

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Chlorhexidine (20%) Formulation

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifier

Trade name : Chlorhexidine (20%) Formulation

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use of the Sub-
stance/Mixture : Veterinary product

Recommended restrictions
on use : Not applicable

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : MSD
Walton Manor, Walton
MK7 7AJ Milton Keynes - United Kingdom

Telephone : +1-908-740-4000

E-mail address of person
responsible for the SDS : EHSDATASTEWARD@msd.com

1.4 Emergency telephone number

+1-908-423-6000

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification (REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008) as amended by GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720, and UK SI 2020/1567)

Eye irritation, Category 2 H319: Causes serious eye irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Category 2 H373: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard, Category 2 H411: Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling (REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008) as amended by GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720, and UK SI 2020/1567)

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Hazard pictograms	:	
Signal word	:	Warning
Hazard statements	:	H319 Causes serious eye irritation. H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statements	:	Prevention: P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling. P273 Avoid release to the environment. P280 Wear eye protection/ face protection. Response: P314 Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell. P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention. P391 Collect spillage.

Hazardous components which must be listed on the label:
Chlorhexidine

2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.2 Mixtures

Components

Chemical name	CAS-No. EC-No. Index-No. Registration number	Classification	Concentration (% w/w)
Chlorhexidine	55-56-1 200-238-7	Acute Tox. 4; H302 Eye Irrit. 2; H319 STOT RE 2; H373 (Liver) Aquatic Acute 1; H400 Aquatic Chronic 1; H410 M-Factor (Acute aquatic toxicity): 1	>= 20 - < 25

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		M-Factor (Chronic aquatic toxicity): 1	
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For explanation of abbreviations see section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

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| General advice | : | In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.
When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice. |
| Protection of first-aiders | : | First Aid responders should pay attention to self-protection, and use the recommended personal protective equipment when the potential for exposure exists (see section 8). |
| If inhaled | : | If inhaled, remove to fresh air.
Get medical attention if symptoms occur. |
| In case of skin contact | : | In case of contact, immediately flush skin with soap and plenty of water.
Get medical attention if symptoms occur. |
| In case of eye contact | : | In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.
If easy to do, remove contact lens, if worn.
Get medical attention. |
| If swallowed | : | If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting.
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. |

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

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| Risks | : | Causes serious eye irritation.
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. |
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4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

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| Treatment | : | Treat symptomatically and supportively. |
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SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

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| Suitable extinguishing media | : | Water spray
Alcohol-resistant foam
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)
Dry chemical |
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Unsuitable extinguishing media : None known.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards during fire-fighting : Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.

Hazardous combustion products : Carbon oxides

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Special protective equipment for firefighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Use personal protective equipment.

Specific extinguishing methods : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Use water spray to cool unopened containers.
Remove undamaged containers from fire area if it is safe to do so.
Evacuate area.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions : Use personal protective equipment.
Follow safe handling advice (see section 7) and personal protective equipment recommendations (see section 8).

6.2 Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions : Avoid release to the environment.
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
Prevent spreading over a wide area (e.g. by containment or oil barriers).
Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water.
If spillage enters rivers or watercourses, inform the Environment Agency (emergency telephone number 0800 807060).

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up : Soak up with inert absorbent material.
For large spills, provide dyking or other appropriate containment to keep material from spreading. If dyked material can be pumped, store recovered material in appropriate container.
Clean up remaining materials from spill with suitable absorbent.
Local or national regulations may apply to releases and disposal of this material, as well as those materials and items employed in the cleanup of releases. You will need to determine which regulations are applicable.

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Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding certain local or national requirements.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See sections: 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

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| Technical measures | : | See Engineering measures under EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION section. |
| Local/Total ventilation | : | Use only with adequate ventilation. |
| Advice on safe handling | : | Do not breathe mist or vapours.
Do not swallow.
Do not get in eyes.
Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin.
Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice, based on the results of the workplace exposure assessment
Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment. |
| Hygiene measures | : | If exposure to chemical is likely during typical use, provide eye flushing systems and safety showers close to the working place. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.
The effective operation of a facility should include review of engineering controls, proper personal protective equipment, appropriate degowning and decontamination procedures, industrial hygiene monitoring, medical surveillance and the use of administrative controls. |

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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| Requirements for storage areas and containers | : | Keep in properly labelled containers. Store in accordance with the particular national regulations. |
| Advice on common storage | : | Do not store with the following product types:
Strong oxidizing agents
Gases |

7.3 Specific end use(s)

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| Specific use(s) | : | No data available |
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SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form	Control parameters	Basis
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		of exposure)		
Chlorhexidine	55-56-1	TWA	40 µg/m3 (OEB 3)	Internal
	Further information: RSEN, DSEN			
		Wipe limit	100 µg/100 cm2	Internal

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering measures

Use appropriate engineering controls and manufacturing technologies to control airborne concentrations (e.g., drip-less quick connections).

All engineering controls should be implemented by facility design and operated in accordance with GMP principles to protect products, workers, and the environment.

Containment technologies suitable for controlling compounds are required to control at source and to prevent migration of the compound to uncontrolled areas (e.g., open-face containment devices).

Minimize open handling.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection	:	Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles. If the work environment or activity involves dusty conditions, mists or aerosols, wear the appropriate goggles. Wear a faceshield or other full face protection if there is a potential for direct contact to the face with dusts, mists, or aerosols.
Hand protection	:	
Material	:	Chemical-resistant gloves
Remarks	:	Consider double gloving.
Skin and body protection	:	Work uniform or laboratory coat. Additional body garments should be used based upon the task being performed (e.g., sleevelets, apron, gauntlets, disposable suits) to avoid exposed skin surfaces. Use appropriate degowning techniques to remove potentially contaminated clothing.
Respiratory protection	:	If adequate local exhaust ventilation is not available or exposure assessment demonstrates exposures outside the recommended guidelines, use respiratory protection. Equipment should conform to BS EN 143
Filter type	:	Particulates type (P)

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	:	liquid
Colour	:	clear
Odour	:	odourless
Odour Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	:	No data available

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Initial boiling point and boiling range	:	No data available
Flash point	:	No data available
Evaporation rate	:	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	Not applicable
Flammability (liquids)	:	No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	No data available
Vapour pressure	:	No data available
Relative vapour density	:	No data available
Relative density	:	No data available
Density	:	1.06 - 1.07 g/cm ³
Solubility(ies)		
Water solubility	:	soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	:	No data available
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available
Viscosity		
Viscosity, kinematic	:	147 mm ² /s
Explosive properties	:	Not explosive
Oxidizing properties	:	The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.

9.2 Other information

Molecular weight	:	No data available
Particle size	:	Not applicable

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

Not classified as a reactivity hazard.

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10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous reactions : Can react with strong oxidizing agents.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Conditions to avoid : None known.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Materials to avoid : Oxidizing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

No hazardous decomposition products are known.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Information on likely routes of exposure : Inhalation
Skin contact
Ingestion
Eye contact

Acute toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

Product:

Acute oral toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate: > 2,000 mg/kg
Method: Calculation method

Components:

Chlorhexidine:

Acute oral toxicity	: LD50 Oral (Mouse): 1,260 mg/kg
	LD50 Oral (Rabbit): 1,100 mg/kg
	LD50 Oral (Rat): 2,000 mg/kg
Acute toxicity (other routes of administration)	: LD50 (Rat): 21 mg/kg Application Route: Intravenous

Skin corrosion/irritation

Not classified based on available information.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes serious eye irritation.

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Components:

Chlorhexidine:

Species	:	Rabbit
Result	:	Mild eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Skin sensitisation

Not classified based on available information.

Respiratory sensitisation

Not classified based on available information.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Not classified based on available information.

Components:

Chlorhexidine:

Genotoxicity in vitro	:	Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES) Result: negative
		Test Type: Chromosomal aberration Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells Result: negative
Genotoxicity in vivo	:	Test Type: dominant lethal test Species: Mouse Result: negative
		Test Type: Cytogenetic assay Species: Hamster Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

Not classified based on available information.

Components:

Chlorhexidine:

Species	:	Rat
Application Route	:	oral (drinking water)
Exposure time	:	2 Years
Frequency of Treatment	:	daily
NOAEL	:	38 mg/kg body weight
Result	:	negative
Species	:	Rat
Application Route	:	oral (drinking water)
Exposure time	:	2 Years
Frequency of Treatment	:	daily
NOAEL	:	158 mg/kg body weight

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Result : negative

Reproductive toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

Components:

Chlorhexidine:

Effects on fertility	: Species: Rat Fertility: NOAEL: 100 mg/kg body weight
Effects on foetal development	: Species: Rat Developmental Toxicity: NOAEL: 300 mg/kg body weight
	: Species: Rabbit Developmental Toxicity: NOAEL: 40 mg/kg body weight

STOT - single exposure

Not classified based on available information.

STOT - repeated exposure

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Components:

Chlorhexidine:

Target Organs	: Liver
Assessment	: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Repeated dose toxicity

Components:

Chlorhexidine:

Species	: Rat
NOAEL	: 158 mg/kg
Application Route	: Oral
Exposure time	: 2 yr
Species	: Rabbit
LOAEL	: 250 mg/kg
Application Route	: Dermal
Exposure time	: 13 Weeks
Target Organs	: Skin, Liver

Aspiration toxicity

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Experience with human exposure

Components:

Chlorhexidine:

General Information	:	Symptoms: Headache
Inhalation	:	Target Organs: Lungs Symptoms: Asthmatic appearance, bronchospasm, discomfort in the chest, upper respiratory tract infection
Ingestion	:	Target Organs: Gastrointestinal tract Symptoms: Gastrointestinal disturbance, Gastrointestinal tract damage

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Components:

Chlorhexidine:

Toxicity to fish	:	(Fish): 2.088 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h Method: ECOSAR (Ecological Structure Activity Relationships)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	:	EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 0.222 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h Method: ECOSAR (Ecological Structure Activity Relationships)
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	:	ErC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 1.124 mg/l End point: Growth rate Exposure time: 96 hrs Method: ECOSAR (Ecological Structure Activity Relationships)
M-Factor (Acute aquatic toxicity)	:	1
M-Factor (Chronic aquatic toxicity)	:	1

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Components:

Chlorhexidine:

Biodegradability	:	Remarks: Not inherently biodegradable.
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12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

Chlorhexidine:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 4.85

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Product:

Assessment : This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

12.6 Other adverse effects

Product:

Endocrine disrupting potential : This substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties for environment according to UK REACH Article 57(f).

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product	: Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. According to the European Waste Catalogue, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific. Waste codes should be assigned by the user, preferably in discussion with the waste disposal authorities. Do not dispose of waste into sewer.
Contaminated packaging	: Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. If not otherwise specified: Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number

ADN	: UN 3082
ADR	: UN 3082
RID	: UN 3082
IMDG	: UN 3082
IATA	: UN 3082

14.2 UN proper shipping name

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ADN	:	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (Chlorhexidine)
ADR	:	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (Chlorhexidine)
RID	:	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (Chlorhexidine)
IMDG	:	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (Chlorhexidine)
IATA	:	Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s. (Chlorhexidine)

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

	Class	Subsidiary risks
ADN	: 9	
ADR	: 9	
RID	: 9	
IMDG	: 9	
IATA	: 9	

14.4 Packing group

ADN	
Packing group	: III
Classification Code	: M6
Hazard Identification Number	: 90
Labels	: 9
ADR	
Packing group	: III
Classification Code	: M6
Hazard Identification Number	: 90
Labels	: 9
Tunnel restriction code	: (-)
RID	
Packing group	: III
Classification Code	: M6
Hazard Identification Number	: 90
Labels	: 9
IMDG	
Packing group	: III
Labels	: 9
EmS Code	: F-A, S-F
IATA (Cargo)	

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Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 964
Packing instruction (LQ) : Y964
Packing group : III
Labels : Miscellaneous

IATA (Passenger)

Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 964
Packing instruction (LQ) : Y964
Packing group : III
Labels : Miscellaneous

14.5 Environmental hazards

ADN

Environmentally hazardous : yes

ADR

Environmentally hazardous : yes

RID

Environmentally hazardous : yes

IMDG

Marine pollutant : yes

IATA (Passenger)

Environmentally hazardous : yes

IATA (Cargo)

Environmentally hazardous : yes

14.6 Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code

Remarks : Not applicable for product as supplied.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Relevant EU provisions transposed through retained EU law

UK REACH List of restrictions (Annex 17) : Conditions of restriction for the following entries should be considered:
Number on list 3

UK REACH List of restrictions (Annex 17) : Substance(s) or mixture(s) are listed here according to their appearance in the regulation, irrespective of their use/purpose or the conditions of the

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		restriction. Please refer to the conditions in corresponding Regulation to determine whether an entry is applicable to the placing on the market or not.	
UK REACH Candidate list of substances of very high concern (SVHC) for Authorisation		:	Not applicable
The Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulations (retained Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 as amended for Great Britain)		:	Not applicable
Regulation (EU) No 2024/590 on substances that deplete the ozone layer		:	Not applicable
UK REACH List of substances subject to authorisation (Annex XIV)		:	Not applicable
GB Export and import of hazardous chemicals - Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Regulation		:	Not applicable
Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015 (COMAH)			
E2	ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS	Quantity 1 200 t	Quantity 2 500 t

Other regulations:

Take note of The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (requirements relating to protection of young people at work contained in Regulation 19) and of Directive 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work.

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

DSL	:	not determined
AICS	:	not determined
IECSC	:	not determined

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information

Other information	:	Items where changes have been made to the previous version are highlighted in the body of this document by two vertical lines.
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Full text of H-Statements

H302	:	Harmful if swallowed.
H319	:	Causes serious eye irritation.
H373	:	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H400	:	Very toxic to aquatic life.
H410	:	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Full text of other abbreviations

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Acute Tox.	: Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	: Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard
Aquatic Chronic	: Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard
Eye Irrit.	: Eye irritation
STOT RE	: Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways; ADR - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; AIIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CLP - Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECHA - European Chemicals Agency; EC-Number - European Community number; ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; SVHC - Substance of very high concern; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECL - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Further information

Sources of key data used to compile the Safety Data Sheet : Internal technical data, data from raw material SDSs, OECD eChem Portal search results and European Chemicals Agency, <http://echa.europa.eu/>

Classification of the mixture:

Eye Irrit. 2	H319
STOT RE 2	H373
Aquatic Chronic 2	H411

Classification procedure:

Calculation method
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