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

#### 1.1 Product identifier

Trade name : Ethylene Oxide Sustainable

Product code : U1117

Registration number EU : 01-2119432402-53-0011, 01-2119432402-53-0013

Synonyms : EO (Ethylene Oxide), Oxirane

CAS-No. : 75-21-8

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

Use of the Sub- : Please refer to section 16 and/or the annexes for the regis-

stance/Mixture tered uses under REACH.

Uses advised against

This product must not be used in applications other than those

listed in Section 1 without first seeking the advice of the sup-

plier.

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

Manufacturer/Supplier : Shell Chemicals Europe B.V.

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3000 CH Rotterdam

Netherlands

Telephone : +31 (0)10 441 5137 / +31 (0)10 441 5191 Telefax : +31 (0)20 716 8316 / +31 (0)20 713 9230

Contact for Safety Data : sccmsds@shell.com

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#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

+44 (0) 1235 239 670

National Poison Information Centre (NVIC): Tel. nr. +31(0)88 755 8000 (24 hrs a day and 7

days a week).

Only for the purpose of informing medical personnel.

#### **SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### Classification (REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008)

Flammable gases, Category 1A H220: Extremely flammable gas.

Chemically unstable gas, Category A H230: May react explosively even in the absence

of air.

Gases under pressure, Liquefied gas H280: Contains gas under pressure; may explode if

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heated.

Acute toxicity, Category 3, Oral H301: Toxic if swallowed.

Skin corrosion, Category 1 H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Serious eye damage, Category 1 H318: Causes serious eye damage.

Acute toxicity, Category 3, Inhalation H331: Toxic if inhaled.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure, Category 3, Central nervous

system

H336: May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure, Category 3, Respiratory system

H335: May cause respiratory irritation.

H340: May cause genetic defects.

Germ cell mutagenicity, Category 1B

Carcinogenicity, Category 1B

H350: May cause cancer.

Reproductive toxicity, Category 1B

H360Fd: May damage fertility. Suspected of damaging the unborn child.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Category 1, Central nervous

system

H372: Causes damage to organs through pro-

longed or repeated exposure.

#### 2.2 Label elements

#### Labelling (REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008)

Hazard pictograms











Signal word Danger

Hazard statements PHYSICAL HAZARDS:

H220 Extremely flammable gas.

May react explosively even in the absence of air. H230 H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

**HEALTH HAZARDS:** 

H301 Toxic if swallowed.

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H318 Causes serious eye damage.

Toxic if inhaled. H331

H335 May cause respiratory irritation. H336 May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

May cause genetic defects. H340

H350 May cause cancer.

H360Fd May damage fertility. Suspected of damaging

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the unborn child.

H372 Causes damage to organs (Central nervous system)

through prolonged or repeated exposure. ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:

Not classified as environmental hazard according to

CLP criteria.

Precautionary statements

#### Prevention:

P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

P260 Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protec-

tion/ face protection.

#### Response:

P377 Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.

P381 In case of leakage, eliminate all ignition sources.

P301 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/

attention.

P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

#### Storage:

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P405 Store locked up.

#### Disposal:

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

#### 2.3 Other hazards

Ecological information: The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Toxicological information: The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Even with proper grounding and bonding, this material can still accumulate an electrostatic charge.

If sufficient charge is allowed to accumulate, electrostatic discharge and ignition of flammable airvapour mixtures can occur.

Dangerous polymerisation can occur on contact with highly catalytic surfaces.

Highly reactive.

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This material is shipped under pressure.

Exposure to rapidly expanding gases may cause frost burns to eyes and/or skin.

Liquid solutions of ethylene oxide cause serious chemical burns of the skin and eye lesions. The severity of injury will vary depending on the concentration and duration of skin contact. Concentrations of around 50% are the most dangerous, however a 1% solution of EO in water and gaseous EO dissolved in sweat can also cause damage to the skin. The onset of effects may be delayed for several hours.

Causes burns.

#### **SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

#### 3.1 Substances

#### Components

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
	EC-No.	, , ,
Ethylene Oxide	75-21-8	100
	200-849-9	

#### **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

#### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice : DO NOT DELAY.

Keep victim calm. Obtain medical treatment immediately. DO NOT attempt to rescue the victim unless proper respirato-

ry protection is worn.

Take appropriate steps to avoid fire, explosion and inhalation

nazards

Contaminated leather articles including shoes cannot be decontaminated and should be destroyed to prevent reuse.

Protection of first-aiders : When administering first aid, ensure that you are wearing the

appropriate personal protective equipment according to the

incident, injury and surroundings.

If inhaled : Call emergency number for your location / facility.

Remove to fresh air. Do not attempt to rescue the victim unless proper respiratory protection is worn. If the victim has difficulty breathing or tightness of the chest, is dizzy, vomiting, or unresponsive, give 100% oxygen with rescue breathing or Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation as required and transport to

the nearest medical facility.

In case of skin contact : DO NOT DELAY.

Call emergency number for your location / facility.

Remove contaminated clothing. Immediately flush skin with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, and follow by

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washing with soap and water if available. If redness, swelling, pain and/or blisters occur, transport to the nearest medical

facility for additional treatment.

All burns should receive medical attention.

In case of eye contact : Immediately flush eye(s) with plenty of water.

Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue

rinsing.

Transport to the nearest medical facility for additional treat-

ment.

If swallowed : Do not induce vomiting. If victim is alert, rinse mouth and

drink 1/2 to 1 glass of water to help dilute the material. Do not give liquids to a drowsy, convulsing, or unconscious person. Transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment.

Rinse mouth.

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

**Symptoms** 

Respiratory irritation signs and symptoms may include a temporary burning sensation of the nose and throat, coughing, and/or difficulty breathing.

Breathing of high vapour concentrations may cause central nervous system (CNS) depression resulting in dizziness, light-headedness, headache, nausea and loss of coordination. Continued inhalation may result in unconsciousness and death.

Corrosive to skin.

Contact with the skin can cause chemical burns, redness, swelling, and tissue damage.

Corrosive to eyes.

Contact can cause severe eye damage including chemical burns, pain, clouding of the eye surface, inflammation of the eye, and may result in permanent loss of vision.

Rapid release of gases which are liquids under pressure may cause frost burns of exposed tissues (skin, eye) due to evaporative cooling.

Peripheral nerve damage may be evidenced by impairment of motor function (incoordination, unsteady walk, or muscle weakness in the extremities, and/or loss of sensation in the arms and legs).

Other signs and symptoms of central nervous system (CNS) depression may include headache, nausea, and lack of coordination.

Symptoms may vary by the agent. Symptoms may extend to being locally corrosive to involving generalized systems including respiratory system, circulatory system, central nervous system (CNS), and may lead to death.

Burns and tearing of the esophagus and stomach are possible.

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

Treatment : IMMEDIATE TREATMENT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!

Treat symptomatically.

Artificial respiration and/or oxygen may be necessary. Call a doctor or poison control center for guidance.

#### **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

#### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Shut off supply. If not possible and no risk to surroundings, let

the fire burn itself out.

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

Do not use water in a jet.

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

Specific hazards during fire-

fighting

The vapour is heavier than air, spreads along the ground and

distant ignition is possible.

Sustained fire attack on vessels may result in a Boiling Liquid

Expanding Vapor Explosion (BLEVE).

Containers exposed to intense heat from fires should be

cooled with large quantities of water.

Contents are under pressure and can explode when exposed

to heat or flames.

As the vapours become lighter than air, the vapours may reach ignition sources at ground or elevated locations.

#### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Special protective equipment :

for firefighters

Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing ap-

paratus.

Proper protective equipment including chemical resistant gloves are to be worn; chemical resistant suit is indicated if large contact with spilled product is expected. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus must be worn when approaching a fire in a confined space. Select fire fighter's clothing approved to

relevant Standards (e.g. Europe: EN469).

Specific extinguishing meth-

ods

Standard procedure for chemical fires.

Further information : Clear fire area of all non-emergency personnel.

If the fire cannot be extinguished the only course of action is

to evacuate immediately.

Large fires should only be fought by properly trained fire fight-

ers.

Evacuate the area of all non-essential personnel.

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#### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

#### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions : 6.1.1 For non emergency personnel:

Avoid contact with spilled or released material. For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see Section 8 of

this Safety Data Sheet.

Isolate hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary or unpro-

tected personnel.

Stay upwind and keep out of low areas.

Where there is a potential for direct exposure to the product

use a gas tight suit.

6.1.2 For emergency responders:

Avoid contact with spilled or released material. For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see Section 8 of

this Safety Data Sheet.

Isolate hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary or unpro-

tected personnel.

Stay upwind and keep out of low areas.

Extinguish any naked flames. Do not smoke. Remove ignition

sources. Avoid sparks.

Note - Since the danger of fire is so great, bunker gear worn

over protective clothing is highly recommended.

#### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions : Shut off leaks, if possible without personal risks. Remove all

possible sources of ignition in the surrounding area and evacuate all personnel. Attempt to disperse the gas or to direct its flow to a safe location for example by using fog sprays. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all

equipment. Monitor area with combustible gas meter. Prevent from spreading or entering into waterways, sewers,

basements or confined areas.

Use water spray barriers (curtains) to contain the toxic clouds.

#### 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up : Use water spray (fog) to reduce vapours or divert vapour

cloud drift.

Do not use water in a jet.

Alcohol foam applied to surface of liquid pools may slow re-

lease of EO vapours into the atmosphere.

#### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For personal protection see section 8., See Chapter 13 for information on disposal., Observe all relevant local regulations., Notify authorities if any exposure to the general public or the environment occurs or is likely to occur., Dike and contain spill water., Water dilution of at least 22:1 for open spaces or 100:1 for confined spaces is necessary to eliminate the fire hazard., Due to its high volatility, spilled liquid EO should either be allowed to evaporate or diluted with water as noted above., The vapour is

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heavier than air, spreads along the ground and distant ignition is possible., Monitor area with combustible gas indicator., Run-off may cause a fire or explosion hazard., DOT recommends evacuating in all directions. For small spills the distance to evacuate is at least 200 feet; protect persons downwind to at least 0.1 miles during the day and 0.2 miles at night. For large spills the distance to evacuate is at least 400 feet; protect persons downwind to at least 0.2 miles during the day and 0.6 miles at night.

## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

#### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Technical measures : Avoid breathing of or direct contact with material. Only use in

well ventilated areas. Wash thoroughly after handling. For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see

Section 8 of this Safety Data Sheet.

Use the information in this data sheet as input to a risk assessment of local circumstances to help determine appropriate controls for safe handling, storage and disposal of this

material.

Ensure that all local regulations regarding handling and stor-

age facilities are followed.

Advice on safe handling : Avoid exposure. Obtain special instructions before use.

This product is intended for use in closed systems only. Ventilate workplace in such a way that the Occupational Ex-

posure Limit (OEL) is not exceeded.

The vapour is heavier than air, spreads along the ground and

distant ignition is possible.

Electrostatic discharge may cause fire. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all equipment to

reduce the risk.

The vapours in the head space of the storage vessel may lie in the flammable/explosive range and hence may be flamma-

ble.

Do NOT use compressed air for filling, discharging, or han-

dling operations.

Product Transfer : Refer to guidance under Handling section. Lines should be

purged with nitrogen before and after product transfer. Refer to supplier for further product transfer instructions if required.

Hygiene measures : Wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking and using the

toilet. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Requirements for storage areas and containers

: Refer to section 15 for any additional specific legislation cov-

ering the packaging and storage of this product.

Further information on stor-

age stability

: Ethylene oxide (EO), an extremely flammable and toxic gas, and other hazardous vapours may evolve and collect in the

headspace of storage tanks, transport vessels and other en-

closed containers.

Tanks must be specifically designed for use with this product.

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Tanks must be clean, dry and rust-free.

Keep container tightly closed.

Vapours from tanks should not be released to atmosphere. Breathing losses during storage should be controlled by a suitable vapour treatment system.

Nitrogen blanket recommended.

Cleaning, inspection and maintenance of storage tanks is a specialist operation, which requires the implementation of strict procedures and precautions.

Keep away from flammables, oxidizing agents, and corro-

sives.

Storage Temperature: 30 °C / 86 °F maximum.

Potential exists for runaway reaction at elevated temperatures in the presence of strong bases and salts of strong bases. Must be stored in a diked (bunded) well- ventilated area, away from sunlight, ignition sources and other sources of heat. A reliable fixed sprinkler/deluge system should be installed.

Packaging material : Suitable material: Stainless steel., Mild steel., Carbon steel
Unsuitable material: Compatibility should be checked with the

manufacturer.

Container Advice : Containers, even those that have been emptied, can contain

explosive vapours. Do not cut, drill, grind, weld or perform

similar operations on or near containers.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Specific use(s) : Please refer to section 16 and/or the annexes for the regis-

tered uses under REACH.

Ensure that all local regulations regarding handling and stor-

age facilities are followed.

See additional references that provide safe handling practices: American Petroleum Institute 2003 (Protection Against Ignitions Arising out of Static, Lightning and Stray Currents) or National Fire Protection Agency 77 (Recommended Practices

on Static Electricity).

IEC/TS 60079-32-1: Electrostatic hazards, guidance

#### **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

#### 8.1 Control parameters

#### **Occupational Exposure Limits**

France France				
Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form	Control parameters	Basis
		of exposure)		
Ethylene Oxide	75-21-8	TLV-8hr	0,46 ppm	NL WG
			0,84 mg/m3	
	Further information: Carcinogenic substances, Skin notation			
Ethylene Oxide		TWA	1 ppm	2004/37/EC

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			1,8 mg/m3	
	Further inform	ation: Skin, Carcino	gens or mutagens	
Ethylene Oxide		TWA	1 ppm	Shell Internal
			1,8 mg/m3	Standard
				(SIS) for 8
				hour TWA.

#### **Biological occupational exposure limits**

No biological limit allocated.

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006:

Substance name	End Use	Exposure routes	Potential health ef-	Value
			fects	
Ethylene Oxide	Workers	Inhalation	Acute local effects	5 mg/m3
Ethylene Oxide	Workers	Inhalation	Long-term systemic effects	1,6 mg/m3

#### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC) according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006:

Substance name		Environmental Compartment	Value
Ethylene Oxide			
Remarks:	Exposure	assessments have not been presented for the	environment
	therefore	PNEC values not required.	

#### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### **Engineering measures**

Read in conjunction with the Exposure Scenario for your specific use contained in the Annex. The level of protection and types of controls necessary will vary depending upon potential exposure conditions. Select controls based on a risk assessment of local circumstances. Appropriate measures include:

Use sealed systems as far as possible.

Adequate explosion-proof ventilation to control airborne concentrations below the exposure guidelines/limits.

Local exhaust ventilation is recommended.

The American Industrial Hygiene Association has established emergency response planning guidelines (ERPG) for ethylene oxide. These guidelines are estimates of concentration ranges which alone could reasonably anticipate observing adverse effects.

Ethylene Oxide ERPG-2, 50 ppm, is a maximum airborne concentration below which individuals could be exposed for up to 1 hour without experiencing mild transient health effects.

Ethylene Oxide ERPG-3, 500 ppm, is a maximum airborne concentration below which it is believed that individuals could be exposed for up to 1 hour without experiencing or developing life threatening health effects.

Firewater monitors and deluge systems are recommended.

Eye washes and showers for emergency use.

#### General Information:

Consider technical advances and process upgrades (including automation) for the elimination of releases. Minimise exposure using measures such as closed systems, dedicated facilities and suitable general/local exhaust ventilation. Drain down systems and clear transfer lines prior to breaking containment. Clean/flush equipment, where possible, prior to maintenance. Where there is potential for exposure: restrict access to authorised persons; provide specific activity training to operators to minimise exposures; wear suitable gloves and coveralls to prevent skin contamination; wear respiratory protection when there is potential for inhalation; clear up spills immediately

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and dispose of wastes safely. Ensure safe systems of work or equivalent arrangements are in place to manage risks. Regularly inspect, test and maintain all control measures. Consider the need for risk based health surveillance.

Do not ingest. If swallowed, then seek immediate medical assistance Items that cannot be decontaminated should be destroyed (see Chapter 13).

#### Personal protective equipment

Read in conjunction with the Exposure Scenario for your specific use contained in the Annex. The provided information is made in consideration of the PPE directive (Council Directive 89/686/EEC) and the CEN European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) standards.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) should meet recommended national standards. Check with PPE suppliers.

Eye protection : Wear goggles for use against liquids and gas, combined with

face shield with chin guard.

Approved to EU Standard EN166.

Hand protection

Remarks : 4Htm (PE/EVAL) or butyl rubber gloves, First Responder

chemical suit. Neoprene, Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) or Vitontm

are not recommended.

Where hand contact with the product may occur the use of gloves approved to relevant standards (e.g. Europe: EN374, US: F739) made from the following materials may provide suitable chemical protection. Longer term protection: Butvl rubber. Incidental contact/Splash protection: Nitrile rubber gloves. For continuous contact we recommend gloves with breakthrough time of more than 240 minutes with preference for > 480 minutes where suitable gloves can be identified. For short-term/splash protection we recommend the same but recognize that suitable gloves offering this level of protection may not be available and in this case a lower breakthrough time maybe acceptable so long as appropriate maintenance and replacement regimes are followed. Glove thickness is not a good predictor of glove resistance to a chemical as it is dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Glove thickness should be typically greater than 0.35 mm depending on the glove make and model. Suitability and durability of a glove is dependent on usage, e.g. frequency and duration of contact, chemical resistance of glove material, dexterity. Always seek advice from glove suppliers. Contaminated gloves should be replaced. Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturizer is recommended.

Skin and body protection

Where risk of splashing or in spillage clean up, use chemical resistant one-piece overall with integral hood, chemical re-

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sistant knee length boots and chemical resistant gloves. Otherwise use chemical resistant apron and gauntlets.

Protective clothing approved to EU Standard EN14605.

Respiratory protection

If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations to a level which is adequate to protect worker health, select respiratory protection equipment suitable for the specific conditions of use and meeting relevant legislation. Check with respiratory protective equipment suppliers. Where air-filtering respirators are unsuitable (e.g. airborne concentrations are high, risk of oxygen deficiency, confined space) use appropriate positive pressure breathing apparatus.

Where air-filtering respirators are suitable, select an appropriate combination of mask and filter.

If air-filtering respirators are suitable for conditions of use:

Select a filter suitable for organic gases and vapours [Type AX boiling point < 65°C (149°F)] meeting EN14387.

An approved respirator should be used when making or breaking connections to an ethylene oxide rail car or when sampling this material.

The odour threshold for ethylene oxide is above 250 ppm. This is much greater than the OSHA exposure limits. Therefore, do not depend on sense of smell for warning. If you smell ethylene oxide, you are in danger. Absence of odour, though, does not assure low enough exposure levels; its vapour may deaden the sense of smell.

#### **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

#### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Liquid under pressure.

Colour : clear

Odour : Ethereal, sweet

Odour Threshold : Data not available

Melting point/freezing point : -112 °C

Boiling point/boiling range : 10,6 °C

Flammability

Flammability (solid, gas) : Extremely flammable.

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Lower explosion limit and upper explosion limit / flammability limit

Upper explosion limit /

upper flammability limit

: 99,99 %(V)

Lower explosion limit /

Lower flammability limit

2,6 %(V)

Flash point : -57 °C

Auto-ignition temperature : 428 °C

Decomposition temperature

Decomposition tempera-

Data not available

ture

pH : Not applicable

Viscosity

Viscosity, dynamic : 0,41 mPa.s (0 °C)

Method: ASTM D445

Viscosity, kinematic : Data not available

Solubility(ies)

Water solubility : completely miscible

Solubility in other solvents : Data not available

Partition coefficient: n-

octanol/water

log Pow: -0,3

Vapour pressure : 144,6 kPa (20 °C)

Relative density : Data not available

Density : 898 kg/m3 (0 °C)

Method: ASTM D4052

Relative vapour density : ca. 1,5

Particle characteristics

Particle size : Data not available

9.2 Other information

Explosive properties : Not applicable

Oxidizing properties : Not applicable

Evaporation rate : Data not available

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Conductivity: > 10,000 pS/m

A number of factors, for example liquid temperature, presence of contaminants, and anti-static additives can greatly influence the conductivity of a liquid, This material is not expected to be

a static accumulator.

Surface tension : Data not available

Molecular weight : 44 g/mol

#### **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

### 10.1 Reactivity

The product does not pose any further reactivity hazards in addition to those listed in the following sub-paragraph.

#### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions of use.

Pure EO or EO vapour mixed with air or inert gases can decompose explosively. The violence of the explosion depends on pressure, temperature and concentration; the form and energy of the ignition source, and the type of container.

Reacts exothermically with bases (eg caustic soda), ammonia, primary and secondary amines, alcohols, water and acids.

#### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous reactions : Data not available

#### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Conditions to avoid : Heat, flames, and sparks.

Temperatures above 30 °C / 86 °F. Prevent vapour accumulation.

In certain circumstances product can ignite due to static elec-

tricity.

#### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Materials to avoid : Avoid contamination with organic bases, strong acids, ammo-

nia, copper, silver, magnesium and their salts, anhydrous chlorides of iron, tin and aluminium, and alkali metal hydrox-

ides.

#### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Thermal decomposition is highly dependent on conditions. A complex mixture of airborne solids, liquids and gases including carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, sulphur oxides and unidentified organic compounds will be evolved when this material undergoes combustion or thermal or oxidative degradation.

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#### **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

#### 11.1 Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Information on likely routes of:

exposure

Exposure may occur via inhalation, ingestion, skin absorption,

skin or eye contact, and accidental ingestion.

This material penetrates the intact skin and eye rapidly as a

liquid or mist, producing severe burns.

#### **Acute toxicity**

#### **Components:**

Ethylene Oxide:

Acute oral toxicity : LD 50 (Rat, male): > 50 - <= 300 mg/kg

Method: Literature data Remarks: Toxic if swallowed.

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC 50 (Rat, male): > 500 - <= 2500 ppm

Exposure time: 4 h
Test atmosphere: gas
Method: Literature data
Remarks: Toxic if inhaled.

High concentrations may cause central nervous system depression resulting in headaches, dizziness and nausea; continued inhalation may result in unconsciousness and/or death.

Acute dermal toxicity : Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria

are not met.

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

#### Components:

#### **Ethylene Oxide:**

Species : Rabbit

Method : Acceptable non-standard method.

Remarks : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Liquid solutions of ethylene oxide cause serious chemical burns of the skin and eye lesions. The severity of injury will vary depending on the concentration and duration of skin con-

tact.

Rapid release of gases which are liquids under pressure may cause frost burns of exposed tissues (skin, eye) due to evapo-

rative cooling.

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

#### **Components:**

#### **Ethylene Oxide:**

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Species : Rabbit

Method : Literature data

Remarks : Causes serious eye damage.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

**Components:** 

**Ethylene Oxide:** 

Species : Guinea pig Method : Literature data

Remarks : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Germ cell mutagenicity

**Components:** 

**Ethylene Oxide:** 

Genotoxicity in vitro : Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Remarks: May cause genetic defects.

Method: Literature data

Remarks: May cause genetic defects.

Genotoxicity in vivo : Species: Mouse

Application Route: Inhalation Method: Literature data

Remarks: May cause genetic defects.

Germ cell mutagenicity- As-

sessment

May cause genetic defects.

Carcinogenicity

Components:

**Ethylene Oxide:** 

Species : Rat, male and female

Application Route : Inhalation
Method : Literature data
Remarks : May cause cancer.

Carcinogenicity - Assess-

ment

: May cause cancer.

Material	GHS/CLP Carcinogenicity Classification
Ethylene Oxide	Carcinogenicity Category 1B

Material Other Carcinogenicity Classification	Material	Other Carcinogenicity Classification
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Ethylene Oxide IARC: Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans

#### Reproductive toxicity

#### **Components:**

#### **Ethylene Oxide:**

Effects on fertility : Species: Rat

Sex: male and female

Application Route: Inhalation

Method: Literature data

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met., May impair fertility based on animal studies.

Reproductive toxicity - As-

sessment

This product does not meet the criteria for classification in

categories 1A/1B.

#### STOT - single exposure

#### **Components:**

#### **Ethylene Oxide:**

Exposure routes : Inhalation

Target Organs : Respiratory system

Remarks : May cause respiratory irritation.

High concentrations may cause central nervous system depression resulting in headaches, dizziness and nausea.

#### STOT - repeated exposure

#### **Components:**

#### **Ethylene Oxide:**

Exposure routes : Inhalation
Target Organs : Nervous system

Remarks : Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated

exposure.

#### Repeated dose toxicity

#### **Components:**

#### **Ethylene Oxide:**

Species : Rat, male and female

Application Route : Inhalation Test atmosphere : vapour

Method : Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 453

Target Organs : Nervous system

Remarks : Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated

exposure.

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#### **Aspiration toxicity**

#### **Components:**

#### **Ethylene Oxide:**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### 11.2 Information on other hazards

#### **Endocrine disrupting properties**

**Product:** 

Assessment : The substance/mixture does not contain components consid-

ered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at

levels of 0.1% or higher.

**Further information** 

**Product:** 

Remarks : Unless indicated otherwise, the data presented is representa-

tive of the product as a whole, rather than for individual com-

ponent(s).

**Components:** 

**Ethylene Oxide:** 

Remarks : Classifications by other authorities under varying regulatory

frameworks may exist.

#### **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

#### 12.1 Toxicity

#### **Components:**

**Ethylene Oxide:** 

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 84 mg/l

Exposure time: 96 h

Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Guideline 203

Remarks: Harmful

LL/EL/IL50 > 10 <= 100 mg/l

Toxicity to daphnia and other :

aquatic invertebrates

LC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 137 - 300 mg/l

Exposure time: 48 h

Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Guideline 202

Remarks: Practically non toxic:

LC/EC/IC50 > 100 mg/l

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Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : EC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (algae)): 240 mg/l

Exposure time: 96 h

Method: Information given is based on data obtained from

similar substances.

Remarks: Practically non toxic: LC/EC/IC50 > 100 mg/l

Toxicity to microorganisms : EC50 (Activated sludge, domestic waste): > 713 mg/l

Exposure time: 3 h

Method: OECD Test Guideline 209 Remarks: Practically non toxic: LC/EC/IC50 > 100 mg/l

Toxicity to fish (Chronic tox-

icity)

Remarks: Data not available

Toxicity to daphnia and other :

aquatic invertebrates (Chron-

ic toxicity)

Remarks: Data not available

## 12.2 Persistence and degradability

#### **Components:**

**Ethylene Oxide:** 

Biodegradability : Biodegradation: 93 - 98 %

Exposure time: 28 d

Method: Information given is based on data obtained from

similar substances.

Remarks: Readily biodegradable. Rapidly hydrolyses in water and soil.

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

#### **Components:**

**Ethylene Oxide:** 

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: Does not have the potential to bioaccumulate significant-

ly.

#### 12.4 Mobility in soil

#### **Components:**

**Ethylene Oxide:** 

Mobility : Remarks: When released to air, transfers to soil or water by

wet and dry deposition.

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#### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

#### **Components:**

#### **Ethylene Oxide:**

Assessment : The substance does not fulfill all screening criteria for persis-

tence, bioaccumulation and toxicity and hence is not consid-

ered to be PBT or vPvB..

#### 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

#### **Product:**

Assessment : The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to

have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

#### 12.7 Other adverse effects

#### Product:

Additional ecological infor-

mation

Unless indicated otherwise, the data presented is representative of the product as a whole, rather than for individual component(s).

#### **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

#### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product : Do not dispose into the environment, in drains or in water

courses.

Waste product should not be allowed to contaminate soil or

water.

Waste arising from a spillage or tank cleaning should be disposed of in accordance with prevailing regulations, preferably to a recognised collector or contractor. The competence of the collector or contractor should be established beforehand.

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional,

national, and local laws and regulations.

Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or na-

tional requirements and must be complied with.

Contaminated packaging : Dispose in accordance with prevailing regulations, preferably

to a recognized collector or contractor. The competence of the collector or contractor should be established beforehand.

#### **SECTION 14: Transport information**

#### 14.1 UN number or ID number

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ADN : 1040
ADR : 1040
RID : 1040
IMDG : 1040
IATA : 1040

(Not permitted for transport)

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADN : ETHYLENE OXIDE WITH NITROGEN
ADR : ETHYLENE OXIDE WITH NITROGEN
RID : ETHYLENE OXIDE WITH NITROGEN
IMDG : ETHYLENE OXIDE WITH NITROGEN

IATA : ETHYLENE OXIDE WITH NITROGEN

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADN : 2
ADR : 2
RID : 2
IMDG : 2.3
IATA : 2.3

Not permitted for transport

14.4 Packing group

**ADN** 

Packing group : Not Assigned

Classification Code : 2TF Labels : 2.3 (2.1)

CDNI Inland Water Waste : NST 8199 Ethylene Oxide

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**ADR** 

Packing group : Not assigned by regulation

Classification Code : 2TF
Hazard Identification Number : 263
Labels : 2.3 (2.1)

**RID** 

Packing group : Not assigned by regulation

Classification Code : 2TF
Hazard Identification Number : 263
Labels : 2.3 (2.1)

**IMDG** 

Packing group : Not assigned by regulation

Labels : 2.3 (2.1)

IATA

Packing group : Not Assigned

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#### 14.5 Environmental hazards

Environmentally hazardous · no

**ADR** 

Environmentally hazardous no

Environmentally hazardous no

**IMDG** 

Marine pollutant no

14.6 Special precautions for user

Remarks Special Precautions: Refer to Section 7, Handling & Storage,

for special precautions which a user needs to be aware of or

needs to comply with in connection with transport.

14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Ship type : IG

Product name : Ethylene Oxide

**Additional Information** : Transport in bulk according to the IGC code

> This product may be transported under nitrogen blanketing. Nitrogen is an odourless and invisible gas. Exposure to nitrogen may cause asphyxiation or death. Personnel must observe strict safety precautions when involved with a confined

space entry.

SHUNT WITH CARE (Label nr. 13 - for RID only)

#### **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

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

REACH - Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances.

mixtures and articles (Annex XVII)

Conditions of restriction for the following entries should be considered: Ethylene Oxide (Number on list 30,

29, 28)

REACH - List of substances subject to authorisation

(Annex XIV)

: Product is not subject to Authorisation under REACH.

REACH - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation (Article 59).

This product does not contain substances of very high concern (Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH),

Article 57).

Seveso III: Directive 2012/18/EU of the Euro-20 Ethylene oxide

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pean Parliament and of the Council on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances.

#### Other regulations:

The regulatory information is not intended to be comprehensive. Other regulations may apply to this material.

Product meets one or more criteria set for the Dutch list of 'substances of concern' (zeer zorgwekkende stoffen (ZZS)).

Product is subject to Major accident risk decision 2015 (BRZO+) based on Seveso III directive (2012/18/EU).

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

AIIC : Listed

DSL : Listed

IECSC : Listed

ENCS : Listed

KECI : Listed

NZIoC : Listed

PICCS : Listed

TSCA : Listed

TCSI : Listed

#### 15.2 Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out for this substance.

#### **SECTION 16: Other information**

#### Full text of other abbreviations

2004/37/EC : Europe. Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers

from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens

at work

NL WG : Netherlands. Law on Labour conditions - Occupational Expo-

sure Limits

2004/37/EC / TWA : Long term exposure limit NL WG / TLV-8hr : Time Weighted Average

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ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways; ADR - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CLP - Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECHA -European Chemicals Agency; EC-Number - European Community number; 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; 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; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; 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; RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; SVHC - Substance of Very High Concern; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI -Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TRGS - Technical Rule for Hazardous Substances; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

#### **Further information**

Training advice : Provide adequate information, instruction and training for op-

erators.

Other information : For Industry guidance and tools on REACH please visit the

CEFIC website at http://cefic.org/Industry-support.

The substance does not fulfill all screening criteria for persistence, bioaccumulation and toxicity and hence is not consid-

ered to be PBT or vPvB.

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from the previous version.

Sources of key data used to compile the Safety Data

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The quoted data are from, but not limited to, one or more sources of information (e.g. toxicological data from Shell Health Services, material suppliers' data, CONCAWE, EU

IUCLID date base, EC 1272 regulation, etc).

Classification of the mixture:

Classification procedure:

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Flam.	Gas 1A	H220	On basis of test data.
Chem	n. Unst. Gas A	H230	On basis of test data.
Press	. Gas Liquefied gas	H280	On basis of test data.
Acute	Tox. 3	H301	Expert judgement and weight of evidence determination.
Skin (	Corr. 1	H314	Expert judgement and weight of evidence determination.
Eye D	Dam. 1	H318	Expert judgement and weight of evidence determination.
Acute	Tox. 3	H331	Expert judgement and weight of evidence determination.
STOT	SE 3	H336	Expert judgement and weight of evidence determination.
STOT	SE 3	H335	Expert judgement and weight of evidence determination.
Muta.	1B	H340	Expert judgement and weight of evidence determination.
Carc.	1B	H350	Expert judgement and weight of evidence determination.
Repr.	1B	H360Fd	Expert judgement and weight of evidence determination.
STOT	RE 1	H372	Expert judgement and weight of evidence determination.

# Identified Uses according to the Use Descriptor System Uses - Worker

Title : Manufacture of substance

- Industrial

**Uses - Worker** 

Title : Use as an intermediate

- Industrial

**Uses - Worker** 

Title : Polymer production

- Industrial

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#### **Exposure Scenario - Worker**

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SECTION 1	EXPOSURE SCENARIO TITLE
Title	Manufacture of substance- Industrial
Use Descriptor	Sector of Use: SU3, SU8, SU9 Process Categories: PROC 1, PROC 2, PROC 3, PROC 8b Environmental Release Categories: ERC1
Scope of process	Manufacture of the substance or use as a process chemical or extraction agent within closed or contained systems. Includes incidental exposures during recycling/ recovery, material transfers, storage, sampling, associated laboratory activities, maintenance and loading (including marine vessel/barge, road/rail car and bulk container).

SECTION 2	OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES	
Additional Information	No exposure assessment presented for the environment.	
Section 2.1	Control of Worker Exposure	
Product Characteristics		
Physical form of product	Liquid, vapour pressure > 10 kPa at STP	
Concentration of the Sub-	Covers use of substance/product up to 100% (unless stated	
stance in Mixture/Article	differently).,	
Frequency and Duration of		
	8 hours (unless stated differently).	
Other Operational Conditio	<u> </u>	
g .	ard of occupational hygiene is implemented.	
Contributing Scenarios	Risk Management Measures	
General measures (carcinogens).	Consider technical advances and process upgrades (including automation) for the elimination of releases. Minimise exposure using measures such as closed systems, dedicated facilities and suitable general/local exhaust ventilation. Drain down systems and clear transfer lines prior to breaking containment. Clean/flush equipment, where possible, prior to maintenance. Where there is potential for exposure: restrict access to authorised persons; provide specific activity training to operators to minimise exposures; wear suitable gloves and coveralls to prevent skin contamination; wear respiratory protection when its use is identified for certain contributing scenarios; clear up spills immediately and maintain all control measures. Consider the need for risk based health surveillance.	
General exposures (closed systems)	No other specific measures identified.	

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Process samplingProduct sampling.	Sample via a closed loop or other system to avoid exposure Wear a respirator conforming to EN140 with Type AX filter or better.	
Bulk product storage	Store substance within a closed system.	
Bulk transfersDedicated	Transfer via enclosed lines.	
facility	Clear transfer lines prior to de-coupling.	
	Wear a respirator conforming to EN140 with Type AX filter or better.	
Equipment cleaning and	Drain down and flush system prior to equipment opening or	
maintenance	maintenance.	
	Wear a respirator conforming to EN140 with Type AX filter or	
	better.	
Section 2.2	Control of Environmental Exposure	
No exposure assessment presented for the environment.		

SECTION 3	EXPOSURE ESTIMATION	
Section 3.1 - Health		
The ECETOC TRA tool has been used to estimate workplace exposures unless otherwise		

indicated.

#### Section 3.2 - Environment

No exposure assessment presented for the environment.

SECTION 4	GUIDANCE TO CHECK COMPLIANCE WITH THE EXPOSURE SCENARIO
Section 4.1 - Health	
Predicted exposures are not expected to exceed the DN(M)EL when the Risk Management	

Measures/Operational Conditions outlined in Section 2 are implemented. Where other Risk Management Measures/Operational Conditions are adopted, then users should ensure that risks are managed to at least equivalent levels.

Section 4.2 -Environment	
No exposure assessment presented for the environment.	

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#### **Exposure Scenario - Worker**

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SECTION 1	EXPOSURE SCENARIO TITLE	
Title	Use as an intermediate- Industrial	
Use Descriptor	Sector of Use: SU3, SU8, SU9 Process Categories: PROC 1, PROC 2, PROC 3, PROC 8b Environmental Release Categories: ERC6a	
Scope of process	Use of substance as an intermediate within closed or contained systems (not related to Strictly Controlled Conditions). Includes incidental exposures during recycling/recovery, material transfers, storage, sampling, associated laboratory activities, maintenance and loading (including marine vessel/barge, road/rail car and bulk container).	

SECTION 2	OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS AND RIS MEASURES	
Additional Information	No exposure assessment presented for the	ne environment.
Section 2.1	Control of Worker Exposure	
Product Characteristics		
Physical form of product	Liquid, vapour pressure > 10 kPa at STP	
Concentration of the Sub-	Covers use of substance/product up to 10	00% (unless stated
stance in Mixture/Article	differently).,	
Frequency and Duration of	Use	
	8 hours (unless stated differently).	
Other Operational Conditio	ns affecting Exposure	
	ard of occupational hygiene is implemented	d.
Contributing Scenarios	Risk Management Measures	
General measures (carcinogens).	Consider technical advances and process ing automation) for the elimination of releasing automation) for the elimination of releasing automation for the elimination of releasing automation measures such as closed syfacilities and suitable general/local exhaust down systems and clear transfer lines prictainment. Clean/flush equipment, where prictainment. Clean/flush equipment, where prictainments. Where there is potential for access to authorised persons; provide spit to operators to minimise exposures; wear coveralls to prevent skin contamination; we tection when its use is identified for certain narios; clear up spills immediately and management. Consider the need for risk basilance.	ases. Minimise exystems, dedicated st ventilation. Drain or to breaking concossible, prior to exposure: restrict ecific activity training suitable gloves and wear respiratory pron contributing scenaritain all control
General exposures (closed systems)	No other specific measures identified.	

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Process samplingProduct sampling.	Sample via a closed loop or other system to avoid exposure Wear a respirator conforming to EN140 with Type AX filter or better.
Bulk product storage	Store substance within a closed system.
Bulk transfersDedicated facility	Transfer via enclosed lines. Clear transfer lines prior to de-coupling. Wear a respirator conforming to EN140 with Type AX filter or better.
Equipment cleaning and maintenance	Drain down and flush system prior to equipment opening or maintenance.  Wear a respirator conforming to EN140 with Type AX filter or better.
Section 2.2	Control of Environmental Exposure
No exposure assessment presented for the environment.	

	SECTION 3	EXPOSURE ESTIMATION
Section 3.1 - Health		
	The ECETOC TRA tool has b	een used to estimate workplace exposures unless otherwise

indicated.

#### Section 3.2 - Environment

No exposure assessment presented for the environment.

SECTION 4	GUIDANCE TO CHECK COMPLIANCE WITH THE EXPOSURE SCENARIO
Section 4.1 - Health	
Predicted exposures are not expected to exceed the DN(M)EL when the Risk Management Measures/Operational Conditions outlined in Section 2 are implemented.	

Where other Risk Management Measures/Operational Conditions are adopted, then users should ensure that risks are managed to at least equivalent levels.

# Section 4.2 -Environment No exposure assessment presented for the environment.

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#### **Exposure Scenario - Worker**

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SECTION 1	EXPOSURE SCENARIO TITLE	
Title	Polymer production- Industrial	
Use Descriptor	Sector of Use: SU3, SU10 Process Categories: PROC 1, PROC 2, PROC 3, PROC 8b Environmental Release Categories: ERC 6C	
Scope of process	Manufacture of polymers from monomers in continuous and batch processes. Including production, re-cycling and recovery, degassing, discharging, reactor maintenance and immediate polymer product formation (i.e. compounding, pelletisation, product off-gassing).	

SECTION 2	OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES
Additional Information	No exposure assessment presented for the environment.
Section 2.1	Control of Worker Exposure
Product Characteristics	
Physical form of product	Liquid, vapour pressure > 10 kPa at STP
Concentration of the Sub-	Covers use of substance/product up to 100% (unless stated
stance in Mixture/Article	differently).,
Frequency and Duration of	Use
Covers daily exposures up to	8 hours (unless stated differently).
Other Operational Conditio	ns affecting Exposure
Assumes a good basic stand	ard of occupational hygiene is implemented.
Contributing Scenarios	Risk Management Measures
General measures (carcinogens).	Consider technical advances and process upgrades (including automation) for the elimination of releases. Minimise exposure using measures such as closed systems, dedicated facilities and suitable general/local exhaust ventilation. Drain down systems and clear transfer lines prior to breaking containment. Clean/flush equipment, where possible, prior to maintenance. Where there is potential for exposure: restrict access to authorised persons; provide specific activity training to operators to minimise exposures; wear suitable gloves and coveralls to prevent skin contamination; wear respiratory protection when its use is identified for certain contributing scenarios; clear up spills immediately and maintain all control measures. Consider the need for risk based health surveillance.
General exposures (closed systems)Continuous process	No other specific measures identified.

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Use in contained batch processes	Handle substance within a closed system.
Process samplingProduct sampling.	Sample via a closed loop or other system to avoid exposure Wear a respirator conforming to EN140 with Type AX filter or better.
Bulk product storage	Store substance within a closed system.
Bulk transfersDedicated facility	Transfer via enclosed lines. Clear transfer lines prior to de-coupling. Wear a respirator conforming to EN140 with Type AX filter or better.
Equipment cleaning and maintenance	Drain down and flush system prior to equipment opening or maintenance.  Wear a respirator conforming to EN140 with Type AX filter or better.
Section 2.2	Control of Environmental Exposure
No exposure assessment presented for the environment.	

SECTION 3	EXPOSURE ESTIMATION
Section 3.1 - Health	
The ECETOC TRA tool has been used to estimate workplace exposures unless otherwise	
indicated.	

#### Section 3.2 - Environment

No exposure assessment presented for the environment.

SECTION 4	GUIDANCE TO CHECK COMPLIANCE WITH THE EXPOSURE SCENARIO
Section 4.1 - Health	
Predicted exposures are not expected to exceed the DN(M)EL when the Risk Management	
Measures/Operational Conditions outlined in Section 2 are implemented.	
Where other Risk Management Measures/Operational Conditions are adopted, then users	

Where other Risk Management Measures/Operational Conditions are adopted, then users should ensure that risks are managed to at least equivalent levels.

Section 4.2 -Environment
No exposure assessment presented for the environment.