

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## Chlorhexidine Formulation

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### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Chlorhexidine Formulation

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company name of supplier : Merck & Co., Inc  
Address : 126 E. Lincoln Avenue  
Rahway, New Jersey U.S.A. 07065  
Telephone : 908-740-4000  
Emergency telephone : 1-908-423-6000  
E-mail address : EHSDATASTEWARD@merck.com

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Veterinary product  
Restrictions on use : Not applicable

### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Combustible dust

Specific target organ toxicity : Category 2 (Liver)  
- repeated exposure

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal Word : Warning

Hazard Statements : If small particles are generated during further processing, handling or by other means, may form combustible dust concentrations in air.  
H373 May cause damage to organs (Liver) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Precautionary Statements : **Prevention:**  
P260 Do not breathe mist or vapors.  
**Response:**  
P314 Get medical attention if you feel unwell.  
**Disposal:**  
P501 Dispose of contents and container to an approved waste disposal plant.

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### Other hazards

Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.  
Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

### Components

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Ethanol#	64-17-5	5.56
Chlorhexidine	55-56-1	5

# Voluntarily-disclosed substance

## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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.

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 : If in eyes, rinse well with water.  
Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

If swallowed : If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting.  
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.  
Rinse mouth thoroughly with water.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.  
Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.  
Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.

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).

Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically and supportively.

## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray  
Alcohol-resistant foam  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Dry chemical

Unsuitable extinguishing media : None known.

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

Hazardous combustion products : Carbon oxides

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

### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	: Use personal protective equipment. Follow safe handling advice (see section 7) and personal protective equipment recommendations (see section 8).
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. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	: Soak up with inert absorbent material. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration. For large spills, provide diking or other appropriate containment to keep material from spreading. If diked 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. Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding certain local or national requirements.

### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Technical measures	: Static electricity may accumulate and ignite suspended dust causing an explosion. Provide adequate precautions, such as electrical grounding and bonding, or inert atmospheres.
Local/Total ventilation	: Use only with adequate ventilation.
Advice on safe handling	: Do not breathe mist or vapors. Do not swallow. Avoid contact with eyes.

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Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin.  
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice, based on the results of the workplace exposure assessment  
Minimize dust generation and accumulation.  
Keep container closed when not in use.  
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.  
Take precautionary measures against static discharges.  
Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment.

Conditions for safe storage : Keep in properly labeled containers.  
Store in accordance with the particular national regulations.

Materials to avoid : Do not store with the following product types:  
Strong oxidizing agents  
Gases

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Ethanol	64-17-5	STEL	1,000 ppm	ACGIH
		TWA	1,000 ppm 1,900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NIOSH REL
		TWA	1,000 ppm 1,900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1
Chlorhexidine	55-56-1	TWA	40 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (OEB 3)	Internal
Further information: RSEN				
		Wipe limit	400 µg/100 cm <sup>2</sup>	Internal

**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

**Respiratory protection** : General and local exhaust ventilation is recommended to maintain vapor exposures below recommended limits. Where concentrations are above recommended limits or are unknown, appropriate respiratory protection should be worn. Follow OSHA respirator regulations (29 CFR 1910.134) and use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators. Protection provided by air purifying respirators against exposure to any hazardous chemical is limited. Use a positive pressure air

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supplied respirator if there is any potential for uncontrolled release, exposure levels are unknown, or any other circumstance where air purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

Hand protection

Material : Chemical-resistant gloves

Remarks : Consider double gloving.

Eye 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.

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.

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.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : liquid

Color : light pink

Odor : No data available

Odor Threshold : No data available

pH : 5.0 - 6.5

Melting point/freezing point : No data available

Initial boiling point and boiling range : No data available

Flash point : No data available

Evaporation rate : No data available

Flammability (solid, gas) : May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing,

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	handling or other means.
Flammability (liquids)	: No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative vapor density	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: No data available
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: Not applicable
Autoignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not explosive
Oxidizing properties	: The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.
Molecular weight	: No data available
Particle size	: Not applicable

### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: Not classified as a reactivity hazard.
Chemical stability	: Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means. Can react with strong oxidizing agents.
Conditions to avoid	: Heat, flames and sparks. Avoid dust formation.
Incompatible materials	: Oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products	: No hazardous decomposition products are known.

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### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### 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: > 5,000 mg/kg  
Method: Calculation method

#### Components:

##### Ethanol:

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 5,000 mg/kg  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 401

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 (Rat): 124.7 mg/l  
Exposure time: 4 h  
Test atmosphere: vapor

##### 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.

#### Components:

##### Ethanol:

Species : Rabbit  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 404  
Result : No skin irritation

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Not classified based on available information.

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### Components:

#### **Ethanol:**

Species	:	Rabbit
Result	:	Irritation to eyes, reversing within 21 days
Method	:	OECD Test Guideline 405

#### **Chlorhexidine:**

Species	:	Rabbit
Result	:	Mild eye irritation

### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

#### **Skin sensitization**

Not classified based on available information.

#### **Respiratory sensitization**

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### **Ethanol:**

Test Type	:	Local lymph node assay (LLNA)
Routes of exposure	:	Skin contact
Species	:	Mouse
Result	:	negative

#### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### **Ethanol:**

Genotoxicity in vitro	:	Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test Result: negative
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	:	Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES) Result: negative
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Genotoxicity in vivo	:	Test Type: Rodent dominant lethal test (germ cell) (in vivo) Species: Mouse Application Route: Ingestion Result: equivocal
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#### **Chlorhexidine:**

Genotoxicity in vitro	:	Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES) Result: negative
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	:	Test Type: Chromosomal aberration Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells Result: negative
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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  
Result : negative

**IARC** No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

**OSHA** No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

**NTP** No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

### Reproductive toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

##### Ethanol:

Effects on fertility : Test Type: Two-generation reproduction toxicity study  
Species: Mouse  
Application Route: Ingestion  
Result: negative

##### Chlorhexidine:

Effects on fertility : Species: Rat  
Fertility: NOAEL: 100 mg/kg body weight

Effects on fetal development : Species: Rat

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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 (Liver) 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:

##### Ethanol:

Species	: Rat
NOAEL	: 1,280 mg/kg
LOAEL	: 3,156 mg/kg
Application Route	: Ingestion
Exposure time	: 90 Days

##### Chlorhexidine:

Species	: Rat
NOAEL	: 158 mg/kg
Application Route	: Oral
Exposure time	: 2 y

Species	: Rabbit
LOAEL	: 250 mg/kg
Application Route	: Dermal
Exposure time	: 13 Weeks
Target Organs	: Skin, Liver

### Aspiration toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

### 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

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Ingestion : Target Organs: Gastrointestinal tract  
Symptoms: Gastrointestinal disturbance, Gastrointestinal tract damage

### SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Ecotoxicity

##### Components:

##### **Ethanol:**

Toxicity to fish	: LC50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): > 1,000 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	: EC50 (Ceriodaphnia (water flea)): > 1,000 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	: ErC50 (Chlorella vulgaris (Fresh water algae)): 275 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h  EC10 (Chlorella vulgaris (Fresh water algae)): 11.5 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity)	: NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 9.6 mg/l Exposure time: 9 d
Toxicity to microorganisms	: EC50 (Pseudomonas putida): 6,500 mg/l Exposure time: 16 h

##### **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)

#### Persistence and degradability

##### Components:

##### **Ethanol:**

Biodegradability : Result: Readily biodegradable.

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Biodegradation: 84 %  
Exposure time: 20 d

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Biodegradability : Remarks: Not inherently biodegradable.

### Bioaccumulative potential

#### Components:

#### Ethanol:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: -0.35

#### Chlorhexidine:

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

#### Mobility in soil

No data available

#### Other adverse effects

No data available

## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.  
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

### International Regulations

#### UNRTDG

UN number : UN 3082

Proper shipping name : ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S.  
(Chlorhexidine)

Class : 9

Packing group : III

Labels : 9

Environmentally hazardous : yes

#### IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 3082

Proper shipping name : Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s.  
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Labels : Miscellaneous  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 964  
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 964  
Environmentally hazardous : yes

### IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 3082  
Proper shipping name : ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (Chlorhexidine)  
Class : 9  
Packing group : III  
Labels : 9  
EmS Code : F-A, S-F  
Marine pollutant : yes

### Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable for product as supplied.

### Domestic regulation

#### 49 CFR

UN/ID/NA number : UN 3082  
Proper shipping name : Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s. (Chlorhexidine)  
Class : 9  
Packing group : III  
Labels : CLASS 9  
ERG Code : 171  
Marine pollutant : yes(Chlorhexidine)  
Remarks : Above applies only to containers over 119 gallons or 450 liters.  
Shipment by ground under DOT is non-regulated; however it may be shipped per the applicable hazard classification to facilitate multi-modal transport involving ICAO (IATA) or IMO.

### 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.

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Combustible dust

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**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### US State Regulations

#### Pennsylvania Right To Know

Water	7732-18-5
Ethanol	64-17-5
Chlorhexidine	55-56-1
Polyethylene glycol sorbitan monooleate	9005-65-6

#### California List of Hazardous Substances

Ethanol	64-17-5
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#### California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants

Ethanol	64-17-5
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#### The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:

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

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Further information

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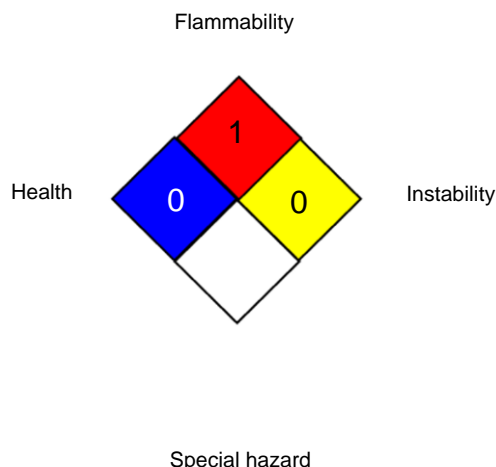
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### NFPA 704:



### HMIS® IV:

HEALTH	*	2
FLAMMABILITY		3
PHYSICAL HAZARD		0

HMIS® ratings are based on a 0-4 rating scale, with 0 representing minimal hazards or risks, and 4 representing significant hazards or risks. The "\*" represents a chronic hazard, while the "/" represents the absence of a chronic hazard.

### Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH	:	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
NIOSH REL	:	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
OSHA Z-1	:	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
ACGIH / STEL	:	Short-term exposure limit
NIOSH REL / TWA	:	Time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek
OSHA Z-1 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; 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; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; 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; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; 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 sub-

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stance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - 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

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

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