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

1.1 Product identifier

Trade name Formaldehyde solution 4 % phosphate buffered for histology
Article number LC-6470

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

Relevant identified uses General use

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Poison centre			
Country	Name	Postal code/city	Telephone
United Kingdom	National Poisons Information Service		111

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification acc. to GHS

Section	Hazard class	Category	Hazard class and category	Hazard statement
3.4S	skin sensitisation	1	Skin Sens. 1	H317
3.5	germ cell mutagenicity	2	Muta. 2	H341
3.6	carcinogenicity	1B	Carc. 1B	H350

For full text of abbreviations: see SECTION 16.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling

- Signal word danger

- Pictograms

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- Hazard statements
 - H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
 - H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.
 - H350 May cause cancer.
- Precautionary statements
 - P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
 - P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
 - P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection.
 - P308+P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
 - P333+P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
 - P362+P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
 - P501 Dispose of contents/container to industrial combustion plant.

- Hazardous ingredients for labelling Formaldehyde

2.3 Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Does not contain a PBT-/vPvB-substance at a concentration of $\geq 0,1\%$.

Endocrine disrupting properties

Does not contain an endocrine disruptor (ED) at a concentration of $\geq 0,1\%$.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Not relevant (mixture)

3.2 Mixtures

Description of the mixture

Name of substance	Identifier	Vol%	Classification acc. to GHS	Pictograms
Formaldehyde	CAS No 50-00-0 EC No 200-001-8 Index No 605-001-00-5	1 - < 5	Acute Tox. 3 / H301 Acute Tox. 3 / H311 Acute Tox. 3 / H331 Skin Corr. 1B / H314 Eye Dam. 1 / H318 Skin Sens. 1 / H317 Muta. 2 / H341 Carc. 1B / H350	
methanol	CAS No 67-56-1 EC No 200-659-6 Index No 603-001-00-X	1 - < 5	Flam. Liq. 2 / H225 Acute Tox. 3 / H301 Acute Tox. 3 / H311 Acute Tox. 3 / H331 STOT SE 1 / H370	

Name of substance	Specific Conc. Limits	M-Factors	ATE	Exposure route
Formaldehyde	Skin Corr. 1B; H314: $C \geq 25\%$ Skin Irrit. 2; H315: $5\% \leq C < 25\%$ Eye Dam. 1; H318: $C \geq 25\%$ Eye Irrit. 2; H319: $5\% \leq C < 25\%$ Skin Sens. 1; H317: $C \geq 0.2\%$	-	2,500 mg/kg 7,500 mg/kg 75 mg/l/4h	oral dermal inhalation: vapour
methanol	STOT SE 1; H370: $C \geq 10\%$ STOT SE 2; H371: $3\% \leq C < 10\%$	-	100 mg/kg 300 mg/kg 3 mg/l/4h	oral dermal inhalation: vapour

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For full text of abbreviations: see SECTION 16

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General notes

Do not leave affected person unattended. Remove victim out of the danger area. Keep affected person warm, still and covered. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. In all cases of doubt, or when symptoms persist, seek medical advice. In case of unconsciousness place person in the recovery position. Never give anything by mouth.

Following inhalation

If breathing is irregular or stopped, immediately seek medical assistance and start first aid actions. Provide fresh air.

Following skin contact

Wash with plenty of soap and water.

Following eye contact

Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Irrigate copiously with clean, fresh water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eyelids apart.

Following ingestion

Rinse mouth with water (only if the person is conscious). Do NOT induce vomiting.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms and effects are not known to date.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

none

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Water spray, BC-powder, Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Water jet

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Information on this property is not available.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Co-ordinate firefighting measures to the fire surroundings. Do not allow firefighting water to enter drains or water courses. Collect contaminated firefighting water separately. Fight fire with normal precautions from a reasonable distance.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

For non-emergency personnel

Remove persons to safety.

For emergency responders

Wear breathing apparatus if exposed to vapours/dust/spray/gases.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Keep away from drains, surface and ground water. Retain contaminated washing water and dispose of it.

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6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Advice on how to contain a spill

Covering of drains

Advice on how to clean up a spill

Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Collect spillage: sawdust, kieselgur (diatomite), sand, universal binder

Appropriate containment techniques

Use of adsorbent materials.

Other information relating to spills and releases

Place in appropriate containers for disposal. Ventilate affected area.

6.4 Reference to other sections

Personal protective equipment: see section 8. Incompatible materials: see section 10. Disposal considerations: see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Recommendations

- Measures to prevent fire as well as aerosol and dust generation

Use local and general ventilation. Use only in well-ventilated areas.

Advice on general occupational hygiene

Wash hands after use. Do not eat, drink and smoke in work areas. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. Never keep food or drink in the vicinity of chemicals. Never place chemicals in containers that are normally used for food or drink. Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingstuffs.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

There is no additional information.

Concerning incompatibility: see below "Conditions to avoid" and "Incompatible materials" (Section 10).

7.3 Specific end use(s)

See section 16 for a general overview.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Occupational exposure limit values (Workplace Exposure Limits)											
Country	Name of agent	CAS No	Identifier	TWA [ppm]	TWA [mg/m ³]	STEL [ppm]	STEL [mg/m ³]	Ceiling-C [ppm]	Ceiling-C [mg/m ³]	Notation	Source
EU	formaldehyde	50-00-0	IOELV	0.3	0.37	0.6	0.74			sect	2019/983/EU
EU	methanol	67-56-1	IOELV	200	260					H	2006/15/EC
GB	formaldehyde	50-00-0	WEL	2	2.5	2	2.5				EH40/2005
GB	methanol	67-56-1	WEL	200	266	250	333			H	EH40/2005

Notation

Ceiling-C ceiling value is a limit value above which exposure should not occur

H absorbed through the skin

sect limit value of 0,62 mg/m³ or 0,5 ppm for the health care, funeral and embalming sectors until 11 July 2024

STEL short-term exposure limit: a limit value above which exposure should not occur and which is related to a 15-minute peri-

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Notation

od (unless otherwise specified)
TWA time-weighted average (long-term exposure limit): measured or calculated in relation to a reference period of 8 hours
time-weighted average (unless otherwise specified)

Relevant DNELs of components						
Name of substance	CAS No	Endpoint	Threshold level	Protection goal, route of exposure	Used in	Exposure time
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	DNEL	9 mg/m ³	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	chronic - systemic effects
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	DNEL	0.375 mg/m ³	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	chronic - local effects
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	DNEL	0.75 mg/m ³	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	acute - local effects
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	DNEL	240 mg/kg bw/day	human, dermal	worker (industry)	chronic - systemic effects
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	DNEL	37 µg/cm ²	human, dermal	worker (industry)	chronic - local effects

Relevant PNECs of components						
Name of substance	CAS No	Endpoint	Threshold level	Organism	Environmental compartment	Exposure time
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	PNEC	0.44 mg/l	aquatic organisms	freshwater	short-term (single instance)
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	PNEC	0.44 mg/l	aquatic organisms	marine water	short-term (single instance)
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	PNEC	0.19 mg/l	aquatic organisms	sewage treatment plant (STP)	short-term (single instance)
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	PNEC	2.3 mg/kg	aquatic organisms	freshwater sediment	short-term (single instance)
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	PNEC	2.3 mg/kg	aquatic organisms	marine sediment	short-term (single instance)
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	PNEC	0.2 mg/kg	terrestrial organisms	soil	short-term (single instance)

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

General ventilation.

Individual protection measures (personal protective equipment)

Eye/face protection

Wear eye/face protection.

Skin protection

- Hand protection

Wear suitable gloves. Chemical protection gloves are suitable, which are tested according to EN 374. Check leak-tightness/impermeability prior to use. In the case of wanting to use the gloves again, clean them before taking off and air them well. For special purposes, it is recommended to check the resistance to chemicals of the protective gloves mentioned above together with the supplier of these gloves.

- Type of material

NBR: acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber

- Material thickness

min. 0,11 mm

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- Breakthrough times of the glove material
>480 minutes (permeation: level 6)
- Other protection measures
Take recovery periods for skin regeneration. Preventive skin protection (barrier creams/ointments) is recommended. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Respiratory protection

P2 (filters at least 94 % of airborne particles, colour code: White).

Environmental exposure controls

Use appropriate container to avoid environmental contamination. Keep away from drains, surface and ground water.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	liquid
Colour	Colorless clear solution
Odour	pungent
Melting point/freezing point	0 °C
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	100 °C
Flammability	this material is combustible, but will not ignite readily
Lower and upper explosion limit	not determined
Flash point	not determined
Auto-ignition temperature	not determined
Decomposition temperature	not relevant
pH (value)	7 - 7.4 (20 °C)
Kinematic viscosity	not determined
Solubility(ies)	not determined

Partition coefficient

Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	this information is not available
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Vapour pressure	23 hPa
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Density and/or relative density

Density	1.015 g/cm ³
Relative vapour density	information on this property is not available

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Particle characteristics	not relevant (liquid)
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9.2 Other information

Information with regard to physical hazard classes	hazard classes acc. to GHS (physical hazards): not relevant
Other safety characteristics	there is no additional information

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

Concerning incompatibility: see below "Conditions to avoid" and "Incompatible materials".

10.2 Chemical stability

See below "Conditions to avoid".

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No known hazardous reactions.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

There are no specific conditions known which have to be avoided.

10.5 Incompatible materials

There is no additional information.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Reasonably anticipated hazardous decomposition products produced as a result of use, storage, spill and heating are not known. Hazardous combustion products: see section 5.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Test data are not available for the complete mixture.

Classification procedure

The method for classification of the mixture is based on ingredients of the mixture (additivity formula).

Classification acc. to GHS

Acute toxicity

Shall not be classified as acutely toxic.

Acute toxicity estimate (ATE) of components			
Name of substance	CAS No	Exposure route	ATE
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	oral	2,500 mg/kg
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	dermal	7,500 mg/kg
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	inhalation: vapour	75 mg/l/4h
methanol	67-56-1	oral	100 mg/kg
methanol	67-56-1	dermal	300 mg/kg
methanol	67-56-1	inhalation: vapour	3 mg/l/4h

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Acute toxicity of components					
Name of substance	CAS No	Exposure route	Endpoint	Value	Species
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	oral	LD50	460 mg/kg	rat
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	oral	LD50	832 mg/kg	rat
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	oral	LD50	550 mg/kg	rat
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	oral	LD50	710 mg/kg	rat
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	oral	LD50	640 mg/kg	rat
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	oral	LD50	460 mg/kg	rat

Skin corrosion/irritation

Shall not be classified as corrosive/irritant to skin.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Shall not be classified as seriously damaging to the eye or eye irritant.

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Suspected of causing genetic defects.

Carcinogenicity

May cause cancer.

Reproductive toxicity

Shall not be classified as a reproductive toxicant.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Shall not be classified as a specific target organ toxicant (single exposure).

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Shall not be classified as a specific target organ toxicant (repeated exposure).

Aspiration hazard

Shall not be classified as presenting an aspiration hazard.

11.2 Information on other hazards

There is no additional information.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Shall not be classified as hazardous to the aquatic environment.

Aquatic toxicity (acute) of components					
Name of substance	CAS No	Endpoint	Value	Species	Exposure time
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	LC50	31.8 mg/l	fish	24 h
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	EC50	5.8 mg/l	aquatic invertebrates	48 h
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	ErC50	4.89 mg/l	algae	72 h

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Aquatic toxicity (chronic) of components					
Name of substance	CAS No	Endpoint	Value	Species	Exposure time
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	EC50	19 mg/l	microorganisms	3 h

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Degradability of components					
Name of substance	CAS No	Process	Degradation rate	Time	Source
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	DOC removal	99 %	28 d	ECHA

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Data are not available.

12.4 Mobility in soil

Data are not available.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Does not contain a PBT-/vPvB-substance at a concentration of $\geq 0,1\%$.

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

Does not contain an endocrine disruptor (ED) at a concentration of $\geq 0,1\%$.

12.7 Other adverse effects

Data are not available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Sewage disposal-relevant information

Do not empty into drains. Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/safety data sheets.

Waste treatment of containers/packages

Completely emptied packages can be recycled. Handle contaminated packages in the same way as the substance itself.

Remarks

Please consider the relevant national or regional provisions. Waste shall be separated into the categories that can be handled separately by the local or national waste management facilities.

SECTION 14: Transport information

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|---|---|
| 14.1 UN number or ID number | not subject to transport regulations |
| 14.2 UN proper shipping name | not relevant |
| 14.3 Transport hazard class(es) | none |
| 14.4 Packing group | not assigned |
| 14.5 Environmental hazards | non-environmentally hazardous acc. to the dangerous goods regulations |
| 14.6 Special precautions for user | There is no additional information. |
| 14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments | The cargo is not intended to be carried in bulk. |

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Information for each of the UN Model Regulations

International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG) - Additional information

Not subject to IMDG.

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO-IATA/DGR) - Additional information

Not subject to ICAO-IATA.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

Relevant provisions of the European Union (EU)

Deco-Paint Directive

VOC content	5 %
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Industrial Emissions Directive (IED)

VOC content	5 %
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Water Framework Directive (WFD)

List of pollutants (WFD)			
Name of substance	CAS No	Listed in	Remarks
Formaldehyde		a)	

Legend

a) Indicative list of the main pollutants

Regulation on persistent organic pollutants (POP)

none of the ingredients are listed

National regulations (GB)

List of substances subject to authorisation (GB REACH, Annex 14) / SVHC - candidate list

none of the ingredients are listed

Restrictions according to GB REACH, Annex 17

Dangerous substances with restrictions (GB REACH, Annex 17)			
Name of substance	Name acc. to inventory	CAS No	No
Formaldehyde solution 4 % phosphate buffered for histology	this product meets the criteria for classification in accordance with Regulation No 1272/2008/EC		3
Formaldehyde	Formaldehyde	50-00-0	72
Formaldehyde	carcinogenic		28
methanol	Methanol	67-56-1	69
methanol	flammable / pyrophoric		40

Storage of hazardous substances in non-stationary containers (TRGS 510) (Germany)

Storage class (LGK)

6.1 C (combustible substances of acute toxicity, category 3 (PG III) / hazardous substances that are toxic or produce chronic effects)

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National inventories

Country	Inventory	Status
EU	REACH Reg.	all ingredients are listed

Legend

REACH Reg. REACH registered substances

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

Chemical safety assessments for substances in this mixture were not carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information

Indication of changes (revised safety data sheet)

Section	Former entry (text/value)	Actual entry (text/value)	Safety-relevant
11.1		Acute toxicity of components: change in the listing (table)	yes
12.1		Aquatic toxicity (acute) of components: change in the listing (table)	yes
12.1		Aquatic toxicity (chronic) of components: change in the listing (table)	yes
12.2	Persistence and degradability: Data are not available.	Persistence and degradability	yes
12.2		Degradability of components: change in the listing (table)	yes
15.1		Storage of hazardous substances in non-stationary containers (TRGS 510) (Germany)	yes
15.1		Storage class (LGK): 6.1 C (combustible substances of acute toxicity, category 3 (PG III) / hazardous substances that are toxic or produce chronic effects)	yes
16		Abbreviations and acronyms: change in the listing (table)	yes

Abbreviations and acronyms

Abbr.	Descriptions of used abbreviations
2006/15/EC	Commission Directive establishing a second list of indicative occupational exposure limit values in implementation of Council Directive 98/24/EC and amending Directives 91/322/EEC and 2000/39/EC
2019/983/EU	Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work
Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
ADR	Accord relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route (Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
Carc.	Carcinogenicity
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service (service that maintains the most comprehensive list of chemical substances)
Ceiling-C	Ceiling value
DGR	Dangerous Goods Regulations (see IATA/DGR)
DNEL	Derived No-Effect Level

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Abbr.	Descriptions of used abbreviations
EC50	Effective Concentration 50 %. The EC50 corresponds to the concentration of a tested substance causing 50 % changes in response (e.g. on growth) during a specified time interval
EC No	The EC Inventory (EINECS, ELINCS and the NLP-list) is the source for the seven-digit EC number, an identifier of substances commercially available within the EU (European Union)
ED	Endocrine disruptor
EH40/2005	EH40/2005 Workplace exposure limits (http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/)
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
ELINCS	European List of Notified Chemical Substances
ErC50	≡ EC50: in this method, that concentration of test substance which results in a 50 % reduction in either growth (EbC50) or growth rate (ErC50) relative to the control
Eye Dam.	Seriously damaging to the eye
Eye Irrit.	Irritant to the eye
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquid
GB REACH	The REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, SI 2019/758 (as amended)
GHS	"Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals" developed by the United Nations
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IATA/DGR	Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR) for the air transport (IATA)
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
index No	The Index number is the identification code given to the substance in Part 3 of Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
IOELV	Indicative occupational exposure limit value
LC50	Lethal Concentration 50%: the LC50 corresponds to the concentration of a tested substance causing 50 % lethality during a specified time interval
LD50	Lethal Dose 50 %: the LD50 corresponds to the dose of a tested substance causing 50 % lethality during a specified time interval
LGK	Lagerklasse (storage class according to TRGS 510, Germany)
Muta.	Germ cell mutagenicity
NLP	No-Longer Polymer
PBT	Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
ppm	Parts per million
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
RID	Règlement concernant le transport International ferroviaire des marchandises Dangereuses (Regulations concerning the International carriage of Dangerous goods by Rail)
Skin Corr.	Corrosive to skin
Skin Irrit.	Irritant to skin
Skin Sens.	Skin sensitisation
STEL	Short-term exposure limit
STOT SE	Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
TRGS	Technische Regeln für Gefahrstoffe (technical rules for hazardous substances, Germany)

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Abbr.	Descriptions of used abbreviations
TWA	Time-weighted average
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
vPvB	Very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
WEL	Workplace exposure limit

Key literature references and sources for data

Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR). Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID). International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG). Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR) for the air transport (IATA).

Classification procedure

Physical and chemical properties: The classification is based on tested mixture.

Health hazards, Environmental hazards: The method for classification of the mixture is based on ingredients of the mixture (additivity formula).

List of relevant phrases (code and full text as stated in section 2 and 3)

Code	Text
H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H311	Toxic in contact with skin.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H341	Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H370	Causes damage to organs.

Disclaimer

This information is based upon the present state of our knowledge. This SDS has been compiled and is solely intended for this product. The information is intended to give you guidelines for the safe handling of the product mentioned in this safety data sheet during storage, processing, transport and disposal. The information is not transferable to other products. Insofar as the product is mixed, blended or processed with other materials or is subjected to processing, the information in this safety data sheet cannot be transferred to the new material produced in this way, unless expressly stated otherwise.