

# SAFETY DATA SHEET



## Betamethasone Injection Formulation

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### SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Betamethasone Injection Formulation

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company name of supplier : Organon & Co.  
Address : Avenida 16 de Septiembre No. 301  
Xaltocan - Xochimilco Mexico 16090  
Telephone : +52 55 57284444  
Emergency telephone : 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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### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### GHS Classification

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

#### 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.

Precautionary Statements : **Prevention:**  
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P260 Do not breathe mist or vapors.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

**Response:**  
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

**Storage:**

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P405 Store locked up.

### Disposal:

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

### Other hazards

None known.

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

### Components

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	$\geq 0.1$ - $< 1$
Betamethasone	378-44-9	$\geq 0.1$ - $< 1$

## SECTION 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.  
Get medical attention.  
Rinse mouth thoroughly with water.
- Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : 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.

## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING 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 : Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.

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fighting  
 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 fire-fighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.  
 Use personal protective equipment.

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### SECTION 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.  
 Prevent spreading over a wide area (e.g., by containment or oil barriers).  
 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 : Soak up with inert absorbent material.  
 For large spills, provide diking or other appropriate containment to keep material from spreading. If diked material can be pumped, store recovered material in appropriate container.  
 Clean up remaining materials from spill with suitable absorbent.  
 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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### SECTION 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 mist or vapors.  
 Do not swallow.  
 Avoid contact with eyes.  
 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
 Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety

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- 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.
- 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.
- Conditions for safe storage** : Keep in properly labeled containers.  
 Store locked up.  
 Keep tightly closed.
- Materials to avoid** : Store in accordance with the particular national regulations.  
 Do not store with the following product types:  
 Strong oxidizing agents  
 Self-reactive substances and mixtures  
 Organic peroxides  
 Explosives  
 Gases

**SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Betamethasone	378-44-9	TWA	1 µg/m3 (OEB 4)	Internal
	Further information: Skin			
		Wipe limit	10 µg/100 cm <sup>2</sup>	Internal

- Engineering measures** : 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.  
 If handled in a laboratory, use a properly designed biosafety cabinet, fume hood, or other containment device if the potential exists for aerosolization. If this potential does not exist, handle over lined trays or benchtops.

**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**

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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.

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### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : liquid

Color : No data available

Odor : No data available

Odor Threshold : No data available

pH : No data available

Melting point/freezing point : No data available

Initial boiling point and boiling range : No data available

Flash point : No data available

Evaporation rate : No data available

Flammability (solid, gas) : Not applicable

Flammability (liquids) : No data available

Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit : No data available

Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit : No data available

Vapor pressure : No data available

Relative vapor density : No data available

Relative density : No data available

Density : No data available

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Solubility(ies)  
Water solubility : No data available

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Not applicable

Autoignition temperature : No data available

Decomposition temperature : No data available

Viscosity  
Viscosity, kinematic : No data available

Explosive properties : Not explosive

Oxidizing properties : The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.

Particle characteristics  
Particle size : Not applicable

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### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity : Not classified as a reactivity hazard.

Chemical stability : Stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions : Can react with strong oxidizing agents.

Conditions to avoid : None known.

Incompatible materials : Oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products : No hazardous decomposition products are known.

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### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation  
Skin contact  
Ingestion  
Eye contact

#### Acute toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

#### Product:

Acute inhalation toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate: > 10 mg/l  
Exposure time: 4 h  
Test atmosphere: dust/mist  
Method: Calculation method

#### Components:

**Benzyl alcohol:**

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Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): 1,620 mg/kg  
Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 (Rat): > 4.178 mg/l  
Exposure time: 4 h  
Test atmosphere: dust/mist  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 403

**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:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Species : Rabbit  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 404  
Result : No skin irritation

**Betamethasone:**

Species : Rabbit  
Result : Mild skin irritation

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Species : Rabbit  
Result : Irritation to eyes, reversing within 21 days  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 405

**Betamethasone:**

Species : Rabbit  
Result : No eye irritation

**Respiratory or skin sensitization****Skin sensitization**

Not classified based on available information.

**Respiratory sensitization**

Not classified based on available information.

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**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Test Type	: Maximization Test
Routes of exposure	: Skin contact
Species	: Guinea pig
Method	: OECD Test Guideline 406
Result	: negative

**Betamethasone:**

Routes of exposure	: Dermal
Species	: Guinea pig
Result	: Weak sensitizer

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Genotoxicity in vitro	: Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES) Result: negative
Genotoxicity in vivo	: Test Type: Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (in vivo cytogetic assay) Species: Mouse Application Route: Intraperitoneal injection Result: negative

**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 cytogetic 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.



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**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Species	: Mouse
Application Route	: Ingestion
Exposure time	: 103 weeks
Method	: OECD Test Guideline 451
Result	: negative

**Reproductive toxicity**

May damage the unborn child.

**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Effects on fertility	: Test Type: Fertility/early embryonic development Species: Rat Application Route: Ingestion Result: negative Remarks: Based on data from similar materials
Effects on fetal development	: Test Type: Embryo-fetal development Species: Mouse Application Route: Ingestion Result: negative

**Betamethasone:**

Effects on fetal 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.

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**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:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Species	:	Rat
NOAEL	:	1.072 mg/l
Application Route	:	inhalation (dust/mist/fume)
Exposure time	:	28 Days
Method	:	OECD Test Guideline 412

**Betamethasone:**

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

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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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Ecotoxicity

Components:**Benzyl alcohol:**

Toxicity to fish	:	LC50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 460 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	:	EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 230 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h Method: OECD Test Guideline 202
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	:	EC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 770 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
		NOEC (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 310 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity)	:	NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 51 mg/l Exposure time: 21 d Method: OECD Test Guideline 211

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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 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 0.052 mg/l Exposure time: 32 d Method: OECD Test Guideline 210
		NOEC (Oryzias latipes (Japanese medaka)): 0.07 µg/l Exposure time: 219 d Method: OECD Test Guideline 229
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity)	:	NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 8 mg/l Exposure time: 21 d

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|||ic toxicity)      Method: OECD Test Guideline 211

### Persistence and degradability

#### Components:

##### Benzyl alcohol:

|||Biodegradability      :    Result: Readily biodegradable.  
Biodegradation: 92 - 96 %  
Exposure time: 14 d

### Bioaccumulative potential

#### Components:

##### Benzyl alcohol:

|||Partition coefficient: n-      :    log Pow: 1.05  
octanol/water

##### Betamethasone:

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

### Mobility in soil

No data available

### Other adverse effects

No data available

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## SECTION 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.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### International Regulations

#### UNRTDG

UN number      :    UN 3082  
Proper shipping name      :    ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID,  
N.O.S.  
(betamethasone)

|||Class      :    9  
|||Packing group      :    III  
|||Labels      :    9  
Environmentally hazardous      :    yes

#### IATA-DGR

UN/ID No.      :    UN 3082  
Proper shipping name      :    Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s.

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	(Betamethasone)
Class	: 9
Packing group	: III
Labels	: Miscellaneous
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft)	: 964
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft)	: 964
Environmentally hazardous	: yes

**IMDG-Code**

UN number	: UN 3082
Proper shipping name	: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S.

	(Betamethasone)
Class	: 9
Packing group	: III
Labels	: 9
EmS Code	: F-A, S-F
Marine pollutant	: yes

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

Not applicable for product as supplied.

**Domestic regulation****NOM-002-SCT**

UN number	: UN 3082
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Class	: 9
Packing group	: III
Labels	: 9

**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.

**SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Federal Law for the control of chemical precursors, essential chemical products and machinery for producing capsules, tablets and pills. : Not applicable

**The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

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

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### SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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#### Full text of other abbreviations

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; 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; TECl - 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

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

Items where changes have been made to the previous version are highlighted in the body of this document by two vertical lines.

The information is considered as correct, but not exhaustive, and will be used only as a guide, which is based in the current knowledge of the substance or mixture, and is applicable to proper safety precautions for the product.

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