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## PUBLIC REPORT

# Protein hydrolyzates, wheat, [2-hydroxy-3-(trimethylammonio)propyl], chlorides (INCI Name: Hydroxypropyltrimonium Hydrolyzed Wheat Protein)

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## **SUMMARY**

The following details will be published in the NICNAS Chemical Gazette:

ASSESSMENT REFERENCE	APPLICANT(S)	CHEMICAL OR TRADE NAME	HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL	INTRODUCTION VOLUME	USE
LTD/1806	BASF	Protein hydrolyzates,	Yes	< 1 tonne per	A component of
	Australia Ltd	wheat, [2-hydroxy-3-		annum	rinse-off cosmetic
		(trimethylammonio)propyl],			products
		chlorides (INCI Name:			
		Hydroxypropyltrimonium			
		Hydrolyzed Wheat Protein)			

## **CONCLUSIONS AND REGULATORY OBLIGATIONS**

#### Hazard classification

Based on the available information, the notified polymer is recommended for hazard classification according to the *Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)*, as adopted for industrial chemicals in Australia. The recommended hazard classification is presented in the following table.

Hazard classification	Hazard statement
Skin irritation (category 2)	H315 – Causes skin irritation
Serious eye damage/eye irritation (category 1)	H318 – Causes serious eye damage

Based on the available information, the notified polymer is recommended for hazard classification according to the *Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances* (NOHSC, 2004), with the following risk phrase(s):

R38: Irritating to skin

R41: Risk of serious eye damage

The environmental hazard classification according to the *Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals* (GHS) is presented below. Environmental classification under the GHS is not mandated in Australia and carries no legal status but is presented for information purposes.

Hazard classification Hazard statement	
Acute Category 2	H401 – Toxic to aquatic life

#### Human health risk assessment

Provided that the recommended controls are being adhered to, under the conditions of the occupational settings described, the notified polymer is not considered to pose an unreasonable risk to the health of workers.

When used in the proposed manner, the notified polymer is not considered to pose an unreasonable risk to public health.

## **Environmental risk assessment**

On the basis of the PEC/PNEC ratio and the assessed use pattern, the notified polymer is not considered to pose an unreasonable risk to the environment.

## Recommendations

REGULATORY CONTROLS

Hazard Classification and Labelling

- The notified polymer should be classified as follows:
  - H315 Causes skin irritation

H318 – Causes serious eye damage

The above should be used for products/mixtures containing the notified chemical, if applicable, based on the concentration of the notified chemical present and the intended use/exposure scenario.

#### CONTROL MEASURES

## Occupational Health and Safety

- A person conducting a business or undertaking at a workplace should implement the following engineering controls to minimise occupational exposure to the notified polymer during reformulation processes:
  - Enclosed, automated processes, where possible
- A person conducting a business or undertaking at a workplace should implement the following safe work practices to minimise occupational exposure during handling of the notified polymer during reformulation processes:
  - Avoid contact with skin and eyes
- A person conducting a business or undertaking at a workplace should ensure that the following personal
  protective equipment is used by workers to minimise occupational exposure to the notified polymer
  during reformulation processes:
  - Eye protection
  - Gloves
  - Coveralls

Guidance in selection of personal protective equipment can be obtained from Australian, Australian/New Zealand or other approved standards.

- A copy of the (M)SDS should be easily accessible to employees.
- If products and mixtures containing the notified polymer are classified as hazardous to health in accordance with the *Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)* as adopted for industrial chemicals in Australia, workplace practices and control procedures consistent with provisions of State and Territory hazardous substances legislation should be in operation.

## Disposal

 Where reuse or recycling are not appropriate, dispose of the notified polymer in an environmentally sound manner in accordance with relevant Commonwealth, State, Territory and Local Government legislation.

#### Emergency procedures

• Spills or accidental release of the notified polymer should be handled by containment, physical collection and subsequent safe disposal.

## **Regulatory Obligations**

## Secondary Notification

This risk assessment is based on the information available at the time of notification. The Director may call for the reassessment of the chemical under secondary notification provisions based on changes in certain circumstances. Under Section 64 of the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act (1989)* the notifier, as well as any other importer or manufacturer of the notified chemical, have post-assessment regulatory obligations to notify NICNAS when any of these circumstances change. These obligations apply even when the notified polymer is listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

Therefore, the Director of NICNAS must be notified in writing within 28 days by the notifier, other importer or manufacturer:

- (1) Under Section 64(1) of the Act; if
  - the importation volume exceeds one tonne per annum notified polymer;
  - the notified polymer is intended to be used in products other than rinse-off cosmetic products;
  - the concentration of the notified polymer exceeds or is intended to exceed 1% in rinse-off cosmetic products;

or

- (2) Under Section 64(2) of the Act; if
  - the function or use of the polymer has changed from a component of rinse-off cosmetic products, or
    is likely to change significantly;
  - the polymer has begun to be manufactured in Australia;
  - additional information has become available to the person as to an adverse effect of the polymer on occupational health and safety, public health, or the environment.

The Director will then decide whether a reassessment (i.e. a secondary notification and assessment) is required.

## (Material) Safety Data Sheet

The (M)SDS of a product containing the notified polymer provided by the notifier was reviewed by NICNAS. The accuracy of the information on the (M)SDS remains the responsibility of the applicant.

## **ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

## 1. APPLICANT AND NOTIFICATION DETAILS

APPLICANT(S)

BASF Australia Ltd (ABN: 62 008 437 867)

Level 12, 28 Freshwater Place SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

NOTIFICATION CATEGORY

Limited-small volume: Synthetic polymer with Mn < 1,000 Da (1 tonne or less per year).

EXEMPT INFORMATION (SECTION 75 OF THE ACT)

Data items and details claimed exempt from publication: molecular weight, analytical data, degree of purity, polymer constituents, residual monomers, impurities, additives/adjuvants, use details, import volume and identity of analogue

VARIATION OF DATA REQUIREMENTS (SECTION 24 OF THE ACT)

No variation to the schedule of data requirements is claimed.

PREVIOUS NOTIFICATION IN AUSTRALIA BY APPLICANT(S)

None

NOTIFICATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES

China, New Zealand and Canada

## 2. IDENTITY OF CHEMICAL

MARKETING NAME(S)

Gluadin WQTM P (~ 30% notified polymer)

Hydroxypropyltrimonium Hydrolyzed Wheat Protein (INCI Name)

CHEMICAL NAME

Protein hydrolyzates, wheat, [2-hydroxy-3-(trimethylammonio)propyl], chlorides

OTHER NAME(S)

QAC (PROT-HYDROL wheat germ -2-hydroxypropylamin) triMe Cl

Wheat Germ Protein Hydrolyzates

CAS NUMBER

156798-11-7

MOLECULAR FORMULA

Unspecified

STRUCTURAL FORMULA

Where R equals wheat protein hydrolysates

MOLECULAR WEIGHT > 500 Da

ANALYTICAL DATA
Reference GPC spectrum provided.

## 3. COMPOSITION

DEGREE OF PURITY > 95%

## 4. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE AT 20 °C AND 101.3 kPa: yellow liquid.

Property	Value	Data Source/Justification
Melting Point/Freezing Point	Not determined	Imported in formulation
Boiling Point	156 °C at 101 kPa	Measured
Density	$1,423 \text{ kg/m}^3 \text{ at } 20 ^{\circ}\text{C}$	Measured
Vapour Pressure	$\leq$ 9.4 × 10 <sup>-3</sup> kPa at 20 °C	Measured
Water Solubility	> 710 g/L at 20 °C	Measured
Hydrolysis as a Function of pH	Hydrolytically stable (< 10%)	Measured
Partition Coefficient (noctanol/water)	$\log Pow = -2.202$ at 23 °C	Measured
Adsorption/Desorption	Not Determined	The notified polymer is expected to have strong potential to adsorb to sediment soil due to the presence of cationic functional groups.
Dissociation Constant	Not Determined	Contains ionisable functionalities. Therefore, the notified polymer is expected to be ionised at the environmental pH range of $4-9$ .
Flash Point	Not determined	Not expected to have a flash point based on the lack of flammability.
Flammability	Non-flammable	Measured
Autoignition Temperature	> 400 °C	Measured
Explosive Properties	Not determined	Contains no functional groups that would imply explosive properties.
Oxidising Properties	Not determined	Contains no functional groups that would imply oxidising properties.

#### DISCUSSION OF PROPERTIES

For full details of tests on physical and chemical properties, refer to Appendix A.

## Reactivity

The notified polymer is expected to be stable under normal conditions of use.

## Physical hazard classification

Based on the submitted physico-chemical data depicted in the above table, the notified polymer is not recommended for hazard classification according to the *Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)*, as adopted for industrial chemicals in Australia.

## 5. INTRODUCTION AND USE INFORMATION

Mode of Introduction of Notified Chemical (100%) Over Next 5 Years

The notified polymer will not be manufactured in Australia. The notified polymer will be imported at  $\sim 30\%$  concentration.

## MAXIMUM INTRODUCTION VOLUME OF NOTIFIED CHEMICAL (100%) OVER NEXT 5 YEARS

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Tonnes	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1

PORT OF ENTRY

Melbourne and Sydney

IDENTITY OF MANUFACTURER/RECIPIENTS

BASF Australia Ltd

#### TRANSPORTATION AND PACKAGING

The notified polymer will be imported in closed head 25 kg cans and will be transported by road from the wharf to the storage warehouse before dispatch. No repacking will occur in Australia.

#### LISE

The notified polymer will be used as a conditioning agent in rinse-off cosmetic products (at concentrations < 1%) and will be available for both professional and public use.

#### OPERATION DESCRIPTION

The procedure for reformulation of the imported notified polymer (at  $\sim$  30% concentration) will likely vary depending on the nature of the cosmetic products formulated and may involve both automated and manual transfer steps. However, in general, it is expected that the formulation process will involve blending operations that will be highly automated and occur in a fully enclosed environment, followed by automated filling of the formulated products into containers of various sizes.

The finished products containing the notified polymer (at < 1% concentration) may be used by consumers and professionals such as hairdressers and workers in beauty salons. Depending on the nature of the product, these could be applied in a number of ways, such as by hand or using an applicator.

## 6. HUMAN HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

## 6.1. Exposure Assessment

## 6.1.1. Occupational Exposure

#### CATEGORY OF WORKERS

Category of Worker	Exposure Duration	Exposure Frequency
	(hours/day)	(days/year)
Manufacturing operators	1	20-50
Laboratory analyst	1	10
Hairdresser/ store persons	1-8	20-240

EXPOSURE DETAILS

Transport and Storage

Transport and storage workers are not expected to be exposed to the notified polymer (at  $\sim 30\%$  concentration) except in the unlikely event of an accident.

#### Reformulation

During reformulation into cosmetic products, dermal and ocular exposure of workers (at  $\sim$  30% concentration) may occur during the weighing and transfer stages, blending, quality control analysis and cleaning/maintenance operations. Exposure is expected to be minimised through the use of mechanical ventilation and/or enclosed systems and through the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as overalls, safety glasses and impervious gloves, as anticipated by the notifier in the application dossier. Inhalation exposure is unlikely to occur as the notified polymer has a low vapour pressure ( $\leq$  9.4  $\times$  10<sup>-3</sup> kPa at 20  $^{\circ}$ C) and will be in a liquid mixture.

End Use

Exposure to the notified polymer in end-use products (at < 1% concentration) may occur in professions where the services provided involve the application of rinse-off cosmetic products to clients (e.g. hair dressers). The principal route of exposure will be dermal, while ocular and inhalation exposure is also possible. Such professionals may use some PPE to minimise repeated exposure, and good hygiene practices are expected to be in place. If PPE is used, exposure of such workers is expected to be of a similar or lesser extent than that experienced by consumers using products containing the notified polymer.

#### 6.1.2. Public Exposure

There will be widespread and repeated exposure of the public to the notified polymer (< 1% concentration) through the use of rinse-off cosmetic products. The principal route of exposure would be dermal, while ocular and inhalation exposures are also possible.

## 6.2. Human Health Effects Assessment

No toxicity data were submitted for the notified polymer. The results from toxicological investigations conducted on an analogue of the notified polymer (analogue 1) are summarised in the table below. Details of the studies of analogue 1 can be found in Appendix B.

Endpoint	Result and Assessment Conclusion
Rat, acute oral toxicity	LD50 > 2,000 mg/kg bw; low toxicity
Rabbit, skin irritation	irritating
Rabbit, eye irritation	severely irritating

#### Toxicokinetics, metabolism and distribution

No toxicokinetics, metabolism and distribution studies were submitted for the notified polymer. For dermal absorption, molecular weights below 100 Da are favourable for absorption and molecular weights above 500 Da do not favour absorption (ECHA, 2014). A substance is not likely to be sufficiently lipophilic to cross the stratum corneum if log P values are < -1; hence, dermal absorption is likely to be low (ECHA, 2014). Given the relatively high molecular weight of the notified polymer (NAMW > 500 Da) and the low partition coefficient (log Pow = -2.202 at 23 °C), dermal absorption is expected to be limited. However, the notified polymer contains a significant proportion of low molecular species < 500 Da which may be absorbed more readily.

#### Acute toxicity

Analogue 1 was found to have low acute oral toxicity in rats.

#### Irritation

Analogue 1 was found to be irritating to the skin of rabbits. Analogue 1 is considered to cause serious eye damage as effects persisted to the end of the 21 day study when tested on rabbits. Based on studies conducted on rabbits for analogue 1 the notified polymer is expected to be irritating to skin and cause serious eye damage.

#### Sensitisation

No skin sensitisation data were provided for the notified polymer. It was noted that the notified polymer contains a quaternary amine functional group which is a structural alert for sensitisation.

## Health hazard classification

Based on the available information, the notified polymer is recommended for hazard classification according to the *Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)*, as adopted for industrial chemicals in Australia. The recommended hazard classification is presented in the following table.

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## 6.3. Human Health Risk Characterisation

## 6.3.1. Occupational Health and Safety

## Reformulation

Exposure of workers to the notified polymer at  $\sim 30\%$  concentration may occur during blending operations. The notified polymer is expected to be irritating to the skin and severely irritating to eyes and the repeated dose toxicity effects of the notified polymer and the potential to cause skin sensitisation have not been determined. Therefore, caution should be exercised when handling the notified polymer during reformulation processes.

Provided that control measures are in place to minimise worker exposure, including the use of automated processes and PPE, the risk to the health of workers from use of the notified polymer is not considered to be unreasonable.

#### End-use

Beauty care professionals will handle cosmetic products containing the notified polymer at < 1% concentration. If PPE is used, the risk to these professionals who regularly use cosmetic products containing the notified polymer is expected to be of a similar or lesser extent than that experienced by members of the public who use such products on a regular basis. For details of the public health risk assessment see Section 6.3.2.

#### 6.3.2. Public Health

The repeated dose toxicity of the notified polymer has not been determined. However, systemic exposure to the notified polymer is expected to be limited by its relatively high molecular weight (although it is noted that there is a large proportion of low molecular weight species < 500 Da), low partition coefficient and the rinse-off nature of the cosmetic products. In addition, skin and eye irritation and skin sensitisation effects from use of the notified polymer at the proposed concentrations < 1% in rinse-off cosmetic products are not expected.

Therefore, based on the information available, the risk to the public associated with the use of the notified polymer at < 1% concentration in rinse-off cosmetic products, is not considered to be unreasonable. In the absence of data on the repeated dose toxicity and skin sensitisation potential of the notified polymer, use of the notified polymer is supported only under limited exposure conditions, which are reflected in the low concentration of the notified chemical in end-use products and the rinse-off nature of the cosmetic products.

## 7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

#### 7.1. Environmental Exposure & Fate Assessment

## 7.1.1. Environmental Exposure

## RELEASE OF CHEMICAL AT SITE

The notified polymer is not manufactured in Australia. Therefore, there will be no releases due to manufacturing activities. The notified polymer is expected to be imported into Australia as a component of a formulation for cosmetic products. The release of the notified polymer from local reformulation or repackaging is expected to be < 5% of the total annual import volume and is likely to be treated in an on-site treatment plant. The sludge and liquid effluent discharged from the on-site treatment plant is expected to be disposed of to landfill and trade waste, respectively.

## RELEASE OF CHEMICAL FROM USE

The notified polymer will be used as a component of cosmetic products, which will be directly applied to the consumer's hair and body. The cosmetic products will be rinsed off and enter the drainage/sewerage system, where it will be directed to various waste water treatment facilities.

#### RELEASE OF CHEMICAL FROM DISPOSAL

The containers holding the notified polymer are expected to be sent for recycling wherever possible once the container is no longer to be used. However, as end users are the general public, a proportion of containers are anticipated to be sent to landfill. It is expected that there may be residual notified polymer of up to 0.5% of the total annual volume remaining within the empty containers.

#### 7.1.2. Environmental Fate

Following its use in Australia, the majority of the notified polymer is expected to enter the sewer system through its use as a component of rinse-off cosmetic products, before potential release to surface waters nationwide. The acceptable analogues 1 and 2 for the notified polymer are not expected to be readily biodegradable, but show

inherent biodegradability (88-90% in 28 days). For details of the environmental fate studies, please refer to Appendix C. Leaching of the notified polymer in landfill is possible given it is soluble in water. However, this is expected to be slow considering the strong adsorption of the polymer to soil due to the presence of potential cationic groups. The notified polymer is not expected to bioaccumulate due to its low n-octanol/water partition coefficient (log  $P_{OW} = -2.202$ ) and inherent biodegradability. Therefore, in surface waters the notified polymer is expected to disperse and degrade through abiotic and biotic processes to form water and oxides of carbon.

## 7.1.3. Predicted Environmental Concentration (PEC)

A worst case PEC for discharge of the notified polymer to surface waters has been calculated assuming that all of the imported quantity of the polymer is discharged to sewers nationwide and that no removal occurs in sewage treatment plants. The details of the calculation are as follows:

Predicted Environmental Concentration (PEC) for the Aquatic Compartment		
Total Annual Import/Manufactured Volume	1,000	kg/year
Proportion expected to be released to sewer	100%	
Annual quantity of chemical released to sewer	1,000	kg/year
Days per year where release occurs	365	days/year
Daily chemical release:	2.74	kg/day
Water use	200	L/person/day
Population of Australia (Millions)	22.613	million
Removal within STP	0%	
Daily effluent production:	4,523	ML
Dilution Factor - River	1.0	
Dilution Factor - Ocean	10.0	
PEC - River:	0.61	μg/L
PEC - Ocean:	0.061	μg/L

STP effluent re-use for irrigation occurs throughout Australia. The agricultural irrigation application rate is assumed to be 1000 L/m²/year (10 ML/ha/year). The notified polymer in this volume is assumed to infiltrate and accumulate in the top 10 cm of soil (density 1500 kg/m³). Using these assumptions, irrigation with a concentration of 0.606  $\mu$ g/L may potentially result in a soil concentration of approximately 4.039  $\mu$ g/kg. Assuming accumulation of the notified polymer in soil for 5 and 10 years under repeated irrigation, the concentration of notified polymer in the applied soil in 5 and 10 years may be approximately 20.19  $\mu$ g/kg and 40.39  $\mu$ g/kg, respectively.

#### 7.2. Environmental Effects Assessment

The results from ecotoxicological investigations conducted on an analogue 1 to the notified polymer are summarised in the table below. Details of these studies can be found in Appendix C.

Endpoint	Result	Assessment Conclusion
Fish Toxicity	96h LC50 = 5.6 mg/L	Toxic to fish
Inhibition of Bacterial Respiration	16h EC50 = 14 mg/L	Moderate chronic toxicity to bacteria

Based on the ecotoxicological endpoints for analogue 1, it is expected to be toxic to fish on an acute basis. Therefore, under the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (United Nations, 2009), the notified polymer is formally classified as "Acute Category 2; Toxic to aquatic life". Based on the acute toxicity, inherent biodegradability and low bioaccumulation potential of the notified polymer, it is not expected to be harmful to aquatic life on a long term basis, and is therefore not formally classified under the GHS.

## 7.2.1. Predicted No-Effect Concentration

The Predicted No-Effect Concentration (PNEC) was calculated using the fish toxicity endpoint (96 hours, LC50 = 5.6 mg/L) of analogue 1 and a conservative assessment factor of 1000. The most conservative assessment factor of 1000 was used as the ecotoxicity endpoint for only one trophic level was available.

Predicted No-Effect Concentration (PNEC) for the Aquatic Compartment		
LC50 (Fish)	5.60	mg/L
Assessment Factor	1,000	
PNEC:	5.60	μg/L

#### 7.3. Environmental Risk Assessment

The Risk Quotient (Q = PEC/PNEC) has been calculated for a worst case discharge scenario based on the predicted PEC and PNEC.

Risk Assessment	PEC μg/L	PNEC µg/L	Q
Q - River:	0.61	5.6	0.108
Q - Ocean:	0.06	5.6	0.011

The risk quotient for discharge of treated effluents containing analogue 1 to the aquatic environment (Q < 1) indicates that the notified polymer is unlikely to reach ecotoxicologically significant concentrations in surface waters based on its maximum annual importation quantity. The notified polymer is not expected to be readily biodegradable or bioaccumulate in the environment. Therefore, the notified polymer is unlikely to result in ecotoxicologically significant concentrations in the aquatic environment on the basis of the PEC/PNEC ratio, maximum annual importation volume and assessed use pattern.

## **APPENDIX A: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**Boiling Point** 156 °C at 101 kPa

Method EEC Council Regulation No 92/69 A.2 Boiling Temperature.

Remarks Measured using differential scanning calorimetry and thermogravimetric analysis.

The study authors note that there was a residue in the crucible following the measurements

suggesting that the notified polymer was decomposing rather than boiling.

Test Facility Henkel (2013a)

**Density**  $1,423 \pm 50 \text{ kg/m}^3 \text{ at } 20 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ 

Method EC Council Regulation No 440/2008 A.3 Relative Density.

Remarks The pycnometer method was used.

Test Facility Henkel (2013b)

**Vapour Pressure**  $\leq 9.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kPa at } 20 \text{ °C}$ 

Method EEC Council Regulation No 92/69 A.4 Vapour Pressure. Remarks It was determined by the differential scanning calorimetry.

Test Facility Henkel (2013c)

Water Solubility > 710 g/L at 20 °C

Method OECD TG 105 Water Solubility.

Remarks Flask Method/Column Elution Method. More than 710 g/L of freeze dried notified polymer

was dissolved in water under gel building. Due to the fact that the formation of the gel is a continuous process and no discrete point can be identified at which dissolution in water switches to gelling, the water solubility was approximated to > 710 g/L. The water solubility

was determined at 20 °C and a pH = 5.0

Test Facility Henkel (2013f)

Hydrolysis as a Function of pH

Method OECD TG 111 Hydrolysis as a Function of pH.

Remarks Following the preliminary test of OECD 111 (5 days incubation at 50 °C at pH values 4, 7

and 9), the notified polymer is considered to be hydrolytically stable (according to the

criteria described in OECD 111 (less than 10% hydrolysis)).

Test Facility Henkel (2014a)

**Partition Coefficient (n-** log Pow = -2.202 at 23 °C

octanol/water)

Method OECD TG 107 Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Remarks Shake Flask Method. Preliminary tests showed that the test item is well soluble in water.

Therefore, the shake-flask method was employed.

Test Facility Henkel (2013g)

Flammability Non-flammable

Method EC Council Regulation No 440/2008 A.10 Flammability (Solids). Remarks There was no propagation of the flame along the test material.

Test Facility Henkel (2013d)

**Autoignition Temperature** > 400 °C

Method EC Council Regulation No 440/2008 A.16 Relative Self-Ignition Temperature for Solids.

Remarks The test material had no relative self-ignition temperature.

Test Facility Henkel (2013e)

## APPENDIX B: TOXICOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

## **B.1.** Acute toxicity – oral

TEST SUBSTANCE Analogue 1

METHOD OECD TG 420 Acute Oral Toxicity - Fixed Dose Method.

EC Directive 92/69/EEC B.1 bis Acute Toxicity (Oral) Fixed Dose Method.

Species/Strain Rat/SPF Wistar Shoe:WIST

Vehicle Water

Remarks - Method No significant protocol deviations. A sighting study was conducted with

one female.

#### RESULTS

Sighting Study

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Dose mg/kg bw	Administered	Evident Toxicity	Mortality	
2,000	2,000 mg/kg bw	Slight	0/1	

Signs of Toxicity Piloerection and a pinched abdomen, with no changes in bodyweight gain. Effects in Organs There were no abnormalities.

Main Study

Group	Number and Sex of	Dose	Mortality		
	Animals	mg/kg bw			
1	5 per sex	2,000	0/10		

Discriminating Dose > 2,000 mg/kg bw

Signs of Toxicity Instances of piloerection, a pinched abdomen and decreased motor activity

were observed up until day 3.

Effects in Organs No abnormalities were noted at necropsy.

CONCLUSION The test substance is of low toxicity via the oral route.

TEST FACILITY Scantox (1997a)

## **B.2.** Irritation – skin

TEST SUBSTANCE Analogue 1

METHOD OECD TG 404 Acute Dermal Irritation/Corrosion.

Species/Strain Rabbit/SPF Mol:Russian

Number of Animals 3

Vehicle Test substance administered as supplied

Observation Period 21 days

Type of Dressing Semi-occlusive.

Remarks - Method No significant protocol deviations. The skin irritation scores were only

presented for the observations at 1, 24, 48 and 72 hours after exposure.

## RESULTS

Lesion		Mean Score* Animal No.		Maximum Value	Maximum Duration of Any Effect	Maximum Value at End of Observation Period
	1	2	3		- VV	
Erythema/Eschar (L)	2	1	2	2	< 7 days	0
Erythema/Eschar (R)	2	2	2	2	< 7 days	0
Oedema (L)	1	0.3	1.7	2	< 7 days	0
Oedema (R)	1	0.3	1.7	2	< 7 days	0

<sup>\*</sup>Calculated on the basis of the scores at 24, 48, and 72 hours for EACH animal.

Remarks - Results

No skin irritation was present at the 1 hour observation. At the 24, 48 and 72 hour observations slight to well defined erythema was present in all animals. At the 24 hour observation very slight oedema was present in all animals. The oedema had resolved in one animal by the 48 hour observation and increased in another to slight with the last animal remaining unchanged, with no changes for observations at 72 hours after exposure. At the 7 day observation no erythema or oedema were reported by the study authors, although scaling was reported as being present in all animals. At the 14 day observation scaling completely covered the test areas of all rabbits but by the 21 day observation it had resolved in one animal and only residual amounts were present on the other two animals.

**CONCLUSION** 

The test substance is irritating to the skin.

**TEST FACILITY** 

Scantox (1997b)

## **B.3.** Irritation – eye

TEST SUBSTANCE

Analogue 1

**МЕТНО**D

OECD TG 405 Acute Eye Irritation/Corrosion.

Species/Strain

Rabbit/SPF Mol:Russian

Number of Animals Observation Period 2 M, 1 F 21 days

Remarks - Method

No significant protocol deviations. The eye irritation scores were only presented for the observations at 1, 24, 48 and 72 hours after exposure.

## RESULTS

Lesion	Mean Score* Animal No.		Maximum Value	Maximum Duration of Any Effect	Maximum Value at End of Observation Period	
	1	2	3			
Conjunctiva: redness	2	1	1	2	< 21 days	0
Conjunctiva: chemosis	3	1.7	2.3	3	> 21 days	1
Conjunctiva: discharge	3	2.7	2.7	3	< 21 days	0
Corneal opacity	2	2	1.3	2	< 21 days	0
Iridial inflammation	1	1	1	1	< 21 days	0

<sup>\*</sup> Calculated on the basis of the scores at 24, 48, and 72 hours for EACH animal.

Remarks - Results

At the one hour observation scattered to diffuse corneal opacity was seen in two animals along with congestion in the iris. Conjunctival irritation was present in all three animals. At the 24 hour observation translucent areas of cornea were observed after treatment with Fluorescein in all three animals. The corneal opacity remained at the same level in two animals but declined in one animal to scattered or diffuse in one animal at the 48 hour observation and remained unchanged at the 72 hour observation. Corneal opacity was only observed in two animals at the 7 day observation decreasing to just one animal at the 14 day observation and was absent in all animals at the 21 day observation. Congestion of the iris was present all animals from the 24 to 72 hour observations but was not mentioned thereafter. Significant swelling and discharge with conjunctival redness were seen in all animals at the 24 hour observation through to the 72 hour observation, before decreasing in severity but still being present at the 7 day observation. At the 14 day observation swelling and redness was present in only one animal with slight swelling persisting at the 21 day observation.

CONCLUSION

The test substance is severely irritating to the eye.

TEST FACILITY

Scantox (1995)

## APPENDIX C: ENVIRONMENTAL FATE AND ECOTOXICOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

## C.1. Environmental Fate

#### C.1.1. Ready biodegradability

TEST SUBSTANCE Analogue 2

METHOD OECD TG 301 A Ready Biodegradability: DOC Die-Away Test.

Inoculum Activated Sludge

Exposure Period 28 Days Auxiliary Solvent None reported

Analytical Monitoring Dissolved organic carbon (DOC)

significant deviation from the protocol reported.

## **RESULTS**

Test	Test substance		Sodium benzoate			
Day	% Degradation	Day	% Degradation			
7	0	7	92			
14	2	14	100			
21	0	21	97			
28	9	28	97			

Remarks - Results All validity criteria were met. The biodegradation of the notified polymer

was determined as 9% after 28 days of incubation. The test item did not reach the pass level of 70% for ready biodegradability in the DOC Die-Away Test either within the 10-day window or after 28 days of incubation.

CONCLUSION The test substance is not readily biodegradable.

TEST FACILITY Henkel (1993)

## C.1.2. Inherent biodegradability

TEST SUBSTANCE Analogue 1

METHOD Zahn-Wellens test Inoculum Activated Sludge

Exposure Period 28 Days Auxiliary Solvent None reported

Analytical Monitoring Dissolved organic carbon (DOC)

Remarks – Method The test was conducted in accordance with the test guideline above with no

significant deviation from the protocol reported. Diethylene glycol was tested in parallel to the test substance as a reference substance to control

the proper test procedure.

## RESULTS

Test	substance	Diethylene glycol			
Day	% Degradation	Day	% Degradation		
7	79	7	91		
14	84	14	99		
21	78	21	99		
28	88	28	100		

Remarks – Results The degradation/elimination rates of 88–90% DOC decrease after 28 days indicate easy elimination of the test sample under wastewater treatment

plant conditions. The test is considered valid if the DOC decrease achieved

by the reference substance after 28 days is greater than 70%.

CONCLUSION The test substance is inherently biodegradable.

TEST FACILITY Henkel (1994)

## **C.2.** Ecotoxicological Investigations

## C.2.1. Acute toxicity to fish

TEST SUBSTANCE Analogue 1

METHOD Annex to Commission Directive 92/69/EEC of July 31, 1992- Semi static

Species Zebrafish (Brachydanio rerio)

Exposure Period 96 hours
Auxiliary Solvent None Reported
Water Hardness None Reported

significant deviations. Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) was followed.

#### RESULTS

Concentration mg/L	Number of Fish	Mortality (%)				
Nominal		4-6h	24 h	48 h	72 h	96 h
0	10	0	0	0	0	0
1.25	10	0	0	0	0	0
2.50	10	0	0	0	0	0
5.00	10	0	30	40	40	40
10.00	10	60	100	100	100	100

LC50 5.6 mg/L at 96 hours.

Remarks – Results All validity criteria were within acceptable limits.

CONCLUSION The test substance is toxic to fish.

TEST FACILITY Henkel (1995a)

## C.2.2. Inhibition of microbial activity

TEST SUBSTANCE Analogue 1

METHOD Cell multiplication inhibition lest according to DIN 38412, Part B

Species Pseudomonas putida MIGULA strain

Exposure Period 16±1 hours

Concentration Range Nominal: 3, 10, 30, and 100 mg/L

significant deviations. Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) was followed. Pseudomonas putida is used as a model organism that is representative of bacteria from activated sludge and surface waters. The test is used to determine the bacteriotoxic effects of a substance that might affect biodegradation in wastewater treatment plants. For this purpose, the test bacteria were cultivated in a defined nutrient solution at various test substance concentrations over several generations under aerobic conditions and a possible inhibitory effect on cell multiplication was established. The chronic effect of the test material on bacteria within  $16 \pm 1$  h is determined.

RESULTS

EC50 14 mg/L

multiplication inhibition of < 10%). EC10 and EC50 (test concentration

with an inhibition of cell multiplication inhibition of 10% or 50%).

CONCLUSION The test substance has moderate chronic toxicity to the test organism.

TEST FACILITY Henkel (1995b)

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