

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the Globally Harmonized System



ORGANON

## Betamethasone (0.05%) Ointment Formulation

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Betamethasone (0.05%) Ointment Formulation

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company : Organon & Co.

Address : 30 Hudson Street, 33rd floor  
Jersey City, New Jersey, U.S.A 07302

Telephone : +1-551-430-6000

Emergency telephone number : +1-215-631-6999

E-mail address : EHSSTEWARD@organon.com

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

Recommended use : Pharmaceutical

Restrictions on use : Not applicable

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules 1989

##### Classification

Not classified as hazardous according to criteria laid down in Part I of Schedule-1.

##### GHS Classification

Reproductive toxicity : Category 1B

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure : Category 1 (Pituitary gland, Immune system, muscle, thymus gland, Blood, Adrenal gland)

Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard : Category 1

##### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H360D May damage the unborn child.  
H372 Causes damage to organs (Pituitary gland, Immune system, muscle, thymus gland, Blood, Adrenal gland) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

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H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statements

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### Prevention:

P203 Obtain, read and follow all safety instructions before use.

P260 Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

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

### Response:

P318 IF exposed or concerned, get medical advice.

P391 Collect spillage.

### Storage:

P405 Store locked up.

### Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### Other hazards which do not result in classification

None known.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

### Components

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Petrolatum	8009-03-8	>= 70 - < 90
Propylene glycol monostearate	1323-39-3	>= 1 - < 5
betamethasone	378-44-9	>= 0.025 - < 0.1

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.  
When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.

If inhaled : If inhaled, remove to fresh air.  
Get medical attention.

In case of skin contact : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with soap and plenty of water.  
Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.  
Get medical attention.  
Wash clothing before reuse.  
Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

In case of eye contact : Flush eyes with water as a precaution.  
Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

If swallowed : If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting.

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Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	:	Get medical attention. Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. May damage the unborn child. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Protection of first-aiders	:	First Aid responders should pay attention to self-protection, and use the recommended personal protective equipment when the potential for exposure exists (see section 8).
Notes to physician	:	Treat symptomatically and supportively.

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### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	:	Water spray Alcohol-resistant foam Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) Dry chemical
Unsuitable extinguishing media	:	None known.
Specific hazards during fire-fighting	:	Vapours may form explosive mixtures with air. Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.
Hazardous combustion products	:	Carbon oxides
Specific extinguishing methods	:	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Use water spray to cool unopened containers. Remove undamaged containers from fire area if it is safe to do so. Evacuate area.
Special protective equipment for firefighters	:	In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Use personal protective equipment.

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	:	Use personal protective equipment. Follow safe handling advice (see section 7) and personal protective equipment recommendations (see section 8).
Environmental precautions	:	Avoid release to the environment. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	:	Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Local or national regulations may apply to releases and disposal of this material, as well as those materials and items employed in the cleanup of releases. You will need to determine which regulations are applicable. Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding certain local or national requirements.

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### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Technical measures : See Engineering measures under EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION section.
- Local/Total ventilation : If sufficient ventilation is unavailable, use with local exhaust ventilation.
- Advice on safe handling : Do not get on skin or clothing.  
Do not breathe dust, fume, gas, mist, vapours or spray.  
Do not swallow.  
Avoid contact with eyes.  
Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice, based on the results of the workplace exposure assessment  
Keep container tightly closed.  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment.
- Conditions for safe storage : Keep in properly labelled containers.  
Store locked up.  
Keep tightly closed.  
Store in accordance with the particular national regulations.
- Materials to avoid : Do not store with the following product types:  
Strong oxidizing agents

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Petrolatum	8009-03-8	TWA (Mist)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IN OEL
		STEL (Mist)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IN OEL
		TWA (Inhalable particulate matter)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
Propylene glycol monostearate	1323-39-3	TWA (Inhalable particulate matter)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
		TWA (Respirable particulate matter)	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
betamethasone	378-44-9	TWA	1 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (OEB 4)	Internal
	Further information: Skin			
		Wipe limit	10 µg/100 cm <sup>2</sup>	Internal

- Engineering measures** : Containment technologies suitable for controlling compounds are required to control at source and to prevent migration of the compound to uncontrolled areas (e.g., vacuum conveying from a closed system, packout head with inflatable seal from

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stationary container, ventilated enclosure, etc.).  
All engineering controls should be implemented by facility design and operated in accordance with GMP principles to protect products, workers, and the environment.  
Essentially no open handling permitted.  
Use closed processing systems or containment technologies.

### Personal protective equipment

- Respiratory protection : If adequate local exhaust ventilation is not available or exposure assessment demonstrates exposures outside the recommended guidelines, use respiratory protection.
- Filter type : Particulates type
- Hand protection
- Material : Chemical-resistant gloves
- Remarks : Consider double gloving.
- Eye protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles.  
If the work environment or activity involves dusty conditions, mists or aerosols, wear the appropriate goggles.  
Wear a faceshield or other full face protection if there is a potential for direct contact to the face with dusts, mists, or aerosols.
- Skin and body protection : Work uniform or laboratory coat.  
Additional body garments should be used based upon the task being performed (e.g., sleevelets, apron, gauntlets, disposable suits) to avoid exposed skin surfaces.  
Use appropriate degowning techniques to remove potentially contaminated clothing.
- Hygiene measures : If exposure to chemical is likely during typical use, provide eye flushing systems and safety showers close to the working place.  
When using do not eat, drink or smoke.  
Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.  
The effective operation of a facility should include review of engineering controls, proper personal protective equipment, appropriate degowning and decontamination procedures, industrial hygiene monitoring, medical surveillance and the use of administrative controls.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Appearance : ointment
- Colour : white to off-white
- Odour : No data available
- Odour Threshold : No data available
- pH : No data available
- Melting point/freezing point : No data available

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Initial boiling point and boiling range	:	No data available
Flash point	:	> 93.3 °C
Evaporation rate	:	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	Not classified as a flammability hazard
Flammability (liquids)	:	Not applicable
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	No data available
Vapour pressure	:	No data available
Relative vapour density	:	Not applicable
Relative density	:	No data available
Density	:	No data available
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	:	No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	:	No data available
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available
Viscosity Viscosity, kinematic	:	Not applicable
Explosive properties	:	Not explosive
Oxidizing properties	:	The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.
Particle size	:	Not applicable

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### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	:	Not classified as a reactivity hazard.
Chemical stability	:	Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	:	Vapours may form explosive mixture with air. Can react with strong oxidizing agents.
Conditions to avoid	:	None known.

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Incompatible materials : Oxidizing agents  
Hazardous decomposition products : No hazardous decomposition products are known.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on likely routes of exposure : Skin contact  
Ingestion  
Eye contact

#### Acute toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

##### **Petrolatum:**

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 5,000 mg/kg  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 401  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Acute dermal toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 2,000 mg/kg  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 402  
Assessment: The substance or mixture has no acute dermal toxicity  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

##### **Propylene glycol monostearate:**

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Mouse): > 5,000 mg/kg

##### **betamethasone:**

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 5,000 mg/kg  
LD50 (Mouse): > 4,500 mg/kg

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 (Rat): 0.4 mg/l  
Exposure time: 4 h

#### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

##### **Petrolatum:**

Species : Rabbit  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 404  
Result : No skin irritation  
Remarks : Based on data from similar materials

##### **Propylene glycol monostearate:**

Result : No skin irritation

##### **betamethasone:**

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Species : Rabbit  
Result : Mild skin irritation

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

##### **Petrolatum:**

Species : Rabbit  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 405  
Result : No eye irritation  
Remarks : Based on data from similar materials

##### **betamethasone:**

Species : Rabbit  
Result : No eye irritation

### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

#### **Skin sensitisation**

Not classified based on available information.

#### **Respiratory sensitisation**

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

##### **Petrolatum:**

Test Type : Buehler Test  
Exposure routes : Skin contact  
Species : Guinea pig  
Result : negative  
Remarks : Based on data from similar materials

##### **betamethasone:**

Exposure routes : Dermal  
Species : Guinea pig  
Result : Weak sensitizer

### Germ cell mutagenicity

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

##### **Petrolatum:**

Genotoxicity in vitro : Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Genotoxicity in vivo : Test Type: Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (in vivo cytogenetic assay)



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Species: Mouse  
Application Route: Intraperitoneal injection  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

### betamethasone:

Genotoxicity in vitro : Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES)  
Result: negative

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test  
Result: negative

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro  
Result: positive

Genotoxicity in vivo : Test Type: Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (in vivo  
cytogenetic assay)  
Species: Mouse  
Application Route: Oral  
Result: equivocal

Germ cell mutagenicity - Assessment : Weight of evidence does not support classification as a germ  
cell mutagen.

### Carcinogenicity

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### Petrolatum:

Species : Rat  
Application Route : Ingestion  
Exposure time : 2 Years  
Result : negative

### Reproductive toxicity

May damage the unborn child.

### Components:

#### Petrolatum:

Effects on fertility : Test Type: Reproduction/Developmental toxicity screening  
test  
Species: Rat  
Application Route: Ingestion  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Effects on foetal develop- ment : Test Type: Embryo-foetal development  
Species: Rat  
Application Route: Skin contact  
Result: negative

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### betamethasone:

Effects on foetal development : Species: Rabbit  
Application Route: Intramuscular  
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: 0.05 mg/kg body weight  
Result: Fetotoxicity, Malformations were observed.

Species: Rat  
Application Route: Subcutaneous  
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: 0.42 mg/kg body weight  
Result: Malformations were observed.

Species: Mouse  
Application Route: Intramuscular  
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: 1 mg/kg body weight  
Result: Malformations were observed.

Reproductive toxicity - Assessment : Clear evidence of adverse effects on development, based on animal experiments.

### STOT - single exposure

Not classified based on available information.

### STOT - repeated exposure

Causes damage to organs (Pituitary gland, Immune system, muscle, thymus gland, Blood, Adrenal gland) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

### Components:

#### betamethasone:

Target Organs : Pituitary gland, Immune system, muscle, thymus gland, Blood, Adrenal gland  
Assessment : Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

### Repeated dose toxicity

### Components:

#### Petrolatum:

Species : Rat  
NOAEL : 5,000 mg/kg  
Application Route : Ingestion  
Exposure time : 2 yr

#### betamethasone:

Species : Rabbit  
LOAEL : 0.05 %  
Application Route : Skin contact  
Exposure time : 10 - 30 d  
Target Organs : Pituitary gland, Immune system, muscle

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Species : Rat  
LOAEL : 0.05 %  
Application Route : Skin contact  
Exposure time : 8 Weeks  
Target Organs : thymus gland

Species : Mouse  
LOAEL : 0.1 %  
Application Route : Skin contact  
Exposure time : 8 Weeks  
Target Organs : thymus gland

Species : Dog  
LOAEL : 0.05 mg/kg  
Application Route : Oral  
Exposure time : 28 d  
Target Organs : Blood, thymus gland, Adrenal gland

### Aspiration toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

### Experience with human exposure

#### Components:

##### **betamethasone:**

Inhalation : Target Organs: Adrenal gland  
Skin contact : Symptoms: Redness, pruritis, Irritation

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components:

##### **Petrolatum:**

Toxicity to fish : LL50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): > 100 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Test substance: Water Accommodated Fraction  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 203  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 10,000 mg/l  
Exposure time: 48 h  
Test substance: Water Accommodated Fraction  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : NOEL ( Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): >= 100 mg/l  
Exposure time: 72 h  
Test substance: Water Accommodated Fraction  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

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Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC: 10 mg/l  
Exposure time: 21 d  
Species: Daphnia magna (Water flea)  
Test substance: Water Accommodated Fraction  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

### **betamethasone:**

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Americamysis): > 50 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : EC50 ( Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): > 34 mg/l  
Exposure time: 72 h  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201  
Remarks: No toxicity at the limit of solubility

NOEC ( Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 34 mg/l  
Exposure time: 72 h  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201  
Remarks: No toxicity at the limit of solubility

Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC: 0.052 mg/l  
Exposure time: 32 d  
Species: Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 210

NOEC: 0.07 µg/l  
Exposure time: 219 d  
Species: Oryzias latipes (Japanese medaka)  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 229

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC: 8 mg/l  
Exposure time: 21 d  
Species: Daphnia magna (Water flea)  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 211

M-Factor (Chronic aquatic toxicity) : 1,000

### **Persistence and degradability**

#### **Components:**

#### **Petrolatum:**

Biodegradability : Result: Not readily biodegradable.  
Biodegradation: 31 %  
Exposure time: 28 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 301F  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

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### Bioaccumulative potential

#### Components:

##### betamethasone:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 2.11

##### Mobility in soil

No data available

##### Other adverse effects

No data available

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Do not dispose of waste into sewer.  
Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

Contaminated packaging : Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.  
If not otherwise specified: Dispose of as unused product.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### International Regulations

#### UNRTDG

UN number : UN 3077  
Proper shipping name : ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.  
(betamethasone)  
Class : 9  
Packing group : III  
Labels : 9  
Environmentally hazardous : yes

#### IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 3077  
Proper shipping name : Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s.  
(betamethasone)  
Class : 9  
Packing group : III  
Labels : Miscellaneous  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 956  
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 956  
Environmentally hazardous : yes

#### IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 3077  
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Class	: 9
Packing group	: III
Labels	: 9
EmS Code	: F-A, S-F
Marine pollutant	: yes

### Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

### Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

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

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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### Further information

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

Date format : dd.mm.yyyy

### Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH	: USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
IN OEL	: India. Permissible levels of certain chemical substances in work environment.

ACGIH / TWA	: 8-hour, time-weighted average
IN OEL / TWA	: Time-Weighted Average Concentration (TWA) (8 hrs.)
IN OEL / STEL	: Short-term exposure Limit STEL (15 min)

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ANTT - National Agency for Transport by Land of Brazil; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule;

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ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; Nch - Chilean Norm; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NOM - Official Mexican Norm; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative; WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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