the eyes of rabbits.

#### ORAL:

Fenbendazole: Oral LD50: > 10 g/kg (rat)

### REPEAT DOSE TOXICITY DATA

#### SUBCHRONIC / CHRONIC TOXICITY:

A number of oral subchronic and chronic animal studies have been conducted with fenbendazole and have demonstrated that the liver is the main target tissue. In addition, stomach, kidneys, blood, immune system, and central nervous system are also affected by treatment with fenbendazole.

Data in some animal species indicate that the ability of T and B lymphocytes to proliferate in the secondary immune response may be suppressed during treatment with fenbendazole.

High oral dosages (500-3000 mg/kg/day) during 2-week dosing in rats caused reduced body weight gain, and severe renal and liver toxicity. Fenbendazole did not cause treatment-related effects when administered via stomach tube to immature rats at the rate of 0, 25, 250, and 2500 mg/kg b.w./day for 30 days. In a 90-day study, rats administered fenbendazole at 1600 to 2500 mg/kg/day showed tremors. No other treatment-related findings were reported.

Fenbendazole did not cause treatment-related effects in dogs administered oral dosages ranging from 50 to 250 mg/kg/day in a 6-day study, 20 to 125 mg/kg/day in a 90-day study, or 1 to 10 mg/kg/day in a 14-week study. At higher dosages, or in longer term studies, treatment-related effects were observed. Common effects observed in these additional studies include lymph follicle proliferation or nodules in the gastric mucosa. These effects were observed in dogs administered 250 mg/kg/day in a 30-day study, and in dogs given 8 to 20 mg/kg/day in one 6-month study and 20 to 125 mg/kg/day in another 6-month study. In addition to these effects, focal encephalomalacia, satellitosis, neuronophagia, perivascular inflammation or gliosis were observed in the cerebra of three dogs given 125 mg/kg/day for 6 months, and hyperplasia and congestion of the mesenteric lymph nodes were noted in dogs administered 8 to 20 mg/kg/day in the other 6-month study. [NOELS: 30-day Study: 25 mg/kg/day, 6-month Study (high-dose): none established, and 6-month Study (low-dose): 4 mg/kg/day]

#### REPRODUCTIVE / DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY:

Fenbendazole was found not to be teratogenic when tested in rats, dogs, or rabbits. Developmental effects (abortions, resorptions, and decreased fetal weights) were observed in the absence of maternal toxicity only in rabbits. When used in pigs, sheep, horses, and cattle, no relevant adverse effects on reproductive ability or offspring survival have been noted.

Fenbendazole was administered to rats at dietary dosages ranging from 5 to 135 mg/kg/day in a three-generation reproduction study. Reproductive and/or developmental effects observed in the 45 and 135 and 45 mg/kg/day dosage groups include reduced fertility indices, survival indices, pup weight, and pup growth, as well as diarrhea, yellow color, reduced activity, bloated stomach, and alopecia. These effects were more pronounced in the high-dose group. The NOEL for this study was 15 mg/kg/day for maternal and reproductive toxicity.

The potential embryotoxicity of fenbendazole was evaluated in pregnant rabbits, administered doses via stomach tube of 0, 10, 25, and 63 mg/kg/day on gestation days 7-19. Abortion or resorption of litters was observed in the 63 and 25 mg/kg/day dose groups. An increase in skeletal anomalies (13th rib) and delayed ossification of cranial bones also occurred in the high dose group. The NOEL for this study was 25 mg/kg/day.

Fenbendazole was administered to 2 groups of 12 female dogs at oral doses of 100 mg/kg/day, on gestation days 14-22 or 22-30. Developmental toxicity (stillborn pups and survival indices) were observed. About half the dogs in each group produced litters. No macroscopic abnormalities were observed in pups that died during the study.

#### MUTAGENICITY / GENOTOXICITY:

Fenbendazole was negative in a bacterial mutagenicity assay, a chromosomal aberration study, micronucleus, and DNA repair assay. It was weakly positive in the mouse lymphoma assay. Fenbendazole increased the mitotic index of HeLa cells in vitro, an effect that could be related to the ability of benzimidazoles to interfere with tubulin polymerization and thus inhibit spindle formation.

**CARCINOGENICITY:**

Fenbendazole was not carcinogenic in mice receiving 45 to 405 mg/kg fenbendazole in the diet for 2 years.

A two-year oral carcinogenicity study has been conducted in rats at dose levels of 0, 5, 15, 45, and 135 mg/kg/day. Treatment-related signs reported included diarrhea and red feces (45 mg/kg/day and 135 mg/kg/day) and reddish-brown urine (15, 45, and 135 mg/kg/day). Mortality was not statistically different from controls for any treatment group. Body weights and weight gains at study termination were significantly lower for the 45 and 135 mg/kg/day groups compared with controls. The alkaline phosphatase in all dose groups and SGOT in the high dose group were consistently elevated. Necropsy revealed enlargement or cyst formation in lymph nodes of rats in the two highest dose groups. Liver mass and/or nodule formation, cyst formation in the liver of females, and testicular masses among males were reported at the 135 mg/kg/day dose-level.

Further treatment-related effects included sinus ectasia and hyperplasia of the mesenteric lymph nodes in all but the low dose group; Additionally, liver hypertrophy and hyperplasia, hepatocellular cytoplasmic vacuolation, bile duct proliferation, biliary cyst formation, and nodular hepatocellular hyperplasia were reported in female rats at the two highest dose levels. Testicular interstitial cell adenomas in the 135 mg/kg/day male rats were observed. The NOEL for this study was 5 mg/kg/day.

<b>SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION</b>
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There are no data for the final product or its formulation(s). The information presented below pertains to the following ingredient(s).

**ECOTOXICITY DATA****INGREDIENT ECOTOXICITY**

Fenbendazole: 96-hr LC50 (trout): 0.04 mg/L  
 48-hr LC50 (daphnia): 0.009-0.012 mg/L  
 96-hr LC50 (zebra fish): >500 mg/kg  
 21-day LC50 (bluegill sunfish): >0.019 mg/L  
 96-hr LC50 fish (Lepomis macrochirus): 1000 mg/L (highest concentration tested)  
 96-hr fish (Salmo gardneri): 7.5 mg/L (highest concentration tested)  
 Earthworm toxicity (LC50): 180 mg/kg (28 days)  
 Dung beetle toxicity (LD50): >770 mg/kg (7 days)

**ENVIRONMENTAL DATA****OTHER INGREDIENT ENVIRONMENTAL DATA:**

Fenbendazole: Partition Coefficient (log Pow): 3.3  
 Fenbendazole: Aerobic Biodegradation (soil) Results: DT50 between 4 and 12 days (for three types of soil)  
 Fenbendazole: Not readily biodegradable.

<b>SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>
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**MATERIAL WASTE:**

Disposal must be in accordance with applicable federal, state/provincial, and/or local regulations. Incineration is the preferred method of disposal, when appropriate. Operations that involve the crushing or shredding of waste materials or returned goods must be handled to meet the recommended exposure limit(s).

**PACKAGING AND CONTAINERS:**

Disposal must be in accordance with applicable federal, state/provincial, and/or local regulations.

<b>SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION</b>
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Refer to site-specific procedures and requirements for additional guidance.

**DOT CLASSIFICATION:**

Non-regulated per 49 CFR 171.4(c) for ground shipment.

**IATA/ICAO CLASSIFICATION:**

This classification only applies in a transport chain to/from a country which regulates this material as an environmentally hazardous substance. For all other air shipments, this material is non-regulated.

Proper Shipping Name:	Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s. (Fenbendazole)
Hazard Class:	9
UN Number:	UN 3082
Packing Group:	III

**ADR CLASSIFICATION:**

ADR Special Provision 601 exempts pharmaceutical products which are also environmentally hazardous substances from all ADR regulation.

Per ADR special provision 601, as a pharmaceutical product (medicine) ready for use, this material is not regulated as a dangerous good for transport within Europe.

Proper Shipping Name: Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s. (Fenbendazole)  
Hazard Class: 9  
UN Number: UN 3082  
Packing Group: III  
Classification Code: M6

**IMDG/IMO CLASSIFICATION:**

Proper Shipping Name: Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s. (Fenbendazole)  
Hazard Class: 9  
UN Number: UN 3082  
Packing Group: III

**SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**TSCA LISTING**

INGREDIENT	TSCA
Povidone	X

Substances not included in the table above are TSCA exempt or not regulated under TSCA.

**U.S. STATE REGULATIONS**

INGREDIENT	California Proposition 65	CARTK	NJRTK	CTRTK	MARTK
Povidone		X			

Fields in the above tables that do not contain data indicate that those materials have not been listed by local regulations.

X: Listed on applicable state hazardous substance or right-to-know lists.

**SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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