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## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

**Product Description:** Ascarite(II)<sup>TM</sup>, CO2 absorbent, product of Arthur H. Thomas Company  
**Cat No. :** 208090000; 208090025; 208091000; 208095000  
**Synonyms** Sodium Hydroxide-coated Silica.

**Unique Formula Identifier (UFI)** TV32-V3JR-JX0E-858S

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

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** No Information available

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Company

**UK entity/business name**  
 Fisher Scientific UK  
 Bishop Meadow Road,  
 Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 5RG, United Kingdom

**EU entity/business name**  
 Thermo Fisher Scientific  
 Janssen Pharmaceuticaaan 3a, 2440 Geel, Belgium

**E-mail address** begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
 Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

#### Poison Centre - Emergency information services

**Ireland** : National Poisons Information Centre (NPIC) -  
**01 809 2166** (8am-10pm, 7 days a week)  
**Malta** : +356 2395 2000  
**Cyprus** : +357 2240 5611

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567

#### Physical hazards

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Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal

Category 1 (H290)

## Health hazards

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Category 1 A (H314)

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 1 (H318)

## Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## 2.2. Label elements



Signal Word

Danger

## Hazard Statements

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

## Precautionary Statements

P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P301 + P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting

P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

## 2.3. Other hazards

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.2. Mixtures

Component	CAS No	EC No	Weight %	CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	215-185-5	90-95	Met. Corr. 1 (H290) Skin Corr. 1A (H314) Eye Dam. 1 (H318)
Silica, amorphous	7631-86-9	EEC No. 231-545-4	5 - 10	-

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Component	Specific concentration limits (SCL's)	M-Factor	Component notes
Sodium hydroxide	Skin Corr. 1A :: C>=5% Skin Corr. 1B :: 2%<=C<5% Met. Corr. 1 :: C ≥ 2% Eye Irrit. 2 :: 0.5%<=C<2% Skin Irrit. 2 :: 0.5%<=C<2%	-	-

## Note

Ascarite II (CAS 81133-20-2) consisting of 90-95% NaOH and 5-10% SiO<sub>2</sub>

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Causes burns by all exposure routes. . Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.
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## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### Suitable Extinguishing Media

CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

#### Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

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Corrosive material. Causes burns by all exposure routes.

## **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors, Sodium oxides.

### **5.3. Advice for firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

## **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid dust formation.

### **6.2. Environmental precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

### **6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

### **6.4. Reference to other sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **7.1. Precautions for safe handling**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

## **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### **7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area.

**Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510**      Class 8A  
**Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)**

### **7.3. Specific end use(s)**

Use in laboratories

## **SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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## 8.1. Control parameters

### Exposure limits

List source(s): **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020. **IRE** - 2021 Code of Practice for the Chemical Agents Regulations, Schedule 1. Published by the Health and Safety Authority

Component	The United Kingdom	European Union	Ireland
Sodium hydroxide	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL		STEL: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min
Silica, amorphous	STEL: 18 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min STEL: 7.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr TWA: 2.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr		TWA: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr. total inhalable dust TWA: 2.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr. respirable dust STEL: 18 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min STEL: 7.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min

### Biological limit values

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)

See table for values

Component	Acute effects local (Inhalation)	Acute effects systemic (Inhalation)	Chronic effects local (Inhalation)	Chronic effects systemic (Inhalation)
Sodium hydroxide 1310-73-2 ( 90-95 )			DNEL = 1mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

No information available.

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye Protection

Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

#### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Neoprene	See manufacturers	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)
Natural rubber	recommendations			
Nitrile rubber				
PVC				

#### Skin and body protection

Long sleeved clothing.

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g.

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sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

## Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.  
To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

## Large scale/emergency use

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

## Small scale/Laboratory use

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Recommended half mask:-** Valve filtering: EN405; or; Half mask: EN140; plus filter, EN 141; Particle filtering: EN149:2001

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

## Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid	
Appearance	Brown	
Odor	Odorless	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
Melting Point/Range	No data available	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No information available	
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Flash Point	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
pH	14	(1%)
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Water Solubility	Insoluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Vapor Pressure	No data available	
Density / Specific Gravity	No data available	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	

### 9.2. Other information

Evaporation Rate Not applicable - Solid

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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## 10.1. Reactivity

None known, based on information available

## 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions. Hygroscopic.

## 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

### **Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous Reactions**

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

None under normal processing.

## 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.

## 10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids.

## 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Sodium oxides.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### **Product Information**

No acute toxicity information is available for this product

#### **(a) acute toxicity;**

##### **Oral**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### **Dermal**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### **Inhalation**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium hydroxide	140 - 340 mg/kg ( Rat )	1350 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	-
Silica, amorphous	>5000 mg/kg ( Rat )	>2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	-

#### **(b) skin corrosion/irritation;**

Category 1 A

#### **(c) serious eye damage/irritation;**

Category 1

#### **(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**

##### **Respiratory**

No data available

##### **Skin**

No data available

#### **(e) germ cell mutagenicity;**

No data available

#### **(f) carcinogenicity;**

No data available

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

#### **(g) reproductive toxicity;**

No data available

#### **(h) STOT-single exposure;**

No data available

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(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	No data available
Target Organs	No information available.
(j) aspiration hazard;	Not applicable Solid
Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

Endocrine Disrupting Properties	Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.
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## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

Ecotoxicity effects	Discharge to water will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms.
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Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae
Sodium hydroxide	LC50: = 45.4 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss)		
Silica, amorphous	LC50: 5000 mg/L/96 h	EC50: 7600 mg/L/48h	EC50: 440 mg/L/72h

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Persistence	Insoluble in water.
Degradability	Not relevant for inorganic substances.
Degradation in sewage treatment plant	Neutralization is normally necessary before waste water is discharged into water treatment plants.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential	Bioaccumulation is unlikely
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12.4. Mobility in soil	Spillage unlikely to penetrate soil. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils.
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12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment	No data available for assessment.
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### 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

Endocrine Disruptor Information	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors
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## 12.7. Other adverse effects

**Persistent Organic Pollutant**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Ozone Depletion Potential**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products**

Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging**

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

**European Waste Catalogue (EWC)**

According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

**Other Information**

Do not flush to sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### IMDG/IMO

**14.1. UN number**

UN1823

**14.2. UN proper shipping name**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**

8

**14.4. Packing group**

II

### ADR

**14.1. UN number**

UN1823

**14.2. UN proper shipping name**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**

8

**14.4. Packing group**

II

### IATA

**14.1. UN number**

UN1823

**14.2. UN proper shipping name**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**

8

**14.4. Packing group**

II

**14.5. Environmental hazards**

No hazards identified

**14.6. Special precautions for user**

No special precautions required.

**14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments**

Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

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## International Inventories

Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Korea (KECL), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Australia (AICS), New Zealand (NZIoC), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	IECSC	TCSI	KECL	ENCS	ISHL
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	215-185-5	-	-	X	X	KE-31487	X	X
Silica, amorphous	7631-86-9	231-545-4	-	-	X	X	KE-31032	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X
Silica, amorphous	7631-86-9	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X

Legend: X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

## Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
Silica, amorphous	7631-86-9	-	-	-

## REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

## Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	Not applicable	Not applicable
Silica, amorphous	7631-86-9	Not applicable	Not applicable

## Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals

Not applicable

## Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work .

## National Regulations

UK - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

## WGK Classification

Water endangering class = 1 (self classification)

Component	Germany - Water Classification (AwSV)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
Sodium hydroxide	WGK1	

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Silica, amorphous	nwg	
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Component	France - INRS (Tables of occupational diseases)
Silica, amorphous	Tableaux des maladies professionnelles (TMP) - RG 25

Component	Switzerland - Ordinance on the Reduction of Risk from handling of hazardous substances preparation (SR 814.81)	Switzerland - Ordinance on Incentive Taxes on Volatile Organic Compounds (OVOC)	Switzerland - Ordinance of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure
Sodium hydroxide 1310-73-2 ( 90-95 )	Prohibited and Restricted Substances		

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

Chemical Safety Assessment/Reports (CSA/CSR) are not required for mixtures

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

H290 - May be corrosive to metals  
H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
H318 - Causes serious eye damage

### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer  
Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadviser - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

**Classification and procedure used to derive the classification for mixtures according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]:**

**Physical hazards** On basis of test data

**Health Hazards** Calculation method

**Environmental hazards** Calculation method

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## Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

Chemical incident response training.

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Revision Summary	Not applicable.

**This safety data sheet complies with Regulation UK SI 2019/758 and UK SI 2020/1577 as amended.**

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**