



Methyl paraben

Safety Data Sheet

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) with its amendment Regulation (EU) 2015/830
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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

Product form	: Substance
Substance name	: Methyl paraben
IUPAC name	: Methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate
EC-No.	: 202-785-7
CAS-No.	: 99-76-3
REACH registration No.	: 01-2119463264-40
Product code	: 10311
Formula	: C ₈ H ₈ O ₃
Product group	: Trade product

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

1.2.1. Relevant identified uses

Intended for general public	
Main use category	: Professional use, Consumer use
Use of the substance/mixture	: Cosmetics raw material

1.2.2. Uses advised against

No additional information available

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

No additional information available

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

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

Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 2	H315
Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 2	H319
Hazardous to the aquatic environment – Chronic Hazard, Category 2	H411
Full text of H- and EUH-statements: see section 16	

Adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects

Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation. Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

2.2. Label elements

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

Hazard pictograms (CLP)



Signal word (CLP)

: Warning

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Hazard statements (CLP)	: H315 - Causes skin irritation. H319 - Causes serious eye irritation. H411 - Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statements (CLP)	: P102 - Keep out of reach of children. P273 - Avoid release to the environment. P280 - Wear protective gloves, eye protection. P302+P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. P305+P351+P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. P332+P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. P337+P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. P362+P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. P391 - Collect spillage. P501 - Dispose of contents and container to hazardous or special waste collection point, in accordance with local, regional, national and/or international regulation.

2.3. Other hazards

Contains no PBT and/or vPvB substances $\geq 0.1\%$ assessed in accordance with REACH Annex XIII

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Substance type	: Mono-constituent
Name	: Methyl paraben
CAS-No.	: 99-76-3
EC-No.	: 202-785-7

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]
Methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate	CAS-No.: 99-76-3 EC-No.: 202-785-7 REACH-no: 01-2119463264-40	100	Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Eye Irrit. 2, H319 Aquatic Chronic 2, H411

Full text of H- and EUH-statements: see section 16

3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general	: If you feel unwell, seek medical advice.
First-aid measures after inhalation	: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
First-aid measures after skin contact	: Wash skin with plenty of water. Take off contaminated clothing. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
First-aid measures after eye contact	: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
First-aid measures after ingestion	: Call a poison center or a doctor if you feel unwell.
Self protection of the first-aiders	: First aid workers will be equipped with suitable personal protective equipment.

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

Symptoms/effects after inhalation	: None under normal conditions. Dust of the product, if present, may cause respiratory irritation after excessive inhalation exposure.
Symptoms/effects after skin contact	: Irritation.

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Symptoms/effects after eye contact	: Eye irritation.
Symptoms/effects after ingestion	: None under normal conditions.

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

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	: Water spray. Dry powder. Foam.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: Do not use a heavy water stream.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Fire hazard	: No fire hazard.
Explosion hazard	: No direct explosion hazard.
Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire	: Toxic fumes may be released.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Firefighting instructions	: Fight fire from safe distance and protected location. Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.
Protection during firefighting	: Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures	: Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
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6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Protective equipment	: Wear recommended personal protective equipment.
Emergency procedures	: Ventilate spillage area. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment	: Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".
Emergency procedures	: Evacuate unnecessary personnel.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For containment	: Collect spillage.
Methods for cleaning up	: Mechanically recover the product.
Other information	: Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

6.4. Reference to other sections

For further information refer to section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Additional hazards when processed	: Not expected to present a significant hazard under anticipated conditions of normal use.
Precautions for safe handling	: Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear personal protective equipment.

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Hygiene measures : Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Technical measures : Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place away from heat.
Storage conditions : Keep cool. Protect from sunlight.
Packaging materials : Store always product in container of same material as original container.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

No additional information available

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

8.1.1 National occupational exposure and biological limit values

No additional information available

8.1.2. Recommended monitoring procedures

No additional information available

8.1.3. Air contaminants formed

No additional information available

8.1.4. DNEL and PNEC

Methyl paraben (99-76-3)	
DNEL/DMEL (Workers)	
Long-term - systemic effects, dermal	9.8 mg/kg bodyweight/day
Long-term - systemic effects, inhalation	58.76 mg/m ³
DNEL/DMEL (General population)	
Long-term - systemic effects, oral	4.16 mg/kg bodyweight/day
Long-term - systemic effects, inhalation	14.49 mg/m ³
Long-term - systemic effects, dermal	4.2 mg/kg bodyweight/day
PNEC (Water)	
PNEC aqua (freshwater)	2.4 µg/l
PNEC aqua (marine water)	0.24 µg/l
PNEC aqua (intermittent, freshwater)	0.112 mg/l
PNEC (Sediment)	
PNEC sediment (freshwater)	63.2 µg/kg dw
PNEC sediment (marine water)	6.32 µg/kg dw
PNEC (Soil)	
PNEC soil	11.5 µg/kg dw
PNEC (STP)	
PNEC sewage treatment plant	2 mg/l

8.1.5. Control banding

No additional information available

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8.2. Exposure controls

8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls:

Ensure good ventilation of the work station.

8.2.2. Personal protection equipment

Personal protective equipment:

Wear recommended personal protective equipment.

Personal protective equipment symbol(s):



8.2.2.1. Eye and face protection

Eye protection:

Safety glasses

8.2.2.2. Skin protection

Skin and body protection:

Wear suitable protective clothing

Hand protection:

Protective gloves

8.2.2.3. Respiratory protection

Respiratory protection:

In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment

8.2.2.4. Thermal hazards

No additional information available

8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls

Environmental exposure controls:

Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Solid
Molecular mass	: 152.14 g/mol
Colour	: white.
Odour	: No data available
Odour threshold	: No data available
pH	: 4
Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1)	: No data available
Melting point	: 125 – 128 °C
Freezing point	: Not applicable
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: 168 °C
Auto-ignition temperature	: Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Non flammable.
Vapour pressure	: No data available
Relative vapour density at 20°C	: No data available
Relative density	: 1.38
Solubility	: Slightly soluble.
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)	: 1.91 pH: 3; Temp.: 37°C
Viscosity, kinematic	: Not applicable
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available

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Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidising properties	: No data available
Explosive limits	: Not applicable

9.2. Other information

No additional information available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

10.5. Incompatible materials

No additional information available

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (oral)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (dermal)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: Not classified

Methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (99-76-3)	
LD50 oral rat	2100 mg/kg bodyweight Animal: rat, Animal sex: male, Guideline: OECD Guideline 401 (Acute Oral Toxicity), 95% CL: 1320 - 3340
LD50 oral	> 5600 mg/kg bodyweight Animal: mouse, Animal sex: male, Guideline: OECD Guideline 401 (Acute Oral Toxicity)

Skin corrosion/irritation	: Causes skin irritation. pH: 4
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Methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (99-76-3)	
pH	4

Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye irritation. pH: 4
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Methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (99-76-3)	
pH	4

Respiratory or skin sensitisation	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
STOT-single exposure	: Not classified

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STOT-repeated exposure : Not classified

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NOAEL (oral, rat, 90 days)	1000 mg/kg bodyweight Animal: rat, Guideline: OECD Guideline 422 (Combined Repeated Dose Toxicity Study with the Reproduction / Developmental Toxicity Screening Test)
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Aspiration hazard : Not classified

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Viscosity, kinematic	Not applicable
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Methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (99-76-3)

Viscosity, kinematic	Not applicable
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SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general : Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute) : Not classified
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic) : Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (99-76-3)

LC50 - Fish [1]	59.5 mg/l Test organisms (species): Oryzias latipes
EC50 - Crustacea [1]	11.2 mg/l Test organisms (species): Daphnia magna
EC50 72h - Algae [1]	91 mg/l Test organisms (species): Raphidocelis subcapitata (previous names: Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata, Selenastrum capricornutum)
LOEC (chronic)	0.8 mg/l Test organisms (species): Daphnia magna Duration: '21 d'
NOEC (chronic)	0.2 mg/l Test organisms (species): Daphnia magna Duration: '21 d'

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Methyl paraben (99-76-3)

Persistence and degradability	Not rapidly degradable
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Methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (99-76-3)

Persistence and degradability	Not rapidly degradable
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12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Methyl paraben (99-76-3)

Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)	1.91 pH: 3; Temp.: 37°C
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12.4. Mobility in soil

Methyl paraben (99-76-3)

Organic Carbon Normalized Adsorption Coefficient (Log Koc)	2.448
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12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Methyl paraben (99-76-3)

Results of PBT assessment	This substance/mixture does not meet the PBT criteria of REACH regulation, annex XIII
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12.6. Other adverse effects

No additional information available






SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

Regional waste regulation	: Disposal must be done according to official regulations.
Waste treatment methods	: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.
Sewage disposal recommendations	: Disposal must be done according to official regulations.
Product/Packaging disposal recommendations	: Comply with applicable regulations for solid waste disposal. Disposal must be done according to official regulations.
Additional information	: Do not re-use empty containers.

SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with ADR / IMDG / IATA / ADN / RID

ADR	IMDG	IATA	ADN	RID
14.1. UN number				
UN 3077	UN 3077	UN 3077	UN 3077	UN 3077
14.2. UN proper shipping name				
ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Methyl paraben)	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Methyl paraben)	Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Methyl paraben)	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Methyl paraben)	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Methyl paraben)
Transport document description				
UN 3077 ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Methyl paraben), 9, III, (-)	UN 3077 ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Methyl paraben), 9, III, MARINE POLLUTANT	UN 3077 Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Methyl paraben), 9, III	UN 3077 ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Methyl paraben), 9, III	UN 3077 ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Methyl paraben), 9, III
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)				
9	9	9	9	9
				
14.4. Packing group				
III	III	III	III	III
14.5. Environmental hazards				
Dangerous for the environment: Yes	Dangerous for the environment: Yes Marine pollutant: Yes	Dangerous for the environment: Yes	Dangerous for the environment: Yes	Dangerous for the environment: Yes
No supplementary information available				
14.6. Special precautions for user				
Overland transport				
Classification code (ADR)	: M7			
Special provisions (ADR)	: 274, 335, 375, 601			

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Limited quantities (ADR)	: 5kg
Excepted quantities (ADR)	: E1
Packing instructions (ADR)	: P002, IBC08, LP02, R001
Special packing provisions (ADR)	: PP12, B3
Mixed packing provisions (ADR)	: MP10
Portable tank and bulk container instructions (ADR)	: T1, BK1, BK2, BK3
Portable tank and bulk container special provisions (ADR)	: TP33
Tank code (ADR)	: SGAV, LGBV
Vehicle for tank carriage	: AT
Transport category (ADR)	: 3
Special provisions for carriage - Packages (ADR)	: V13
Special provisions for carriage - Bulk (ADR)	: VC1, VC2
Special provisions for carriage - Loading, unloading and handling (ADR)	: CV13
Hazard identification number (Kemler No.)	: 90
Orange plates	:



Tunnel restriction code (ADR)	: -
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Transport by sea

Special provisions (IMDG)	: 274, 335, 375, 966, 967, 969
Limited quantities (IMDG)	: 5 kg
Excepted quantities (IMDG)	: E1
Packing instructions (IMDG)	: LP02, P002
Special packing provisions (IMDG)	: PP12
IBC packing instructions (IMDG)	: IBC08
IBC special provisions (IMDG)	: B3
Tank instructions (IMDG)	: BK1, BK2, BK3, T1
Tank special provisions (IMDG)	: TP33
EmS-No. (Fire)	: F-A
EmS-No. (Spillage)	: S-F
Stowage category (IMDG)	: A
Stowage and handling (IMDG)	: SW23

Air transport

PCA Excepted quantities (IATA)	: E1
PCA Limited quantities (IATA)	: Y956
PCA limited quantity max net quantity (IATA)	: 30kgG
PCA packing instructions (IATA)	: 956
PCA max net quantity (IATA)	: 400kg
CAO packing instructions (IATA)	: 956
CAO max net quantity (IATA)	: 400kg
Special provisions (IATA)	: A97, A158, A179, A197, A215
ERG code (IATA)	: 9L

Inland waterway transport

Classification code (ADN)	: M7
Special provisions (ADN)	: 274, 335, 375, 601
Limited quantities (ADN)	: 5 kg
Excepted quantities (ADN)	: E1
Carriage permitted (ADN)	: T* B**
Equipment required (ADN)	: PP, A***
Number of blue cones/lights (ADN)	: 0
Additional requirements/Remarks (ADN)	: * Only in the molten state. ** For carriage in bulk see also 7.1.4.1. *** Only in the case of transport in bulk.

Rail transport

Classification code (RID)	: M7
Special provisions (RID)	: 274, 335, 375, 601

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Limited quantities (RID)	: 5kg
Excepted quantities (RID)	: E1
Packing instructions (RID)	: P002, IBC08, LP02, R001
Special packing provisions (RID)	: PP12, B3
Mixed packing provisions (RID)	: MP10
Portable tank and bulk container instructions (RID)	: T1, BK1, BK2, BK3
Portable tank and bulk container special provisions (RID)	: TP33
Tank codes for RID tanks (RID)	: SGAV, LGBV
Transport category (RID)	: 3
Special provisions for carriage – Packages (RID)	: W13
Special provisions for carriage – Bulk (RID)	: VC1, VC2
Special provisions for carriage - Loading, unloading and handling (RID)	: CW13, CW31
Colis express (express parcels) (RID)	: CE11
Hazard identification number (RID)	: 90

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

Not applicable

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

15.1.1. EU-Regulations

REACH Annex XVII (Restriction List)

Not listed on REACH Annex XVII

REACH Annex XIV (Authorisation List)

Not listed on REACH Annex XIV (Authorisation List)

REACH Candidate List (SVHC)

Contains no substance(s) listed on the REACH Candidate List

PIC Regulation (Prior Informed Consent)

Contains no substance(s) listed on the PIC list (Regulation EU 649/2012 concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals)

POP Regulation (Persistent Organic Pollutants)

Contains no substance(s) listed on the POP list (Regulation EU 2019/1021 on persistent organic pollutants)

Ozone Regulation (2024/590)

Not listed on the Ozone Depletion list (Regulation EU 2024/590)

Council Regulation (EC) for the control of dual-use items

Contains no substance subject to the COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) for the control of dual-use items

Explosives Precursors Regulation (EU 2019/1148)

Contains no substance(s) listed on the Explosives Precursors list (Regulation EU 2019/1148 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors)

Drug Precursors Regulation (EC 273/2004)

Contains no substance(s) listed on the Drug Precursors list (Regulation EC 273/2004 on the manufacture and the placing on market of certain substances used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances)

15.1.2. National regulations

Netherlands

SZW-lijst van kankerverwekkende stoffen	: The substance is not listed
SZW-lijst van mutagene stoffen	: The substance is not listed
SZW-lijst van reprotoxische stoffen – Borstvoeding	: The substance is not listed
SZW-lijst van reprotoxische stoffen – Vruchtbaarheid	: The substance is not listed
SZW-lijst van reprotoxische stoffen – Ontwikkeling	: The substance is not listed

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15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

Abbreviations and acronyms:

ACGIH	American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists
ADN	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways
ADR	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
BCF	Bioconcentration factor
BLV	Biological limit value
BOD	Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)
CAS-No.	Chemical Abstract Service number
CLP	Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
COD	Chemical oxygen demand (COD)
CSA	Chemical safety assessment
DMEL	Derived Minimal Effect level
DNEL	Derived-No Effect Level
EC-No.	European Community number
EC50	Median effective concentration
ED	Endocrine disruptor
EN	European Standard
EWC	European waste catalogue
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods
LC50	Median lethal concentration
LD50	Median lethal dose
LOAEL	Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
Log Kow	Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)
Log Pow	Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)
MAK	maximum workplace concentration
NOAEC	No-Observed Adverse Effect Concentration
NOAEL	No-Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOEC	No-Observed Effect Concentration
N.O.S.	Not Otherwise Specified
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
OSHA	Occupational Safety Health Administration
PBT	Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic

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Abbreviations and acronyms:

PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
PPE	Personal protection equipment
RID	Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
STP	Sewage treatment plant
TF	Technical function
ThOD	Theoretical oxygen demand (ThOD)
TLM	Median Tolerance Limit
TWA	Time Weighted Average
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
vPvB	Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative
UFI	Unique Formula Identifier

Full text of H- and EUH-statements:

Aquatic Chronic 2	Hazardous to the aquatic environment – Chronic Hazard, Category 2
Eye Irrit. 2	Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 2
Skin Irrit. 2	Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 2
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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This information is based on our current knowledge and is intended to describe the product for the purposes of health, safety and environmental requirements only. It should not therefore be construed as guaranteeing any specific property of the product.