



# Safety Data Sheet

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)

## Potassium hydroxide 50% solution

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

#### 1.1 Product identifier

Trade name **Potassium hydroxide 50% solution**  
Registration number (REACH) not relevant (mixture)

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

Relevant identified uses  
Formulation  
Cleaning agent  
Fertiliser  
Intermediate  
Paint, coating and lacquer  
Industrial uses  
Neutralising agent  
PH-regulator  
Precipitant  
Flocculant  
Water treatment chemical  
Extraction agent

Uses advised against  
Do not use for squirting or spraying. Do not use for products which come into direct contact with the skin. Do not use for products which come into contact with foodstuffs. Do not use for private purposes (household).

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

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e-mail: admin-nl@oqema.com  
Website: www.oqema.nl

e-mail (competent person) qshe-NL@oqema.com

#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Poison centre			
Country	Name	Postal code/city	Telephone
Netherlands	NVIC	Utrecht	030 274 8888 (Uitsluitend bestemd om professionele hulpverleners te informeren bij acute vergiftigingen)



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### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP)

Section	Hazard class	Category	Hazard class and category	Hazard statement
2.16	substance or mixture corrosive to metals	1	Met. Corr. 1	H290
3.10	acute toxicity (oral)	4	Acute Tox. 4	H302
3.2	skin corrosion/irritation	1A	Skin Corr. 1A	H314

For full text of abbreviations: see SECTION 16.

The most important adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects

Skin corrosion produces an irreversible damage to the skin; namely, visible necrosis through the epidermis and into the dermis.

#### 2.2 Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP)

- Signal word danger

- Pictograms

GHS05, GHS07



- Hazard statements

H290 May be corrosive to metals.  
H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

- Precautionary statements

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.  
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
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/doctor.  
P330 Rinse mouth.  
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.  
P405 Store locked up.  
P406 Store in a corrosion-resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

- Hazardous ingredients for labelling Potassium hydroxide

#### 2.3 Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This mixture does not contain any substances that are assessed to be a PBT or a vPvB.



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### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1 Substances

Not relevant (mixture)

Molecular formula



KOH

Molar mass

56.11 g/mol

#### 3.2 Mixtures

Description of the mixture

Name of substance	Identifier	Wt%	Classification acc. to GHS	Pictogr. codes	Pictograms	Notes	Specific Conc. Limits	M-Factors
Potassium hydroxide	CAS No 1310-58-3  EC No 215-181-3  Index No 019-002-00-8  REACH Reg. No 01- 2119487136- 33-xxxx	50 - < 75	Met. Corr. 1 / H290 Acute Tox. 4 / H302 Skin Corr. 1A / H314 Eye Dam. 1 / H318	GHS05 GHS07	 	GHS-HC	Skin Corr. 1A; H314: C ≥ 5 % Skin Corr. 1B; H314: 2 % ≤ C < 5 % Skin Irrit. 2; H315: 0.5 % ≤ C < 2 % Eye Dam. 1; H318: C ≥ 2 % Eye Irrit. 2; H319: 0.5 % ≤ C < 2 %	

#### Notes

GHS-HC: Harmonised classification (the classification of the substance corresponds to the entry in the list according to 1272/2008/EC, Annex VI)

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. In case of respiratory tract irritation, consult a physician. 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.



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### 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, Alcohol resistant foam, BC-powder, Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Water jet

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

Substance or mixture corrosive to metals.

Hazardous combustion products

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

### 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.

### 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

Collect spillage: absorbent material (e.g. sand, diatomaceous earth, acid binder, universal binder, sawdust, etc.)

Appropriate containment techniques

Neutralisation 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

Hazardous combustion products: see section 5. Personal protective equipment: see section 8. Incompatible materials: see section 10. Disposal considerations: see section 13.



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### 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. Never add water to this product.
- Handling of incompatible substances or mixtures  
Do not mix with acids. Flammable liquids. Metallic.

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

Managing of associated risks

- Corrosive conditions  
Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

Control of effects

Protect against external exposure, such as

Heat, Frost, UV-radiation/sunlight

- Packaging compatibilities

Only packagings which are approved (e.g. acc. to ADR) may be used.

#### 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 <sup>3</sup> ]	STEL [ppm]	STEL [mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Ceiling-C [ppm]	Ceiling-C [mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Notation	Source
GB	potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	WEL				2				EH40/2005

Notation

Ceiling-C  
STEL

ceiling value is a limit value above which exposure should not occur  
short-term exposure limit: a limit value above which exposure should not occur and which is related to a 15-minute period (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 of the mixture						
Name of substance	CAS No	Endpoint	Threshold level	Protection goal, route of exposure	Used in	Exposure time
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	DNEL	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	chronic - local effects



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### 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

PVC: polyvinyl chloride, NR: natural rubber, latex, IIR: isobutene-isoprene (butyl) rubber, Nitrile

- Other protection measures

Take recovery periods for skin regeneration. Preventive skin protection (barrier creams/ointments) is recommended. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Respiratory protection

In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

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

#### Appearance

Physical state	liquid
Colour	colourless
Odour	odourless

#### Other safety parameters

pH (value)	12 – 14 (base)
Melting point/freezing point	-65 – 4 °C
Initial boiling point and boiling range	102 – 143 °C
Flash point	not determined
Evaporation rate	not determined
Flammability (solid, gas)	not relevant, (fluid)
Explosive limits	not determined



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Vapour pressure	4 mmHg at 25 °C
Density	1.09 – 1.52 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 15.6 °C
Vapour density	this information is not available

### Solubility(ies)

- Water solubility	miscible in any proportion
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### Partition coefficient

- n-octanol/water (log KOW)	this information is not available
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Auto-ignition temperature	not determined
Viscosity	not determined
Explosive properties	none
Oxidising properties	none

### 9.2 Other information

Solvent content	50 %
Solid content	50 %

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Concerning incompatibility: see below "Conditions to avoid" and "Incompatible materials". Substance or mixture corrosive to metals. Exothermic reaction with water.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The material is stable under normal ambient and anticipated storage and handling conditions of temperature and pressure.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Exothermic reaction with water. Reacts with (some) metals: formation of highly flammable gases/vapours (hydrogen).

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Acids, Oxidisers, Combustible materials, Metals, Organic substances

Release of flammable materials with:

Light metals (due to the release of hydrogen in an acid/alkaline medium)

### 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.



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### 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 according to GHS (1272/2008/EC, CLP)

##### Acute toxicity

Harmful if swallowed.

##### - Acute toxicity estimate (ATE)

Oral 666 mg/kg

Acute toxicity estimate (ATE) of components of the mixture			
Name of substance	CAS No	Exposure route	ATE
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	oral	333 mg/kg

Acute toxicity of components of the mixture					
Name of substance	CAS No	Exposure route	Endpoint	Value	Species
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	oral	LD50	333 mg/kg	rat

##### Skin corrosion/irritation

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

##### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes serious eye damage.

##### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Shall not be classified as a respiratory or skin sensitiser.

##### Germ cell mutagenicity

Shall not be classified as germ cell mutagenic.

##### Carcinogenicity

Shall not be classified as carcinogenic.

##### 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.





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### SECTION 12: Ecological information

#### 12.1 Toxicity

Shall not be classified as hazardous to the aquatic environment.

#### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Data are not available.

#### 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

Data are not available.

#### 12.6 Other adverse effects

Endocrine disrupting potential

None of the ingredients are listed.

### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

Waste treatment-relevant information

Regeneration of bases.

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/packagings

It is a dangerous waste; only packagings which are approved (e.g. acc. to ADR) may be used. 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

14.1	UN number	1814
14.2	UN proper shipping name	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
14.3	Transport hazard class(es)	
	Class	8 (corrosive substances)
14.4	Packing group	II (substance presenting medium danger)
14.5	Environmental hazards	non-environmentally hazardous acc. to the dangerous goods regulations
14.6	Special precautions for user	
		Provisions for dangerous goods (ADR) should be complied within the premises.



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

The cargo is not intended to be carried in bulk.

#### Information for each of the UN Model Regulations

##### **Transport of dangerous goods by road, rail and inland waterway (ADR/RID/ADN)**

UN number	1814
Proper shipping name	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
Class	8
Classification code	C5
Packing group	II
Danger label(s)	8



Excepted quantities (EQ)	E2
Limited quantities (LQ)	1 L
Transport category (TC)	2
Tunnel restriction code (TRC)	E
Hazard identification No	80

##### **International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG)**

UN number	1814
Proper shipping name	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
Class	8
Marine pollutant	-
Packing group	II
Danger label(s)	8



Special provisions (SP)	-
Excepted quantities (EQ)	E2
Limited quantities (LQ)	1 L
EmS	F-A, S-B
Stowage category	A
Segregation group	18 - Alkalis



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### International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO-IATA/DGR)

UN number	1814
Proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide solution
Class	8
Packing group	II
Danger label(s)	8
	
Special provisions (SP)	A3
Exempted quantities (EQ)	E2
Limited quantities (LQ)	0,5 L

## 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)

#### Restrictions according to REACH, Annex XVII

none of the ingredients are listed

Dangerous substances with restrictions (REACH, Annex XVII)				
Name of substance	Name acc. to inventory	CAS No	Restriction	No
Potassium hydroxide 50% solution	this product meets the criteria for classification in accordance with Regulation No 1272/2008/EC		R3	3

#### Legend

- R3
- Shall not be used in:
    - ornamental articles intended to produce light or colour effects by means of different phases, for example in ornamental lamps and ashtrays,
    - tricks and jokes,
    - games for one or more participants, or any article intended to be used as such, even with ornamental aspects,
  - Articles not complying with paragraph 1 shall not be placed on the market.
  - Shall not be placed on the market if they contain a colouring agent, unless required for fiscal reasons, or perfume, or both, if they:
    - can be used as fuel in decorative oil lamps for supply to the general public, and,
    - present an aspiration hazard and are labelled with R65 or H304,
  - Decorative oil lamps for supply to the general public shall not be placed on the market unless they conform to the European Standard on Decorative oil lamps (EN 14059) adopted by the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN).
  - Without prejudice to the implementation of other Community provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances and mixtures, suppliers shall ensure, before the placing on the market, that the following requirements are met:
    - (a) lamp oils, labelled with R65 or H304, intended for supply to the general public are visibly and indelibly marked as follows: 'Keep lamps filled with this liquid out of the reach of children'; and, by 1 December 2010, 'Just a sip of lamp oil - or even sucking the wick of lamps - may lead to life-threatening lung damage';
    - (b) grill lighter fluids, labelled with R65 or H304, intended for supply to the general public are legibly and indelibly marked by 1 December 2010 as follows: 'Just a sip of grill lighter may lead to life threatening lung damage';
    - (c) lamp oils and grill lighters, labelled with R65 or H304, intended for supply to the general public are packaged in black opaque containers not exceeding 1 litre by 1 December 2010.
  - No later than 1 June 2014, the Commission shall request the European Chemicals Agency to prepare a dossier, in accordance with Article 69 of the present Regulation with a view to ban, if appropriate, grill lighter fluids and fuel for decorative lamps, labelled R65 or H304, intended for supply to the general public.
  - Natural or legal persons placing on the market for the first time lamp oils and grill lighter fluids, labelled with R65 or H304, shall by 1 December 2011, and annually thereafter, provide data on alternatives to lamp oils and grill lighter fluids labelled R65 or H304 to the competent authority in the Member State concerned. Member States shall make those data available to the Commission.



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

none of the ingredients are listed

### Seveso Directive

2012/18/EU (Seveso III)

No	Dangerous substance/hazard categories	Qualifying quantity (tonnes) for the application of lower and upper-tier requirements	Notes
	not assigned		

### Regulation 166/2006/EC concerning the establishment of a European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR)

none of the ingredients are listed

### Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy (WFD)

none of the ingredients are listed

### National regulations (Netherlands)

Algemene Beoordelingsmethodiek, ABM (general assessment methodology, GAM)

Water hazard and decontamination effort

Water hazard	Water hazard designation	Decontamination effort
B (4)	low hazard for aquatic organisms	B

### SZW-lijst CMR effects

none of the ingredients are listed

### 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

### Abbreviations and acronyms

Abbr.	Descriptions of used abbreviations
Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
ADN	Accord européen relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par voies de navigation intérieures (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways)
ADR	Accord européen relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)



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Abbr.	Descriptions of used abbreviations
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service (service that maintains the most comprehensive list of chemical substances)
Ceiling-C	Ceiling value
CLP	Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures
CMR	Carcinogenic, Mutagenic or toxic for Reproduction
DGR	Dangerous Goods Regulations (see IATA/DGR)
DNEL	Derived No-Effect Level
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)
EH40/2005	EH40/2005 Workplace exposure limits ( <a href="http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/">http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/</a> )
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
ELINCS	European List of Notified Chemical Substances
EmS	Emergency Schedule
Eye Dam.	Seriously damaging to the eye
Eye Irrit.	Irritant to the eye
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
LD50	Lethal Dose 50 %: the LD50 corresponds to the dose of a tested substance causing 50 % lethality during a specified time interval
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (abbr. of "Marine Pollutant")
Met. Corr.	Substance or mixture corrosive to metals
NLP	No-Longer Polymer
PBT	Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
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
STEL	Short-term exposure limit
SVHC	Substance of Very High Concern
TWA	Time-weighted average



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Abbr.	Descriptions of used abbreviations
vPvB	Very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
WEL	Workplace exposure limit

### Key literature references and sources for data

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures. Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), amended by 2015/830/EU.

Transport of dangerous goods by road, rail and inland waterway (ADR/RID/ADN). 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 chapter 2 and 3)

Code	Text
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.

### Disclaimer

This information is based upon the present state of our knowledge. This SDS has been compiled and is solely intended for this product.