## **Benzene Concentrate**

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#### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Benzene Concentrate

Product code : Q9197, Q9258

Synonyms: Aromatic hydrocarbons, C6-8, naphtha-raffinate pyrolyzate-

derived

CAS-No. : 68475-70-7

Manufacturer or supplier's details

Supplier :

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Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Raw material for use in the chemical industry.

Restrictions on use : This product must not be used in applications other than the

above without first seeking the advice of the supplier.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## **GHS Classification**

Flammable liquids : Category 2
Aspiration hazard : Category 1
Skin irritation : Category 2
Eye irritation : Category 2

Specific target organ toxicity -

single evenesure

Category 3 (Narcotic effects)

single exposure

Germ cell mutagenicity : Category 1B
Carcinogenicity : Category 1A
Reproductive toxicity : Category 2

Specific target organ toxicity -

toxicity . Catagory 1

repeated exposure

Category 1 (Blood, Blood-forming organs, Immune system)

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

: Category 2 (Central nervous system (CNS), Auditory system, Respiratory system, Visual system, Peripheral nervous system)

Short-term (acute) aquatic

Category 2

hazard

Long-term (chronic) aquatic : Category 2

hazard

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**GHS** label elements

Hazard pictograms









Signal word Danger

PHYSICAL HAZARDS: Hazard statements

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.

**HEALTH HAZARDS:** 

H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H336 May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

H340 May cause genetic defects.

H350 May cause cancer.

H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. H372 Causes damage to organs (Blood, Blood forming organs, Immune system) through prolonged or repeated exposure. H373 May cause damage to organs (Central nervous system, Auditory system, Respiratory system, Visual system, Peripheral nervous system) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS: H401 Toxic to aquatic life.

H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

#### Precautionary statements

#### Prevention:

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.

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

P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces.

No smoking.

P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment.

P242 Use only non-sparking tools.

P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge. P260 Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye

protection/ face protection.

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

## Response:

P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off

immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish.

P301 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON

CENTER/doctor.

P331 Do NOT induce vomiting.

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> P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap. P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.

> P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

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

P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.

P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P312 Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell. P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

P391 Collect spillage.

#### Storage:

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

P235 Keep cool.

P405 Store locked up.

#### Disposal:

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

#### Other hazards which do not result in classification

In use, may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture. This material is a static accumulator. 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 air-vapour mixtures can occur. Slightly irritating to respiratory system.

#### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture Substance

## Hazardous components

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Classification	Concentration (% w/w)
Aromatic hydrocarbons, C6-8, naphtha-raffinate pyrolyzate-derived	68475-70-7	Flam. Liq.1; H224 Skin Irrit.2; H315 Asp. Tox.1; H304 Repr.2; H361 Muta.1B; H340 Carc.1B; H350 STOT SE3; H336 Aquatic Acute2; H401 Aquatic Chronic2; H411	<= 100

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For explanation of abbreviations see section 16.

#### **Further information**

#### Contains:

Chemical name	Identification number	Concentration (% w/w)
Benzene	71-43-2	60 - 80
Toluene	108-88-3	15 - 20
n-Hexane	110-54-3	1 - 3
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	0 - 1

## 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

General advice : Not expected to be a health hazard when used under normal

conditions.

If inhaled : Remove to fresh air. If rapid recovery does not occur,

transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment.

In case of skin contact : Remove contaminated clothing. Immediately flush skin with

> large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, and follow by washing with soap and water if available. If redness, swelling, pain and/or blisters occur, transport to the nearest medical

facility for additional treatment.

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

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

rinsina.

Transport to the nearest medical facility for additional

treatment.

Call emergency number for your location / facility. If swallowed

> If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment. If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration. If any of the following delayed signs and symptoms appear within the next 6 hours, transport to the nearest medical facility: fever greater than 101° F (38.3°C), shortness of breath, chest congestion or continued coughing or wheezing.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

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

death.

Skin irritation signs and symptoms may include a burning

sensation, redness, swelling, and/or blisters.

Eye irritation signs and symptoms may include a burning sensation, redness, swelling, and/or blurred vision.

If material enters lungs, signs and symptoms may include coughing, choking, wheezing, difficulty in breathing, chest

congestion, shortness of breath, and/or fever.

If any of the following delayed signs and symptoms appear within the next 6 hours, transport to the nearest medical facility: fever greater than 101° F (38.3°C), shortness of

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> breath, chest congestion or continued coughing or wheezing. The onset of respiratory symptoms may be delayed for

several hours after exposure.

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

Damage to blood-forming organs may be evidenced by: a) fatigue and anaemia (RBC), b) decreased resistance to infection, and/or excessive bruising and bleeding (platelet effect).

Immunotoxicity may be evidenced by decreased resistance to infection.

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).

Auditory system effects may include temporary hearing loss and/or ringing in the ears.

Visual system disturbances may be evidenced by decreases

in the ability to discriminate between colours.

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.

Notes to physician IMMEDIATE TREATMENT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!

Call a doctor or poison control center for guidance.

Potential for chemical pneumonitis.

Treat symptomatically.

Potential for cardiac sensitisation, particularly in abuse situations. Hypoxia or negative inotropes may enhance these

effects. Consider: oxygen therapy.

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#### **5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

Suitable extinguishing media : Foam, water spray or fog. Dry chemical powder, carbon

dioxide, sand or earth may be used for small fires only.

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

: Do not use water in a jet.

Specific hazards during

firefighting

: Clear fire area of all non-emergency personnel. Hazardous combustion products may include:

A complex mixture of airborne solid and liquid particulates and

gases (smoke). Carbon monoxide.

Unidentified organic and inorganic compounds.

Flammable vapours may be present even at temperatures

below the flash point.

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

distant ignition is possible.

Will float and can be reignited on surface water.

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Specific extinguishing

methods

Standard procedure for chemical fires.

Keep adjacent containers cool by spraying with water.

Special protective equipment

for firefighters

: 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).

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

: Observe all relevant local and international regulations. Notify authorities if any exposure to the general public or the environment occurs or is likely to occur.

Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages

cannot be contained.

: Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

Isolate hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary or

unprotected personnel. Do not breathe fumes, vapour. Do not operate electrical equipment.

Environmental precautions

: Shut off leaks, if possible without personal risks. Remove all possible sources of ignition in the surrounding area. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. Prevent from spreading or entering drains. ditches or rivers by using sand, earth, or other appropriate barriers. Attempt to disperse the vapour 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 indicator.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : For small liquid spills (< 1 drum), transfer by mechanical means to a labeled, sealable container for product recovery or safe disposal. Allow residues to evaporate or soak up with an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely. Remove

contaminated soil and dispose of safely.

For large liquid spills (> 1 drum), transfer by mechanical means such as vacuum truck to a salvage tank for recovery or safe disposal. Do not flush away residues with water. Retain as contaminated waste. Allow residues to evaporate or soak up with an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely. Remove contaminated soil and dispose of safely

Ventilate contaminated area thoroughly.

If contamination of site occurs remediation may require

specialist advice.

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Additional advice

For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment

see Section 8 of this Safety Data Sheet.

For guidance on disposal of spilled material see Section 13 of

this Safety Data Sheet.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**General Precautions** : Avoid breathing of or direct contact with material. Only use in

well ventilated areas. Wash thoroughly after handling. For quidance 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

storage facilities are followed.

Advice on safe handling : Avoid inhaling vapour and/or mists.

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

Extinguish any naked flames. Do not smoke. Remove ignition

sources. Avoid sparks.

Use local exhaust ventilation if there is risk of inhalation of

vapours, mists or aerosols.

Bulk storage tanks should be diked (bunded).

When using do not eat or drink.

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

distant ignition is possible.

Avoidance of contact : Strong oxidising agents.

**Product Transfer** : 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 air-vapour mixtures can occur. Be aware of handling operations that may give rise to additional hazards that result from the accumulation of static charges. These include but are not limited to pumping (especially turbulent flow), mixing, filtering, splash filling, cleaning and filling of tanks and containers, sampling, switch loading, gauging, vacuum truck operations, and mechanical movements. These activities may lead to static discharge e.g. spark formation.

Restrict line velocity during pumping in order to avoid generation of electrostatic discharge (≤ 1 m/s until fill pipe submerged to twice its diameter, then ≤ 7 m/s). Avoid splash filling. Do NOT use compressed air for filling, discharging, or

handling operations.

Refer to guidance under Handling section.

**Storage** 

Conditions for safe storage Refer to section 15 for any additional specific legislation

covering the packaging and storage of this product.

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Other data : Storage Temperature:

Ambient.

Bulk storage tanks should be diked (bunded).

Locate tanks away from heat and other sources of ignition. Cleaning, inspection and maintenance of storage tanks is a specialist operation, which requires the implementation of strict procedures and precautions.

Must be stored in a diked (bunded) well- ventilated area, away from sunlight, ignition sources and other sources of heat. Keep away from aerosols, flammables, oxidizing agents, corrosives and from other flammable products which are not

harmful or toxic to man or to the environment.

Electrostatic charges will be generated during pumping. 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

flammable.

Packaging material : Suitable material: For containers, or container linings use mild

steel, stainless steel., For container paints, use epoxy paint,

zinc silicate paint.

Unsuitable material: Avoid prolonged contact with natural,

butyl or nitrile rubbers.

Container Advice : Do not cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operations on or

near containers.

Specific use(s) : Not applicable

> See additional references that provide safe handling practices for liquids that are determined to be static accumulators: 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

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

## Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Aromatic hydrocarbons, C6-8, naphtha-raffinate pyrolyzatederived	68475-70-7	TWA	500 ppm 2,000 mg/m3	OSHA Z-1
Benzene	71-43-2	PEL (long term)	1 ppm 3.18 mg/m3	SG OEL

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Benzene	71-43-2	TWA	0.5 ppm 1.6 mg/m3	Shell Internal Standard (SIS) for 8-12 hour TWA.	
Benzene		STEL	2.5 ppm 8 mg/m3	Shell Internal Standard (SIS) for 15 min (STEL)	
Benzene	71-43-2	TWA	0.5 ppm	ACGIH	
Benzene		STEL	2.5 ppm	ACGIH	
Benzene		PEL	1 ppm	OSHA CARC	
Benzene		STEL	5 ppm	OSHA CARC	
Benzene		TWA	10 ppm	OSHA Z-2	
Benzene		CEIL	25 ppm	OSHA Z-2	
Benzene		Peak	50 ppm	OSHA Z-2	
Toluene	108-88-3	PEL (long term)	50 ppm 188 mg/m3	SG OEL	
Toluene	108-88-3	TWÁ	20 ppm	ACGIH	
Toluene		TWA	200 ppm	OSHA Z-2	
Toluene		CEIL	300 ppm	OSHA Z-2	
Toluene		Peak	500 ppm	OSHA Z-2	
n-Hexane	110-54-3	PEL (long term)	50 ppm 176 mg/m3	SG OEL	
n-Hexane	110-54-3	TWÁ	500 ppm 1,800 mg/m3	OSHA Z-1	
n-Hexane		TWA	50 ppm	ACGIH	
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	PEL (long term)	100 ppm 434 mg/m3	SG OEL	
Ethylbenzene		PEL (short term)	125 ppm 543 mg/m3	SG OEL	
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	TWÁ	20 ppm	ACGIH	
Ethylbenzene		TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m3	NIOSH REL	
Ethylbenzene		ST	125 ppm 545 mg/m3	NIOSH REL	
Ethylbenzene		TWA	100 ppm 435 mg/m3	OSHA Z-1	

## **Biological occupational exposure limits**

Component	CAS-No.	Control parameters	Biological specimen	Sampling time	Permissible concentratio n	Basis
Benzene	71-43-2	s- phenylmerc apturic acid (spma)	Urine	End-of- shift	45.µg/g creatinine	SG BTLV
Benzene		tt-muconic acid (ttma)	Urine	End-of- shift	1.6.mg/g Creatinine	SG BTLV
Toluene	108-88-3	toluene	Blood	Prior to last shift of workwee k	0.05 mg/l	SG BTLV

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## **Monitoring Methods**

Monitoring of the concentration of substances in the breathing zone of workers or in the general workplace may be required to confirm compliance with an OEL and adequacy of exposure controls. For some substances biological monitoring may also be appropriate.

Validated exposure measurement methods should be applied by a competent person and samples analysed by an accredited laboratory.

Examples of sources of recommended exposure measurement methods are given below or contact the supplier. Further national methods may be available.

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), USA: Manual of Analytical Methods http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), USA: Sampling and Analytical Methods http://www.osha.gov/

Health and Safety Executive (HSE), UK: Methods for the Determination of Hazardous Substances http://www.hse.gov.uk/

Institut für Arbeitsschutz Deutschen Gesetzlichen Unfallversicherung (IFA) , Germany http://www.dguv.de/inhalt/index.jsp

L'Institut National de Recherche et de Securité, (INRS), France http://www.inrs.fr/accueil

#### **Engineering measures**

: 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.

Firewater monitors and deluge systems are recommended.

Eye washes and showers for emergency use.

Where material is heated, sprayed or mist formed, there is greater potential for airborne concentrations to be generated.

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:

#### 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 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.

#### Personal protective equipment

#### Protective measures

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

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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 A boiling point >65°C (149°F)].

Hand protection Remarks

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: Viton. Incidental contact/Splash protection: Nitrile rubber.

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.

Eye protection Wear goggles for use against liquids and gas.

Wear full face shield if splashes are likely to occur.

: Wear chemical resistant gloves/gauntlets and boots. Where Skin and body protection

risk of splashing, also wear an apron.

Wear antistatic and flame-retardant clothing, if a local risk

assessment deems it so.

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

Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.

Do not ingest. If swallowed, then seek immediate medical

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assistance.

#### **Environmental exposure controls**

General advice : Local guidelines on emission limits for volatile substances

must be observed for the discharge of exhaust air containing

vapour.

Minimise release to the environment. An environmental assessment must be made to ensure compliance with local

environmental legislation.

Information on accidental release measures are to be found in

section 6.

#### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance** : Liquid.

Colour : amber

Odour : Aromatic hydrocarbon Odour Threshold Data not available рΗ Data not available

Melting point/freezing point  $: < -15 \,^{\circ}\text{C} / < 5 \,^{\circ}\text{F}$ 

Boiling point/boiling range : 80.0 - 93.3 °C / 176.0 - 200.0 °F

4 °C / 39 °F Flash point

Evaporation rate : Data not available Upper explosion limit no data available Lower explosion limit Data not available

Vapour pressure 167.0 hPa (37.8 °C / 100.0 °F)

Relative vapour density : 2.0 Relative density 0.88

: no data available Density

Solubility(ies)

Water solubility : negligible

Partition coefficient: n-

octanol/water

: Data not available

Auto-ignition temperature : Data not available Decomposition temperature : no data available

Viscosity

Viscosity, dynamic : Data not available Viscosity, kinematic < 20.5 mm2/sExplosive properties : Not applicable Oxidizing properties : Data not available

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Surface tension Data not available

: Low conductivity: < 100 pS/m, The conductivity of this material Conductivity

makes it a static accumulator., A liquid is typically considered nonconductive if its conductivity is below 100 pS/m and is considered semi-conductive if its conductivity is below 10,000 pS/m., Whether a liquid is nonconductive or semiconductive, the precautions are the same., A number of factors, for example liquid temperature, presence of contaminants, and anti-static additives can greatly influence the conductivity of a

liquid

Particle size Data not available

Molecular weight : Data not available

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

: The product does not pose any further reactivity hazards in Reactivity

addition to those listed in the following sub-paragraph.

No hazardous reaction is expected when handled and stored Chemical stability

: Reacts with strong oxidising agents.

according to provisions Stable under normal conditions of use.

Possibility of hazardous

reactions

Conditions to avoid : Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

In certain circumstances product can ignite due to static

electricity.

Incompatible materials : Strong oxidising agents.

Hazardous decomposition

products

: Hazardous decomposition products are not expected to form

during normal storage.

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.

#### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Basis for assessment Information given is based on data obtained from similar

substances.

Information on likely routes of

exposure

Exposure may occur via inhalation, ingestion, skin absorption,

skin or eye contact, and accidental ingestion.

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## **Acute toxicity**

### **Product:**

Acute oral toxicity : LD 50 Rat, male and female: > 5,000 mg/kg

Method: Other guideline method.

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria

are not met.

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC 50 Rat, male and female: > 20 mg/l

Exposure time: 4 h
Test atmosphere: vapour

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

403

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria

are not met.

Acute dermal toxicity : LD 50 Rabbit, male and female: > 2,000 mg/kg

Method: Other guideline method.

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria

are not met.

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

#### **Product:**

Species: Rabbit

Method: OECD Test Guideline 404 Remarks: Causes skin irritation.

## Serious eye damage/eye irritation

#### **Product:**

Species: Rabbit

Method: Other guideline method. Remarks: Causes serious eye irritation.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

#### **Product:**

Species: Guinea pig

Method: Other guideline method.

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

## Germ cell mutagenicity

## **Product:**

Genotoxicity in vitro : Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Guideline 471

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria

are not met.

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

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Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria

are not met.

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Test species: MouseMethod: OECD Test Guideline 474 Remarks: May cause heritable genetic damage, Contains

benzene.

Germ cell mutagenicity-

Assessment

: May cause genetic defects.

## Carcinogenicity

#### **Product:**

Species: Rat, (male and female)

Application Route: Oral

Method: Other guideline method.

Remarks: Known human carcinogen., May cause leukaemia (AML - acute myelogenous

leukaemia)., Causes cancer in laboratory animals., Contains benzene.

Species: Rat, (male and female) Application Route: Inhalation

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

Remarks: Known human carcinogen., May cause leukaemia (AML - acute myelogenous

leukaemia)., Causes cancer in laboratory animals., Contains benzene.

Carcinogenicity - Assessment : May cause cancer.

Material	GHS/CLP Carcinogenicity Classification
Aromatic hydrocarbons, C6-8, naphtha-raffinate pyrolyzate-derived	Carcinogenicity Category 1B
Benzene	Carcinogenicity Category 1A
Toluene	No carcinogenicity classification.
n-Hexane	No carcinogenicity classification.
Ethylbenzene	No carcinogenicity classification.

Material	Other Carcinogenicity Classification
Aromatic hydrocarbons, C6-8, naphtha-raffinate pyrolyzate-derived	IARC: Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans
Benzene	IARC: Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans
Toluene	IARC: Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans
Ethylbenzene	IARC: Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans

## Reproductive toxicity

**Product:** 

Remarks: Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child., Affects reproductive system in animals at doses which

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> produce other toxic effects., Contains n-Hexane, CAS # 110-54-3., Causes foetotoxicity in animals at doses which are maternally toxic., Contains Toluene, CAS # 108-88-3.

Effects on foetal Species: Rat, female

development Application Route: Inhalation

Remarks: Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child., Affects reproductive system in animals at doses which produce other toxic effects., Contains n-Hexane, CAS # 110-54-3., Causes foetotoxicity in animals at doses which are maternally toxic., Contains Toluene, CAS # 108-88-3.

Reproductive toxicity -

Assessment

: This product does not meet the criteria for classification in

categories 1A/1B.

## STOT - single exposure

#### **Product:**

Exposure routes: Inhalation

Target Organs: Central nervous system

Remarks: May cause drowsiness and dizziness.. Inhalation of vapours or mists may cause

irritation to the respiratory system.

#### STOT - repeated exposure

#### **Product:**

Exposure routes: Oral

Target Organs: Blood-forming organs, Immune system, Central nervous system, Auditory

system, Respiratory system, Visual system, Peripheral nervous system

Remarks: Causes damage to blood, blood-forming organs and immune system., Blood: may cause haemolysis of red blood cells and/or anaemia., Blood-forming organs: repeated exposure affects the bone marrow., Immune System: animal studies on this material or its components have demonstrated immunotoxicity., Contains benzene., May cause damage to central nervous system, respiratory system, visual system, and auditory system through prolonged or repeated exposure., Central nervous system: repeated exposure affects the nervous system., Effects were seen at high doses only., Auditory system: prolonged and repeated exposures to high concentrations have resulted in hearing loss in rats. Visual system: may cause decreased color perception. These subtle changes have not been found to lead to functional colour vision deficits.. Respiratory system: repeated exposure affects the respiratory system. Effects were seen at high doses only., Contains Toluene, CAS # 108-88-3., Peripheral nervous system: repeated exposure causes peripheral neuropathy in animals., Contains n-Hexane, CAS # 110-54-3.

#### Repeated dose toxicity

## **Product:**

Rat, male and female: **Application Route: Oral** 

Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 408

Target Organs: hematopoietic system

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Rat, male and female: Application Route: Inhalation Test atmosphere: vapour

Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 413

Target Organs: No specific target organs noted

Rabbit, female:

Application Route: Dermal

Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 410

Target Organs: No specific target organs noted

## **Aspiration toxicity**

#### **Product:**

Aspiration into the lungs when swallowed or vomited may cause chemical pneumonitis which can be fatal.

#### **Further information**

#### **Product:**

Remarks: Classifications by other authorities under varying regulatory frameworks may exist.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Basis for assessment : Incomplete ecotoxicological data are available for this product.

The information given below is based partly on a knowledge of the components and the ecotoxicology of similar products.

#### **Ecotoxicity**

#### **Product:**

Toxicity to fish (Acute

toxicity)

: LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 1 mg/l

Exposure time: 96 h

Method: OECD Test Guideline 203

Remarks: Toxic

 $LL/EL/IL50 > 1 \le 10 \text{ mg/l}$ 

Toxicity to crustacean (Acute

toxicity)

: EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 1.2 mg/l

Exposure time: 48 h

Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Remarks: Toxic

 $LL/EL/IL50 > 1 \le 10 \text{ mg/l}$ 

Toxicity to algae/aquatic

plants (Acute toxicity)

: EC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (algae)): 1.3 mg/l

Exposure time: 96 h

Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

Remarks: Toxic

 $LL/EL/IL50 > 1 \le 10 \text{ mg/l}$ 

Toxicity to fish (Chronic

toxicity)

: Remarks: Data not available

Toxicity to crustacean : Remarks: Data not available

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(Chronic toxicity)

Toxicity to microorganisms

(Acute toxicity)

: (Tetrahymena pyriformis): 76.7 mg/l

Exposure time: 72 h

Method: Based on quantitative structure-activity relationship

(QSAR) modelling Remarks: Harmful

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

## Persistence and degradability

**Product:** 

Biodegradability : Biodegradation: 7.3 %

Exposure time: 28 d

Method: OECD Test Guideline 301F Remarks: Not readily biodegradable.

**Bioaccumulative potential** 

**Product:** 

Bioaccumulation : Species: Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)

Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 0.73 - 4.15

Method: Based on quantitative structure-activity relationship

(QSAR) modelling

Remarks: Contains components with the potential to

bioaccumulate.

Partition coefficient: n-

octanol/water

: Remarks: Data not available

Mobility in soil

**Product:** 

Mobility : Remarks: Floats on water., If the product enters soil, one or

more constituents will or may be mobile and may contaminate

groundwater.

Other adverse effects

**Product:** 

Results of PBT and vPvB

assessment

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

considered to be PBT or vPvB.

Additional ecological

information

: In view of the high rate of loss from solution, the product is

unlikely to pose a significant hazard to aquatic life.

#### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal methods** 

Waste from residues : Recover or recycle if possible.

It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste classification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations.

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

courses

Waste product should not be allowed to contaminate soil or ground water, or be disposed of into the environment. Waste, spills or used product is dangerous waste.

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional,

national, and local laws and regulations.

Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national requirements and must be complied with.

Contaminated packaging : Drain container thoroughly.

After draining, vent in a safe place away from sparks and fire. Residues may cause an explosion hazard. Do not puncture,

cut or weld uncleaned drums.

Send to drum recoverer or metal reclaimer.

Comply with any local recovery or waste disposal regulations.

#### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### **International Regulations**

**ADR** 

UN number : 1993

Proper shipping name : FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S.

Class : 3
Packing group : II
Labels : 3
Hazard Identification Number : 33
Environmentally hazardous : yes

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 1993

Proper shipping name : FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S.

(BENZENE, C6-8 AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS)

Class : 3
Packing group : II
Labels : 3

**IMDG-Code** 

UN number : UN 1993

Proper shipping name : FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S.

(BENZENE, C6-8 AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS)

Class : 3
Packing group : II
Labels : 3
Marine pollutant : yes

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

Pollution category : Y

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Ship type : 3

Product name : Benzene and mixtures having 10% benzene or more (i)

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.

**Additional Information**: This product may be transported under nitrogen blanketing.

Nitrogen is an odourless and invisible gas. Exposure to nitrogen enriched atmospheres displaces available oxygen which may cause asphyxiation or death. Personnel must observe strict safety precautions when involved with a

confined space entry.

#### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### **Local Regulations**

Workplace Safety and Health Act & Workplace	This product is subject to the SDS, Labelling,
Safety and Health (General Provision)	PEL and other requirements in the Act/
Regulations	Regulations.

Fire Safety Act and Fire Safety (Petroleum &	This product is subject to the requirements in
Flammable Materials) Regulations	the Act/ Regulations.

Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore	This product is subject to the requirements of
(Dangerous Goods, Petroleum and Explosives)	this regulation.
Regulations	

Environmental Protection and Management Act	This product is not subject to the requirements
and Environmental Protection and	in the Act/Regulations.
Management (Hazardous Substances)	
Regulations	

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

#### Other international regulations

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

AIIC : Listed DSL : Listed TSCA : Listed

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **Full text of H-Statements**

H224 Extremely flammable liquid and vapour.
H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

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H315	Causes skin irritation.
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
H340	May cause genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H361	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

#### Full text of other abbreviations

Aquatic Acute Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard Aquatic Chronic Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard

Asp. Tox.
Carc.
Carcinogenicity
Flam. Liq.
Muta.
Repr.
Aspiration hazard
Carcinogenicity
Flammable liquids
Germ cell mutagenicity
Reproductive toxicity

Skin Irrit. Skin irritation

STOT SE Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

#### **Abbreviations and Acronyms**

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances; 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; 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

## **Further information**

Training advice : Provide adequate information, instruction and training for

operators.

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Sources of key data used to compile the Safety Data Sheet

: The guoted 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).

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