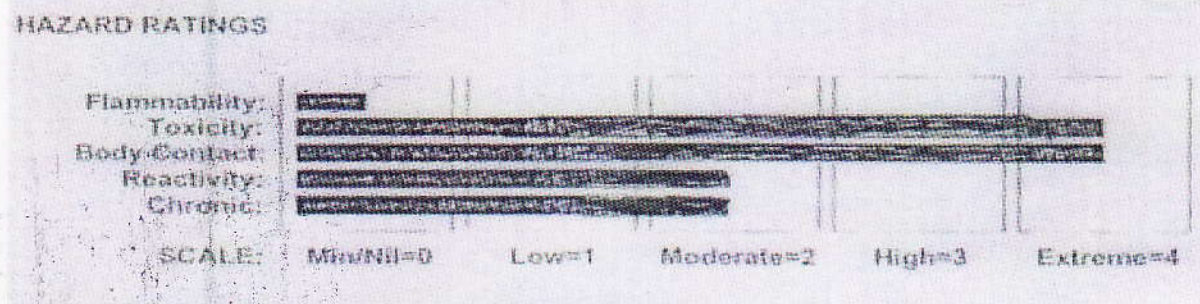


Section 1 - IDENTIFICATION

Trade Name and Synonyms : BLUE METAL PICKLING PASTE

Section 2 - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS



STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, DANGEROUS GOODS.



POISON SCHEDULE

S6

RISK Very toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
Causes severe burns.
Risk of serious damage to eyes.
Cumulative effects may result following exposure*. (limited evidence)

SAFETY Keep locked up.
Avoid contact with eyes and wear suitable protective clothing.
In case of insufficient ventilation wear suitable respiratory equipment.
To clean the floor and all objects contaminated by this material, use water.
This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way.
Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.
Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
In case of accident or if you feel unwell IMMEDIATELY contact Doctor or Poisons Information Centre (show label if possible).
In case of accident by inhalation: remove casually to fresh air and keep at rest.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
nitric acid	7697-37-2	30-10
hydrofluoric acid	7664-39-3	<10
performance additives		10-30
water	7732-18-5	>60

NOTE : Manufacturer has supplied full ingredient information to allow CHEMWATCH assessment.

Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED

DO NOT delay. Rinse mouth out with plenty of water.
Transport to hospital or doctor and seek immediate medical attention.
DO NOT INDUCE vomiting.

EYE

DO NOT delay.
If this product or its vapours come in contact with the eyes.
- DO NOT DELAY : Immediately irrigate continuously by holding the eyelids apart and washing with the fresh running water.
- Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
- Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
- Transport to hospital, eye clinic or eye specialist, ophthalmologist without delay.

SKIN

DO NOT delay.
If there is evidence of severe skin irritation or skin burns :
- Avoid further contact. Immediately remove contaminated clothing, including footwear.
- Flush skin under running water for 15 minutes.
- Avoiding contamination of the hands, massage calcium gluconate gel into affected areas, pay particular attention to creases in skin.
- Contact the Poisons Information Centre.
- Continue gel application for at least 15 minutes after burning sensation ceases.
- If pain recurs, repeat application of calcium gluconate gel or apply every 20 minutes.
- If no gel is available, continue washing for at least 15 minutes, using soap if available. If patient is conscious, give six calcium gluconate or calcium carbonate tablets in water by mouth.
- Transport to hospital, or doctor, urgently.

INHALED

For massive exposures :

- If dusts, vapours, aerosols, fumes or combustion products are inhaled, remove from contaminated area.
- Lay patient down.
- Keep warm and rested.
- Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
- Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.
- If victim is conscious, give calcium gluconate or calcium carbonate tablets in water by mouth.
- Transport to hospital, or doctor, urgently.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

Following acute or short term repeated exposure to hydrofluoric acid :

- Subcutaneous injections of Calcium Gluconate may be necessary around the burnt area. Continued application of Calcium Gluconate Gel or subcutaneous Calcium Gluconate should then continue for 3-4 days at a frequency of 4-6 times per day. If a "burning" sensation recurs, apply more frequently.
- Systemic effects of extensive hydrofluoric acid burns include renal damage hypocalcaemia and consequent cardiac arrhythmias. Monitor haematological, respiratory, renal, cardiac and electrolyte status at least daily. Tests should include FBE, blood gases, chest X-ray, creatinine and electrolytes, urine develop, infusions of calcium gluconate, or if less serious, oral Sandocal, should be given. Hydrocortisone 500mg in a four to six hourly infusion may help.
- Antibiotics should not be given as a routine, but only when indicated.
- Eye contact pain may be excruciating and 2-3 drops of 0.05% pentocaine hydrochloride may be instilled, followed by further irrigation.

BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX - BEI

These represent the determinants observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker exposed at the Exposure Standard (ES or TLV) :

Determinant	Index	Sampling Time	Comments
1. Methaemoglobin in blood	1.5% of haemoglobin	During or end of shift	B, NS, SQ

B : Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed.

NS : Non-Specific determinant; Also seen after exposure to other materials.

SQ : Semi-quantitative determinant - Interpretation may be ambiguous; should be used as a screening test or confirmatory test.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

Foam.
Dry chemical powder.
BCF (where regulations permit).
Carbon dioxide.
Water spray or fog - Large fires only.

FIRE FIGHTING

- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Consider evacuation (or protect in place).
- Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.
- DO NOT approach containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

FIRE/EXPLOSION HAZARD

- Non combustible.
- Not considered to be a significant fire risk.
- Acids may react with metals to produce hydrogen, a highly flammable and explosive gas.
- Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.
- Decomposes on heating and may produce toxic fumes of carbon monoxide (CO).
- May emit acrid smoke. May emit corrosive fumes.
- Other decomposition products include carbon dioxide (CO₂), hydrogen fluoride and nitrogen oxides (Nox).

FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Avoid any contamination of this material as it is very reactive and any contamination is potentially hazardous.
- Avoid storage with glass cement concrete and other silicon materials reaction.
- Avoid reaction with organic materials / compounds, powdered metals, reducing agents and hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) as ignition may result
- Reacts with the mild steel, galvanised steel / zinc producing hydrogen gas which may form an explosive mixture with air.

Personal Protective Equipment

Glasses : Safety Glasses and Full face-shield
Gloves : 1. NEOPRENE 2. NATURAL RUBBER
Respirator : Type BE-P Filter of sufficient capacity.

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURE

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

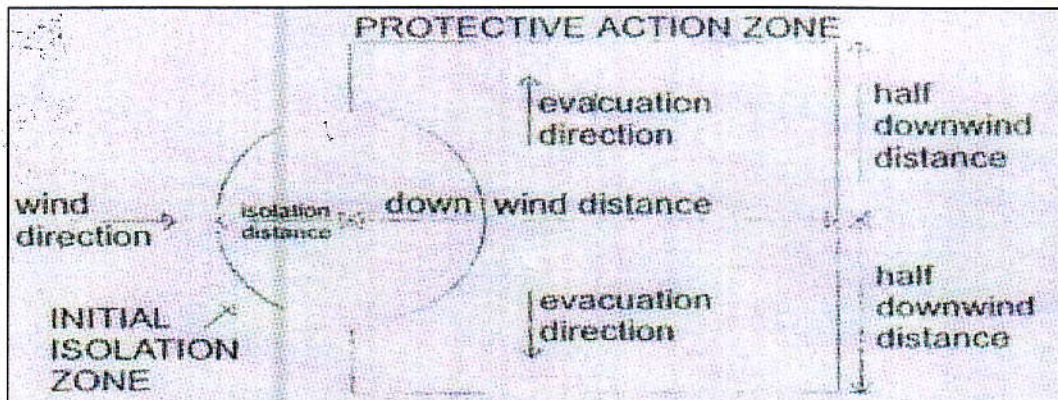
MINOR SPILLS

- DO NOT touch the spill material.
- Clean up all spills immediately and flush spill area with water.
- Avoid breathing vapours and contact with skin and eyes.
- Wear impervious gloves and safety glasses.
- Use soda ash or slaked lime to neutralise.
- Trowel up/scrape up.
- Place spilled material in clean, dry, sealable, labelled container.

MAJOR SPILLS

- Clear area of personnel and move upwind
- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Consider evacuation (or protect in place).
- Stop leak if safe to do so.
- Contain spill with sand, earth or vermiculite.
- Collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling.
- Neutralise/decontaminate residue.
- Collect solid residues and seal in labelled drums for disposal.
- Wash area and prevent runoff into drains.
- After clean up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and re-using.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

PROTECTIVE ACTIONS FOR SPILL



From IERG (Canada / Australia)	
Isolation Distance	25 metres
Downwind Protection Distance	250 metres
IERG Number	37

FOOTNOTES

- 1 **PROTECTIVE ACTION ZONE** is defined as the area in which people are at risk of harmful exposure. This zone assumes that random changes in wind direction confines the vapour plume to an area within 30 degrees on either side of the predominant wind direction, resulting in a crosswind protective action distance equal to the downwind protective action distance.
- 2 **PROTECTIVE ACTIONS** should be initiated to the extent possible, beginning with those closest to the spill and working away from the site in the downwind direction. Within the protective action zone a level of vapour concentration may exist resulting in nearly all unprotected persons becoming incapacitated and unable to take protective action and/or incurring serious or irreversible health effects.
- 3 **INITIAL ISOLATION ZONE** is determined as an area, including upwind of the incident, within which a high probability of localised wind reversal may expose nearly all persons without appropriate protection to life-threatening concentrations of the material.
- 4 **SMALL SPILLS** involve a leaking package of 200 litres (55 US gallons) or less, such as a drum (jerrican or box with inner containers). Larger packages leaking less than 200 litres and compressed gas leaking from a small cylinder are also considered "small spills".
LARGE SPILLS involve many small leaking packages or a leaking package of greater than 200 litres, such as a cargo tank, portable tank or a "one-tonne" compressed gas cylinder.
- 5 Guide 154 is taken from the US DOT emergency response guide book.
- 6 IERG information is derived from CANUTEC - Transport Canada.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING GUIDELINES (ERPG)

The maximum airborne concentration below which it is believed that nearly all individuals could be exposed for up to one hour WITHOUT experiencing or developing

life-threatening health effects is :

nitric acid 78ppm

irreversible or other serious effects or symptoms which could impair an individual's to take protective actions is :

nitric acid 6ppm

other than mild transient adverse effects is :

nitric acid 1ppm

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

DO NOT allow clothing wet with material to stay in contact with skin.

Use good occupational work practice. Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.

Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.

Avoid contact with incompatible materials.

WARNING : To avoid violent reaction, ALWAYS add material to water and NEVER water to material.

Handle and open container with care.

When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.

Work clothes should be laundered separately : NOT at home.

SUITABLE CONTAINER

- Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.
- Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid storage with glass, cement, concrete and other silicon materials; reaction produces toxic silicon tetrafluoride gas; which may pressurise and/or rupture containers.

DO NOT use unlined steel containers.

DO NOT use aluminium, galvanised or tin-plated containers.

Segregate from alkalis, oxidising agents and chemicals readily decomposed by acids, i.e. cyanides, sulfides, carbonates, combustible materials and metal oxides.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Observe manufacturer's strong and handling recommendations.

Keep containers securely sealed.

Store in a cool, dry and well-ventilated area.

Store away from incompatible materials.

Floors should be covered or coated with acid resistant material.

DO NOT stack on wooden pallets.

DO NOT store in pits, depressions, basements or areas where vapours may be.

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

None assigned. Refer to individual constituents.

ODOUR SAFETY FACTOR (OSF)

OSF=71 (hydrofluoric acid)

Exposed individuals are reasonably expected to be warned, by smell, that the Exposure Standards is being exceeded.

Odour Safety Factor (OSF) is determined to fall into either Class A or B.

The Odour Safety Factor (OSF) is defined as :

OSF=Exposure Standards (TWA) ppm/ Odour Threshold Value (OTV) ppm Classification into classes follows :

Class	OSF	Description
A	550	Over 90% of exposed individuals are aware by smell that the Exposure Standard (TLV-TWA for example) is being reached, even when distracted by working activities.
B	26-550	As "A" for 50-90% of persons being distracted.
C	1-26	As "A" for less than 50% of persons being distracted.
D	0.18-1	10-50% of persons aware of being tested perceive by smell that the Exposure Standard is being reached.
E	<0.18	As "D" for less than 10% of persons aware of being tested.

EXPOSURE STANDARDS FOR MIXTURE

"Worst Case" computer-aided prediction of vapour components/concentrations :

Composite Exposure Standards for Mixture (TWA) (mg/m^3): $5.2\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$

If the breathing zone concentration of ANY of the components listed below is exceeded "Worst Case" considerations deem the individual to be overexposed.

At the "Composite Exposure Standard for Mixture" (TWA) (mg/m^3): $30\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$

INGREDIENT DATA**NITRIC ACID**

TLV TWA: 2 ppm [ACGIH]

TLV STEL: 4 ppm [ACGIH]

PEL TWA: 2 ppm, $5\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ [OSHA Z1]

TLV TWA: 2 ppm $5.2\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$; STEL : 4 ppm, $10\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$

ES TWA: 2 ppm, 5mg/m³; STEL: 4 ppm, 10mg/m³

OES TWA: 2 ppm, 5.2mg/m³; STEL: 4ppm, 10mg/m³

MAK value: 2 ppm, 5.2mg/m³

MAK Category I Peak Limitation: For local irritants Allows excursions of twice the MAK value for 5 minutes at a time, 8 times per shift.

MAK Group IIC: Substances with MAK Values but no pregnancy risk group classification.

These are substances which have been investigated but for which no information regarding possible damage to the foetus/embryo was found. Mention calls attention to the absence of adequate data.

Odour Threshold Value: 0.27 ppm (detection)

IDLH Level: 25 ppm

Note: Detector tubes for nitric acid, measuring in excess of 5 ppm, are commercially available.

The TLV-TWA is protective against corrosion of the skin, tissue and other membranes, against acute pulmonary oedema or chronic obstructive lung disease. It is not clear whether the TLV-TWA and STEL values will prevent potentiation of the toxicity of inhaled nitrogen dioxide.

HYDROFLUORIC ACID

None assigned. Refer to individual constituents as hydrogen fluoride

TLV C : 3 ppm, 2.6mg/m³ (as F)

ES Peak: 3 ppm, 2.5mg/m³ (as F)

OES STEL : 3 ppm, 2.5mg/m³ (as F)

IDLH Level : 30 ppm

Odour threshold of 0.04 to 0.13 ppm

NOTE : Detector tubes for hydrogen fluoride, measuring in excess of 1.5 ppm, are available commercially. Long-term measurements (8 hrs) may be conducted to detect concentrations exceeding 0.25 ppm.

A severe respiratory irritant both as the gas and in solution. The TLV-C has been derived following the results of controlled inhalation studies in human volunteers. This limit is thought to minimise the potential for occurrence of dental and/or osteofluorosis as well as to prevent primary irritation to the eye, nose, throat and lower respiratory system. Burning of the eyes and nose and redness of the skin have been noted at concentrations above 3 ppm.

WATER

No exposure limits set by MOHSC or ACGIH

PERSONAL PROTECTION



EYE

- Safety glasses with side shields
- Chemical goggles.
- Full face shield
- Contact lenses pose a special hazard; soft lenses may absorb irritants and all lenses concentrate them.

HANDS/FEET

- Barrier cream and Neoprene rubber gloves or Nitrile rubber gloves or Elbow length PVC gloves.
- Rubber boots or PVC safety gumboots.

OTHER

- Overalls.
- PVC Apron.
- PVC protective suit may be required if exposure severe.
- Eyewash unit.
- Ensure there is ready access to a safety shower.

Always ensure that a supply, is on hand, of calcium gluconate gel for treatment of burns and calcium carbonate tablets for accidental ingestion.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Use in a well-ventilated area.

General exhaust is adequate under normal operating conditions. Local exhaust ventilation may be required in specific circumstances. If risk of overexposure exists, wear approved respirator. Correct fit is essential to obtain adequate protection.

Provide adequate ventilation in warehouse or closed storage areas. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
solvent, vapours, degreasing etc., evaporating from tank (in still air).	0.25-0.5m/s (50-100f/min)
aerosols, fumes from pouring operations, intermittent container filling, low speed conveyer transfers, welding, spray drift, plating acid fumes, pickling (released at low velocity into zone of active generation)	0.5-1m/s (100-200f/min.)
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booth, drum filling, conveyer loading.	1-2.5m/s (200-500f/min)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on :

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simply theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2 m/s (200-400f/min) for extraction of solvents generated in a tank 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE

Opaque white acidic gel; mixes with water. Pungent acidic odour.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Liquid. Mixes with water. Corrosive. Acid. Toxis or noxious vapours/gas.

Molecular Weight : Not Applicable

Melting Range (°C): Not available

Solubility in water (g/L): Miscible

pH (1% solution): Not available

Volatile Component (%vol): Not available

Relative Vapour Density (air=1): Not available

Lower Explosive Limit (%): Not applicable

Autoignition Temp (°C): Not available

State: Non slump paste

Boiling Range (°C): Not available

Specific Gravity (water=1): 1.12-1.18

pH (as supplied): < 1

Vapour Pressure (kPa): Not available

Evaporation Rate: Not available

Flash Point (°C): Not applicable

Upper Explosive Limit (%): Not applicable

Decomposition Temp (°C):

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY AND REACTIVITY INFORMATION

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

SWALLOWED

Considered an unlikely route of entry in commercial/industrial environments. The material is extremely corrosive to the gastro-intestinal tract and contact may cause rapid tissue destruction with severe burns and may be fatal if swallowed unless immediate treatment is applied.

EYES

Eye contact is extremely painful and may cause rapid corneal damage. The material is highly corrosive to the eyes and contact may cause rapid tissue destruction. The material is capable of causing severe damage with loss of sight. The vapour may produce pronounced discomfort of the eyes when present at higher concentrations and this generally gives warning of excessive exposure and the need for control measures to ensure safe working conditions. The material may produce moderate eye irritation leading to inflammation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.

SKIN

The material is highly corrosive to the skin and may rapidly cause severe burns ulceration. Fluorides are easily absorbed through the skin and cause death of soft tissue and erode bone. Healing is delayed and death of tissue may continue to spread beneath skin. The vapour is highly disconcerting to the skin and may be harmful if exposure is prolonged. The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin. Bare unprotected skin should not be exposed to this material.

INHALED

The vapour is extremely disconcerting to the upper respiratory tract and lungs and is harmful if inhaled. Inhalation hazard is increased at higher temperatures. Acute effects of fluoride inhalation include irritation of nose and throat, coughing and chest discomfort. A single acute over exposure may even cause nose bleed. Pre-existing respiratory conditions such as emphysema, bronchitis may be aggravated by exposure. Occupational asthma may result from exposure. Reactions may not occur on exposure but response may be delayed with symptoms only appearing many hours later. The material may produce respiratory tract irritation, and result in damage to the lung including reduced lung function.

CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

Considered toxic by all exposure routes.

Principal routes of exposure are usually by skin contact, eye contact with the material and inhalation of vapour.

Hydrogen fluoride easily penetrates the skin and causes destruction and corrosion of the bone and underlying tissue. Ingestion causes severe pains and burns in the mouth and throat and blood calcium levels are dangerously reduced. Symptoms include spasm and twitching of the muscles, high fever, convulsions and general extreme pain. Inhalation may cause corrosion of the throat, nose and lungs, leading to severe inflammation and lung swelling.

Section 12 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.
- Consult State Land Waste Management Authority for disposal.
- Treat and neutralise at an effluent treatment plant.
- Use soda ash or slaked lime to neutralise.
- Recycle containers. Otherwise dispose of in an authorised landfill.

Section 13 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



Shipping Name : CORROSIVE LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.
(contains hydrofluoric acid and nitric acid)

Dangerous Goods Class : 8

UN/NA Number : 2922

ADR Number : 886

Packing Group : II

Labels Required : corrosive, toxic

Additional Shipping Information : International Transport Regulations :

IMO : 8, 6.1

Section 14 - SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Precaution to be taken in Handling And Storage

Always keep away from children and keep away from direct sunlight and from heat, keep in a cool place and keep the container tightly closed. Before opening the container, loosen the bung slowly to remove the pressure, which may build up inside the container.