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1. APPLICANT AND NOTIFICATION DETAILS

APPLICANT(S)

Holder of the Original Assessment Certificate (No. 2364, STD/1206):
Plastral Pty Ltd. (ABN 68 000 144 132)
11b Lachlan St.
Waterloo NSW 2017

Applicant for an Extension of the Original Assessment Certificate: Borouge Australia Pty Ltd Suite 1013, St Kilda Road Towers, 1 Queens Road Melbourne VIC 3004

NOTIFICATION CATEGORY

Standard: Chemical other than polymer (more than 1 tonne per year).

EXEMPT INFORMATION (SECTION 75 OF THE ACT)

Data items and details claimed exempt from publication:

- Chemical Name
- CAS Number
- Molecular Formula
- Structural Formula
- Molecular Weight
- Import Amounts
- Composition Including Purities, Impurities and By product
- Identity of Sites
- Used Details

VARIATION OF DATA REQUIREMENTS (SECTION 24 OF THE ACT)

Variation to the schedule of data requirements is claimed as follows:

- Hydrolysis
- Dissociation constant
- Absorption/Desorption
- Octanol-Water partition coefficient
- Flammability
- Autoignition temperature
- Explosive properties
- Reactivity
- Acute inhalation toxicity test
- Acute dermal toxicity test
- Subacute toxicity test
- Ames-test
- Biodegradation

PREVIOUS NOTIFICATION IN AUSTRALIA BY APPLICANT(S)

None

NOTIFICATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES

USA, Canada, Korea, China, EU, Philippines.

2. IDENTITY OF CHEMICAL

OTHER NAME(S)
Hexadecyltrimethoxysilane
n-Hexadecyltrimethoxysilane
AY 43-216MC
Dynasylan 9116
Si 116
Silane 116
Silane Si 116

MARKETING NAME(S)

Extension Application:

The extension applicant will import products containing up to 3% of the notified chemical.

3. COMPOSITION

Degree of Purity > 80%

4. INTRODUCTION AND USE INFORMATION

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

The notified chemical will be imported as a component (1-5%) of a polyethylene pl

The notified chemical will be imported as a component (1-5%) of a polyethylene plastic compound (pellet form) in 500 kg or 1000 kg cardboards.

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

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Original Notifier	30-100	30-100	30-100	30-100	30-100
(Tonnes)					
Extension Application:					
Year	1	2	3	4	5
Tonnes	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.2	0.3

USE

The notified chemical will be used as an additive for polyethylene to make plastic articles.

Extension Application:

The notified chemical will be used as an additive in the manufacture of plastic articles.

5. PROCESS AND RELEASE INFORMATION

5.1. Distribution, transport and storage

PORT OF ENTRY Melbourne

IDENTITY OF MANUFACTURER/RECIPIENTS

Imported polymer compound containing the notified chemical will be received by the notifier and stored at third party warehouse(s) in Victoria.

TRANSPORTATION AND PACKAGING

Imported polymer compound containing the notified chemical will be imported in 500 kg or 1000 kg plastic lined and sealed cardboard (also called "Octabins") which will be transported from wharf by road and stored at a site in VIC before they are distributed to manufacturers in Australia. Local distribution will be by road.

5.2. Operation description

Reformulation/manufacturing

The plastic compound containing the notified chemical will be imported in a form suitable for the direct feeding into an automated extrusion line. No repackaging of the imported product will be carried out in Australia.

The polymer compound containing the notified chemical will be automatically fed into an enclosed extrusion machine and be extruded to form plastic article. The newly formed article will then be subjected to a humid environment which will cause the notified chemical to permanently and irreversibly bond to the polymer substrate. All manufacturing operations will be performed in an enclosed and automatic system.

End use

Articles made from the polymer will find use in a variety of both industrial and domestic purposes.

5.3. Occupational exposure

Number and Category of Workers

Category of Worker	Number	Exposure Duration	Exposure Frequency
Waterside and Transport	10	1-2	10
Warehouse	3	2	24
Manufacturing	2	1	365

Exposure Details

Waterside, transport and warehouse workers will not open imported containers of the polymer compound containing the notified chemical. The possibility of exposure to the notified chemical on breaching the containers is minimal as the notified chemical has a very low vapour pressure and is encapsulated in the polymer compound. Workers will routinely wear protective overalls and safety footwear.

Worker exposure during manufacturing is unlikely as the polymer compound containing the notified chemical will be automatically fed into an enclosed extrusion machine. All manufacturing operations will be performed in an enclosed and automatic system. The possibility of worker exposure to the notified chemical on spilling of imported polymer compound containing the notified chemical is minimal as the notified chemical has a very low vapour pressure and is encapsulated in the polymer compound. In addition, personal protective equipment will be routinely used and will include safety glasses, gloves, protective coveralls and safety footwear.

No worker exposure is possible during end uses as the notified chemical is totally transformed and permanently bonded to the polymer carrier during the manufacturing process.

5.4. Release

RELEASE OF CHEMICAL AT SITE

A polymer in pellet form encapsulates the notified chemical which is automatically fed into an enclosed extrusion machine and is extruded to form plastic articles. The chemical will undergo hydrolysis when exposed to humid conditions to permanently bond to the polymer compound. In the event of spills it would be expected that the chemical be reused to the extent practicable. The pellets containing the notified chemical are expected to be easily physically removed from the packaging. Residue in packaging is expected to be approximately 20 g per 500 kg "octabin" resulting in a wastage rate of 0.004%. Therefore, up to 4 kg will be disposed per annum.

RELEASE OF CHEMICAL FROM USE

The notified chemical is totally transformed and permanently bonded to the polymer carrier during the manufacturing process. No release to the environment is possible.

5.5. Disposal

Residues from empty containers will be disposed to landfill.

5.6. Public exposure

No public exposure is possible during use of plastic articles for industrial and domestic use as the notified chemical is totally transformed and permanently bonded to the polymer carrier during the manufacturing process.

The public may be exposed to the notified chemical in the unlikely event of an accident during transportation of the polymer compound containing the notified chemical.

6. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance at 20°C and 101.3 kPa Colourless liquid

Melting Point/Freezing Point 1.4 °C

METHOD OECD TG 102 Melting Point/Melting Range.

EC Directive 92/69/EEC A.1 Melting/Freezing Temperature.

Remarks Using differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)

TEST FACILITY Infracor GmbH (2003a)

Boiling Point 350°C at 100.5 kPa

METHOD OECD TG 103 Boiling Point.

EC Directive 92/69/EEC A.2 Boiling Temperature.

Remarks Using differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)

TEST FACILITY Infracor GmbH (2003b)

Density 890 kg/m³ at 20°C

METHOD OECD TG 109 Density of Liquids and Solids.

EC Directive 92/69/EEC A.3 Relative Density.

TEST FACILITY Infracor GmbH (2003c)

Vapour Pressure 0.133 kPa at 25°C

METHOD MPBPWIN Program, Version 1.40

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2000

TEST FACILITY Degussa (2003)

Water Solubility Not applicable

Remarks It is reactive and unstable in water.

Hydrolysis as a Function of pH Not applicable

Remarks Hydrolyses in water, with spontaneous hydrolysis at any pH other than 7.

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water) Not applicable

Remarks Spontaneous hydrolysis of the notified chemical does not allow measurement of

O/W partition coefficient.

Adsorption/Desorption Not applicable

Remarks The notified chemical will undergo hydrolysis upon contact with moisture or water

to release methanol and reactive silanols. The silanols will irreversibly become

chemically bonded to siliceous and other oxides in soils. It is expected that the adsorption to soil will be near 100%.

Dissociation Constant

Not applicable

Remarks

The notified chemical does not contain functional groups which are likely to dissociate. Spontaneous hydrolysis of the notified chemical does not allow measurement of dissociation constants in water.

Flash Point 165 °C

METHOD DIN 51758

TEST FACILITY Degussa, Germany (no test report was provided)

Flammability Limits

Not determined

Remarks The notified chemical is classified as a combustible liquid. However, the product

is not expected to reach a temperature high enough to form combustible vapours in

air.

Autoignition Temperature

Not determined, but estimated to be > 165 °C

Remarks No test data is available.

Explosive Properties

Not determined

Remarks The notified chemical has no potential to detonate as a result of heat, shock or

friction.

Reactivity

Not determined

Remarks The notified chemical has no oxidising properties. It will undergo hydrolysis in the

presence of water, and methanol is a product of this reaction (this will not occur

with the imported product).

ADDITIONAL TESTS

Viscosity 7 mPas at 20°C

METHOD DIN 53015

Remarks The test report is not available.

7. TOXICOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

The notified chemical produces methanol after hydrolysis. Some of the toxicity studies were conducted using analogous chemicals that are considered to be acceptable analogues of the notified chemical:

Analogue chemical 1 – Silane, trimethoxy-: this substance is similar to the notified chemical in that it has three methoxy groups on one of its constituent silanes. The end alkl group is replace by a hydrogen atom. This analogue is significantly more volatile. It is claimed that because of the higher volatility, this chemical would have more adverse toxicity and can be considered as the worse case effect.

Analogue chemical 2 - Silane, octyltrimethoxy-: this substance is similar to the notified chemical. The only difference is that the alkyl group is C5 instead of C3.

The two analogues are considered suitable for this assessment.

Endpoint and Result	Assessment Conclusion
Rat, acute oral (LD ₅₀ >5002mg/kg bw)	Low toxicity
Rat, acute dermal	Moderately to severely irritating to the skin
Rat, acute inhalation	Not performed
Rabbit, skin irritation	Moderately irritating
Rabbit, eye irritation	Slightly irritating
Guinea pig, skin sensitisation - adjuvant test	No evidence of sensitisation
Rat, inhalation repeat dose toxicity - 28 days	NOAEL not established
Genotoxicity - bacterial reverse mutation	Non mutagenic
Genotoxicity – in vitro chromosomal aberration	Non genotoxic

7.1. Acute toxicity – oral

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 401 Acute Oral Toxicity – Limit Test.

Species/Strain Rat/ Bor: WISW (SPFCpb)
Vehicle None, undiluted test substance

RESULTS

Group	Number and Sex of Animals	Dose mg/kg bw	Mortality
1	5/sex	5002	None
LD50 Signs of Toxicity Effects in Organs	>5002 mg/kg bw None None		
Conclusion	The notified chemic	eal is of low toxicity via the	e oral route.
TEST FACILITY	ASTA Pharma AG	(1989a)	

7.2. Acute toxicity – dermal

TEST SUBSTANCE Analogue chemical 1 (Silane, trimethoxy-)

METHOD No Test Guidelines was indicated.
Species/Strain Rabbit/New Zealand White
Vehicle None, untitled test substance

Type of dressing Occlusive Exposure period 24 h

Remarks - Method

The study was conducted to evaluate nephrotoxic potential.

Ttest substance was applied to the clipped and intact skin of the trunk. Doses used 4 and 12 mL/kg. Observations for skin reactions were made at 1h, 7 days and 14 days after removal of patches.

Body weights were recorded before dosing, 7 days and 14 days after dosing. At death or sacrifice, each animal was subjected to gross pathologic evaluation. Only the kidneys and urinary bladders were evaluated microscopically.

No individual observations for skin reactions and body weight were provided in the study report.

RESULTS

Group	Number and Sex	Dose	Mortality
	of Animals		
1	4 females	12 mL/kg	4/4
2	4 females	4 mL/kg	1/4

each rabbit had a leather-like texture.

Signs of Toxicity - Systemic Effects on kidneys and urinary bladder

Sluggishness, prostration, discharge around nose at both doses. Necropsy of rabbits that died revealed dark red lungs, pale tan lungs with dark red areas (in 1 animal), gas-filled intestines (in 1) and a trace amount of blood in the urine (in 1). Necropsy of rabbits that survived revealed maroon and dark red lungs (in 1) and dark red kidneys (in 1).

The only microscopical lesions observed in the kidneys were moderate focal tubular dilation in one animal at 12 mL/kg and minimal multifocal mineralization in I animal at 4 mL/kg.

CONCLUSION

The test substance was moderately to severely irritating to the skin.

TEST FACILITY

Bushy Run Research Centre, (1991)

7.3. Acute toxicity – inhalation

TEST SUBSTANCE Not performed

7.4a. Irritation – skin

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 404 Acute Dermal Irritation/Corrosion.

Species/Strain Rabbit/White Russian (Albino)

Number of Animals3 malesVehicleNoneExposure Period4 hObservation Period10 days

Type of Dressing Occlusive patch

RESULTS

Lesion	Mean Score* Animal No.		Maximum Value	Maximum Duration of Any Effect	Maximum Value at End of Observation Period	
	1	2	3			renoa
Erythema/Eschar	3	2	3	4	9 days	0
Oedema	2	2	3	4	9 days	0

^{*}Calculated on the basis of the scores at 24, 48, and 72 hours for EACH animal.

Remarks – Results Well defined erythema, slight to severe edema; also observed escharosis

and formation of skin scales. The Primary Irritation Index is 3.6. Systemic toxic effects did not occur after exposure. The general

condition of the test animals was not affected.

CONCLUSION The notified chemical is moderately irritating to the skin.

TEST FACILITY ASTA Pharma AG (1989b)

7.4b. Irritation – skin

TEST SUBSTANCE Analogue chemical 1 (Silane, trimethoxy-)

METHOD No Test Guidelines was indicated.
Species/Strain Rabbit/New Zealand White
Number of Animals 6 (3 males and 3 females)

Vehicle Water
Observation Period 14 days
Type of Dressing Occlusive

Remarks – Method

0.5 mL test substance was applied to the clipped and intact skin under a gauze patch and was loosely covered with impervious sheeting. The exposure duration is inconsistent in the study report provided – it states 4 hours in the test procedures, but is 1 hour and 3 minutes in the Result tables. Skin reactions were scored by the method of Draize at 1 hour, 2,

3, 7, 10 and 14 days after dosing.

RESULTS

Lesion	Mean Score*	Maximum Value	Maximum Duration of Any Effect	Maximum Value at End of Observation Period
1 hour exposure				
Erythema/Eschar	1.9	2.0	7 days	0
Oedema	2.1	2.2	7 days	0
3 min. exposure			•	
Erythema/Eschar	1.6	1.8	7 days	0
Oedema	1.7	2.0	3 days	0

^{*}Calculated on the basis of the scores at 24, 48, and 72 hours for ALL animals.

Remarks – Results Skin reactions after 1 hour exposure:

Moderate erythema and oedema were observed in all animals up to 72 hours after exposure, with 3 animals showing slight erythema and oedema on day 7. All erythema and oedema were clear by day 10.

Other effects were also observed including ecchymoses, narcosis, ulceration, fissuring, desquamation, alopecia, scabs, and sloughing of skin from dose site, most of which occurred from day 3.

Skin reactions after 3 minutes exposure:

Erythema and oedema were observed in all animals that are similar to the 1 hour exposure but slightly minor in severity. Fissuring, desquamation,

and alopecia were observed from day 3.

CONCLUSION No conclusions were made by the study author(s). Based on the

description of the test result, the test substance is considered moderately

irritating.

TEST FACILITY Bushy Run Research Centre, (1991)

7.5. Irritation – eye

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 405 Acute Eye Irritation/Corrosion.

Species/Strain Rabbit/White Russian (Albino)

Number of Animals 3 (2 males, 1 female)

Observation Period 6 days

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	1	0.7	1	1	4 days	0
Conjunctiva: chemosis	1	1	1.3	2	4 days	0
Conjunctiva: discharge	0.3	0	0.3	1	1 day	0
Corneal opacity	0	0	0	0	•	0
Iridial inflammation	0	0	0	0		0

^{*}Calculated on the basis of the scores at 24, 48, and 72 hours for EACH animal.

REMARKS The primary irritation index was 6. Hyperemia, crimson discoloration,

and slight swelling with partial eversion of the lids was observed.

CONCLUSION The notified chemical is slightly irritating to the eye.

TEST FACILITY ASTA Pharma AG (1989c)

7.6. Skin sensitisation

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 406 Skin Sensitisation – Buehler Test.

EC Directive 96/54/EC B.6 Skin Sensitisation – Buehler Test.

Species/Strain Guinea pig/Dunkin-Harley, females

PRELIMINARY STUDY Maximum Non-irritating Concentration:
topical: 20% test substance in corn oil

MAIN STUDY

Number of Animals Test Group: 20 Control Group: 10

INDUCTION PHASE Induction Concentration:

topical application 50% test substance in corn oil

Signs of Irritation A slight to moderate erythema was observed in test group animals at the first induction following 6 hours topical exposure to the test substance at

50% concentration. A slight erythema was noted in 2 of 20 test animals following the second induction. No reaction was observed in any animals

following the third induction.

CHALLENGE PHASE

1st challenge Topical application: 20% test substance in corn oil.

Remarks – Method Body weight was observed at Day 1 and termination of the study.

RESULTS

Animal	Challenge Concentration		Number of An Skin Reac	imals Showing tions after:		
		1 st challenge 2 nd cha			llenge	
		24 h	48 h	24 h	48 h	
Test Group	20% test substance in corn oil	0	0	NA	NA	
Control Group	corn oil	0	0	NA	NA	

Remarks – Results Body weight changes were similar between the treated and control

groups.

CONCLUSION No evidence of reactions indicative of skin sensitisation to the notified

chemical under the conditions of the test.

TEST FACILITY RTC Research Toxicology Centre (2004)

7.7. Repeat dose toxicity - inhalation

TEST SUBSTANCE Analogue chemical 1 (Silane, trimethoxy-)

METHOD No test guidelines were indicated.

In accordance with GLP regulations

Species/StrainRats/Sprague-Dawby (Albino)Route of AdministrationInhalation – whole bodyExposure InformationTotal exposure days: 20 days

Dose regimen: 5 days per week for 4 weeks Duration of exposure (inhalation): 7 hours/day

Post-exposure observation period: No

Physical Form Vapour

Remarks – Method All groups of animals were treated concurrently except for group IV

(high dose) due to high mortality rate occurred in this group.

RESULTS

Group	Number and Sex	Dose/Concentration		Mortality
	of Animals	ppm		
		Nominal	Actual	
I (control)	10 male/10 female	0		0
II (low dose)	10 male/10 female	0.5 ppm		0
III (mid dose)	10 male/10 female	5 ppm		4 male/ 4 female
IV (high dose)	10 male/10 female	10 ppm		10 male/10 female

Mortality:

Four of 10 rats of each sex of the mid dose group and all animals of the high dose group were found dead or sacrificed in a moribund condition during the course of treatment.

Clinical observations:

Clinical symptoms in the mid and high dose groups consisted primarily of lung congestion during the first week of treatment with nose discharge and a general weakness developing during week 2, leading to eventual death. No abnormalities were observed in the low dose group.

Significant dose dependent reduction in body weights of treated male and female rats. The magnitude of this reduction was greatest in the high dose group, less in the intermediate dose group and only marginally different from the controls in the low dose males. Bodyweight did not differ from the control group for females in the low dose group.

Significant dose-dependent reduction in absolute food consumption of treated male and female rats. The magnitude of this reduction was greatest in the high dose group, less in the intermediate dose group and only marginally different from the controls in the low dose group.

Haematology:

A decreased leucocyte count was observed in females of the low dose group. In mid and high dose animals a dose dependent increase in erythrocyte count, haemoglobin, and haematocrit was accompanied by a dose dependent decrease in leucocyte count and the proportion of lymphocytes and an increase in the proportion of segmented neutrophils.

Blood Chemistry

There was no effect on blood chemistry parameters in treated animals of the low and mid dose group compared to the control group. Abnormal blood chemistry parameters were observed in surviving animals of the high dose group.

Urinalysis

There was no effect on the urinary parameters in treated animals of the low and mid dose group compared to the control group. High mortality in the high dose group precluded analysis.

Morphological findings:

Gross Pathology

All animals had diffuse congestion of the lung and focal reddening in the gastrointestinal tract however, the incidence and severity was greater in treated animals. Findings in mid and high dose animals included areas of atelectasis and focal reddening in the lung and a failure of the lung to collapse when removed from the thoracic cavity.

Organ Weight

Increased lung weight in males of the mid and high dose groups.

Histopathology

High dose animals had pulmonary lesions consisting of bronchitis and bronchiolitis in the large and medium sized bronchii as well as smaller bronchioles. This was accompanied by, in severe cases, complete desquamation of the bronchial epithelium with replacement by mixed inflammatory cells and obliteration of the bronchial lumina with a mucopurulent exudate. Mucous metaplasia of the bronchial epithelium was revealed in several cases and this change extended sometimes to the submucosal glands.

No treatment related findings were observed in low dose group animals.

Examination of bone marrow smears revealed in high dose animals marked change with general reversal of the myeloid-erythroid ratio (which correlated with the changes in erythocyte and leucocyte counts found in the peripheral circulation), hypocellularity and general changes associated with moribund condition of the animals. Abundant megakaryocytes were noted in low dose animals.

Histopathological evaluation was not conducted on mid dose animals.

CONCLUSION

Inhalation of trimethoxysilane over 4 weeks resulted in chronic inflammatory changes to the lung, dose related changes in haematological indices and morphological changes to the bone marrow in treated rats. Changes in leucocyte counts were seen in females at the lowest dose tested a No Observed Adverse Effect Level (NOAEL) cannot be determined for this study. A No Observed Adverse Effect Level (NOAEL) was not established

TEST FACILITY

Bio Research Laboratories LTD. (1980)

7.8. Genotoxicity – bacteria

TEST SUBSTANCE Analogue chemical 2 (Silane, octyltrimethoxy-)

METHOD OECD TG 471 Bacterial Reverse Mutation Test.

EC Directive 2000/32/EC B.14 Mutagenicity – Reverse Mutation Test

using Bacteria.

Plate incorporation procedure

Species/Strain S. typhimurium: TA1535, TA1537, TA98, TA100

Metabolic Activation System S 9 liver microsome fraction

Concentration Range in

a) With metabolic activation: 33.3 to 5000µg/plate.

Main Test

b) Without metabolic activation: 33.3 to 5000µg/plate.

Vehicle Ethanol

RESULTS

Metabolic	Test Substance Concentration (µg/plate) Resulting in:				
Activation	Cytotoxicity in Preliminary Test	Cytotoxicity in Main Test	Precipitation	Genotoxic Effect	
Present	·				
Test 1	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	
Test 2	_	Negative	Negative	Negative	
Absent					
Test 1	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	
Test 2		Negative	Negative	Negative	

CONCLUSION The test substance is not mutagenic to bacteria under the conditions of

the test.

TEST FACILITY Anawa BIOSERVICE Scientific Laboratories GmbH (1996).

7.9. Genotoxicity – in vitro

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 473 In vitro Mammalian Chromosomal Aberration Test.

EC Directive 2000/32/EC B.17 Mutagenicity - In vitro Mammalian Cell

Gene Mutation Test.

Species/Strain Chinese hamster Cell Type/Cell Line Ovary cells

Metabolic Activation S 9 liver microsome fraction

System

Vehicle Ethanol

Metabolic Activation	Test Substance Concentration (μg/mL)	Exposure Period	Harvest Time
Present			
Test 1	325 to 1300*	3 hours	20 hours
Test 2	Not conducted#		
Absent			
Test 1	325 to 1300*	3 hours	20 hours
Test 2	10.2 to 40.6*	20 hours	20 hours

^{*}Cultures selected for metaphase analysis. *Due to negative results obtained in Test 1.

RESULTS

Metabolic	Tes	t Substance Concentra	tion (µg/mL) Resultin	g in:
Activation	Cytotoxicity in	Cytotoxicity in	Precipitation	Genotoxic Effect
	PreliminaryTest	Main Test	_	
Present	•			
Test 1	NA	1300, 650	1300, 650	Negative
Test 2	NA	NA	NA	NA
Absent				
Test 1	NA	1300	-	Negative
Test 2	NA	10.2 - 1300	-	Negative

NA, not applicable.

CONCLUSION The notified chemical was not clastogenic to Chinese hamster ovary cells

treated in vitro under the conditions of the test.

TEST FACILITY RTC Research Toxicology Centre (2005)

8. ENVIRONMENT

8.1. Environmental fate

The ready biodegradability was conducted using an analogous chemical that is considered to be acceptable analogue of the notified chemical. It is n-Hexadecyltriethoxysilano (Analogue Chemical 3).

8.1.1. Ready biodegradability

TEST SUBSTANCE Analogue chemical 3 (n-Hexadecyltriethoxysilano)

METHOD Method for Testing Biodegradability of Chemical Substances by micro-

organisms stipulated in the "Testing Methods for New Chemical Substances (13 July 1974, Kangpogyo No.5 Planning and Coordination Bureau, Environment Agency, Yakuhatu No. 615, Pharmaceutical Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Health and Welfare and 49 Kikyoku No. 392, Basic Industries Bureau, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Japan. The test method is similar to OECD TG 301 C Ready Biodegradability:

Modified MITI Test (I).

Inoculum Activated Sludge prepared from ten sites: Fukogawa city sewage plant,

Fukashiba industry sewage plant, Nakahama city sewage plant, Ochiai city sewage plant, Kitakami river, Shinano river, Yoshino river, Lake

Biwa, Hiroshima bay, Dookai bay.

Exposure Period 28 Days
Auxiliary Solvent None specified

Analytical Monitoring Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), HPLC for test substance and GC

for ethanol as a decomposition product.

Remarks - Method The inoculum comprised of old and fresh activated sludge. Triplicate

analysis was performed on 30 mg of test substance added to 300 mL of 100 mg/L activated sludge (vessels 1- 3). A control was run with 300 mL of purified water and no activated sludge (vessel 6). A control blank was run containing 300 mL of inoculum but no test substance or reference substance (vessel 5). A reference was also run using 30 mg (29.5 μL) of

aniline (Vessel 4). Temperature 25 ± 1 °C

RESULTS

Biodegradation of test substance and reference substance as determined by BOD and HPLC

Test	substance	Aniline		
Day	% Degradation	Day	% Degradation	
28	43 (BOD)	28	70	
28	74 (HPLC)	28	79	

Biodegradation of test substance as determined by BOD

Test	Day 7		Day 14		Day 21		Day 28	_
	BOD (m	ng) % Deg	BOD (m	g) % Deg	BOD (n	ng) % Deg	BOD (n	ng) % Deg
Vessel 1	2.5	0	13.9	12	35.5	36	50.8	53
Vessel 2	1.9	0	17.4	16	39.8	41	46.1	47
Vessel 3	1.8	0	4.6	1	10.2	5	30.5	29
Vessel 4	65.7	70	75.8	79	77.4	79	78.4	79
Vessel 5	2.3	-	4.1	-	5.8	-	6.9	-
Vessel 6	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-

Deg = degradation

Biodegradation of expected intermediate silanol compound

Test	BOD - B	Sw-Ss	Ethanol	TOD	Silanol	TOD	(BOD-B)	%
	(mg)	(mg)	Amount	Ethanol	Amount	Silanol	Less TOD	Biodeg
			Theor.	(mg)	Theor.	(mg)	Ethanol	silanol
			(mg)		(mg)		(mg)	
Vessel 1	43.9	27.2	9.7	20.2	21.3	54.7	23.7	43
Vessel 2	39.2	24.1	8.6	17.9	18.9	48.6	21.3	44
Vessel 3	23.6	13.4	4.8	10.0	10.5	27.0	13.6	50

The BOD of vessel 5 = B

The residual amount of vessel 5 less the residual of the average of the amounts of vessels 1- $3 = S_w$ - S_s Biodeg = biodegradation;

Theor = Theoretical amount if all notified chemical underwent hydrolysis.

TOD = Theoretical Oxygen Demand when the test substance is completely oxidised.

Remarks - Results

The test substance is likely to be degraded in a two-step process. Firstly to ethanol and silanol. The ethanol is expected to be rapidly biodegraded, with the silanol undergoing slow degradation. The average degradation of the silanol is estimated as 46% after 28 days. The test substance in water only, as analysed by HPLC, showed that 98% of the test substance remained after 28 days. No ethanol was present in the GC analysis. The test substance was not dissolved at the initiation of the culturing and was white and cloudy at the termination of the culturing.

CONCLUSION

The test substance is not considered readily biodegradable, although the HPLC analysis demonstrates that the analogue degrades to intermediates likely to be ethanol and silanol.

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8.1.2. Bioaccumulation

Not Tested. The notified chemical is unlikely to bioaccumulate as it hydrolyses rapidly in humid conditions and will permanently bond to mineral substances, rendering it biologically unavailable.

8.2. Ecotoxicological investigations

8.2.1. Acute toxicity to fish

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 203 Fish, Acute Toxicity Test Limit Test semi-static.

Species Brachiodanio rerio

Exposure Period 96 hours Auxiliary Solvent Nil

Water Hardness 210 mg CaCO₃/L

Analytical Monitoring Observations for mortality and abnormal behaviour at 24, 48, 72 and 96

hours.

Remarks – Method A range finding test was conducted using four replicates of ten fish

subjected to nominal concentration of 1000 mg/L prepared as Water Available Fraction (WAF) of test substance. Four control tests were also

run.

Temperature 25 ± 1 °C.

pH 7.6 - 8.0

Dissolved Oxygen mg/L 6.1 – 8.1

RESULTS

Concentration	n mg/L	Number of Fish		Mortality			
Nominal	Actual		24 h	48 h	72 h	96 h	
0		40	0	0	0	0	
1000		40	0	0	0	0	
LC50		> 1000 mg/L at 24 hours.					
		> 1000 mg/L at 48 hours.					
		> 1000 mg/L at 72 hours.					
		> 1000 mg/L at 96 hours.					
NOEC (or LOEC))	= 1000 mg/L at 96 hours.					
Remarks – Results	s	No sign of harm to any fish. Oil like substance was seen on the surface the test solutions. Not toxic to limits of test substance's solubility.					
CONCLUSION		The notified chemical is practical	ly non- toxic	e to fish.			
EST FACILITY		TNO (1990a)					

8.2.2. Acute/chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 202 Daphnia sp. Acute Immobilisation Test and Reproduction

Test - Static

Species Daphnia magna
Exposure Period 24 hours

Auxiliary Solvent Nil
Water Hardness 210 mg CaCO₃/L

Analytical Monitoring Observations for mortality and abnormal behaviour at 24 and 48 hours.

Remarks - Method A solution of 1000 mg/L of test substance was prepared by vigorously

stirring for 24 hours. WAFs were drawn off after 24 hours and 48 hours of settling. Four replicates of 5 daphnia were subjected to WAF of nominal concentration of 1000 mg/L of test substance drawn at 24 and 48

hours. Controls were also run.

Temperature 25 ± 1 °C.

pH 7.8 - 8.0

Dissolved Oxygen mg/L 7.7 – 8.8

RESULTS

Concent	ration mg/L	Number of D. magna	Number Immobilised
Nominal	Settling Time hours		24 h
0	-	20	0
1000	24	20	0
0	-	20	0
1000	48	20	0

LC50 > 1000 mg/L at 24 hours

Remarks - Results

Although a surface layer of the test substance was not visible to the naked eye, the observations of the daphnia in the WAF prepared after 24 hours indicated that a surface layer was present. The daphnia in the WAF prepared at 24 hours swam on the surface and were slower and paler than the control. No adverse effects were shown to the daphnia in the WAF

prepared at 48 hours. Not toxic to limits of test substance's solubility.

CONCLUSION The notified chemical is practically non- toxic to daphnia.

TEST FACILITY TNO (1990b)

8.2.3. Algal growth inhibition test

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified Chemical

METHOD OECD TG 201 Alga, Growth Inhibition Test.

Species Scenedesmus subspicatus

Exposure Period 96 hours

Concentration Range Nominal: 0.01 – 31.8 mg/L (methanol)

Nominal: 0.009 - 29.5 mg/L (tertiary butanol)

Auxiliary Solvent Methanol; tertiary butanol (TBA)

Water Hardness Not determined

Analytical Monitoring Microscopic examination of cells/ electronic particle counting.

Remarks - Method A range finding test was conducted by subjecting an algae to

A range finding test was conducted by subjecting an algae test medium containing approximately 10⁴ cells per mL to 0.0007, 0.007, 0.07, 0.60 and 8.0 mg/L of test substance using tertiary butanol as auxiliary solvent. Two preliminary inhibition tests were conducted by subjecting an algae test medium containing approximately 10⁴ cells per mL to 0.003, 0.010, 0.032, 0.056, 0.10, 0.32, and 1.0; and 0.0032, 0.010, 0.032, 0.10, 0.32, 1.0, 3.2 and 10 mg/L of test substance using tertiary butanol as auxiliary solvent. Duplicate controls were run using algae and solvent only. A test substance without algae was run to determine the background count for the electronic particle count. The morphology of the algae was examined microscopically. The preliminary test showed that inhibiting effects could be expected at concentrations above 0.007 mg/L.

A test was conducted by subjecting duplicate algae test media containing approximately 10⁴ cells per mL 0.01, 0.03, 0.10, 0.32, 1.0, 3.2, 10 and 32 mg/L using methanol and tertiary butanol as auxiliary solvent. A further test was conducted by subjecting duplicate algae test media containing approximately 10⁴ cells per mL 0.009, 0.029, 0.094, 0.29, 0.94, 2.9, 9.4 and 29.5 mg/L using tertiary butanol as auxiliary solvent. A test substance without algae was run to determine the background count for the electronic particle count. The morphology of the algae was examined microscopically.

Temperature 23 ± 1 °C.

Light intensity 60 – 120 μmol/sec/m²

RESULTS

Pre	liminary	Test

1 Terminary Test	
Biomass	Growth
EbC50	ErC90
(mg/L at 96 h)	(mg/L at 96 h)
> 10	> 10

Inhibition Test Using Methanol and TBA as Auxiliary Solvents.

Biomass	Growth	
EbC50	ErC50	
mg/L at 96 h	mg/L at 96 h	
> 31.8 (methanol)	> 31.8 (methanol)	
> 29.5 (TBA)	> 29.5 (TBA)	

Remarks - Results No abnormalities were noted. 31.8 and 29.5 mg/L were the highest tested

concentrations using methanol and TBA, respectively.

CONCLUSION The notified chemical is slightly to practically non- toxic to algae.

TEST FACILITY TNO (1992)

9. RISK ASSESSMENT

9.1. Environment

9.1.1. Environment – exposure assessment

The notified chemical is encapsulated in a polymer matrix. During use to form plastic articles it is reacted to irreversibly bond to the polymer compound. No release of the notified chemical to the environment is expected from this route.

It is expected that up to 4 kg of the notified chemical will be disposed to landfill from packaging residue. The chemical is encapsulated in a polymer matrix. It is expected that the polymer matrix will eventually undergo in-situ degradation. When the notified chemical is exposed to the atmosphere it is likely to react and irreversibly bond with the polymer matrix. No release to the aquatic environment is expected from this route.

9.1.2. Environment – effects assessment

No toxic effects up to the limits of solubility of the notified chemical in tests to fish and daphnia were shown. It is expected that the chemical underwent hydrolysis followed by condensation to form an insoluble oil layer, with methanol as the by-product. Methanol is practically non – toxic to aquatic organisms. Auxiliary solvents were used to dissolve the notified chemical for the algae test. No toxic effects were shown to algae to the highest concentration tested. The following is a summary of the ecotoxicity results.

Organism	Duration (hour)	End Point	Toxicity (mg/L)
Fish	96	LC50	>1000
Daphnia	24	LC50	>1000
Algae (methanol)	96	EbC50 & ErC50	>31.8
Algae (TBA)	96	EbC50 & ErC50	>29.5

No end point was established so a PNEC cannot be calculated. However it will be above $295 \mu g/L$.

9.1.3. Environment – risk characterisation

There is unlikely to be any release of the chemical to the aquatic environment. Although an exact Predicted Environmental Concentration (PEC) cannot be calculated from the use pattern and the reactivity of the chemical with water, the PEC will be effectively zero. In addition, the notified chemical showed no toxicity to aquatic organisms to extent tested. Therefore, the notified chemical is not expected to pose an unacceptable risk to the environment.

9.2. Human health

9.2.1. Occupational health and safety – exposure assessment

The notified chemical will be imported as a component (1-5%) of a polyethylene plastic compound. During transport and storage, the possibility of exposure to the notified chemical on breaching the containers is minimal as the notified chemical has a very low vapour pressure and is encapsulated in the polymer compound.

Worker exposure during manufacturing is unlikely due to use of an enclosed and automatic system and the notified chemical will be imported in a form suitable for the direct feeding into an automated extrusion line. In addition, personal protective equipment will be routinely used to reduce exposure.

No worker exposure is possible during end uses as the notified chemical is totally transformed and permanently bonded to the polymer carrier during manufacturing.

9.2.2. Public health – exposure assessment

No public exposure is expected during use of plastic articles for industrial and domestic use as the notified chemical is totally transformed and permanently bonded to the polymer carrier during the manufacture of the articles. The public may be exposed to the notified chemical in the unlikely event of an accident during transportation of the polymer compound containing the notified chemical. However, the possibility is minimal due to very low vapour pressure and encapsulation of the notified chemical in the polymer compound.

9.2.3. Human health – effects assessment

Some of the toxicity studies provided were conducted using analogous chemicals that are considered to be acceptable analogues of the notified chemical.

The notified chemical is of low acute toxicity via oral exposure (LD50 > 5002 mg/kg/bw).

A number of signs of severe dermal irritation were seen in two skin irritation studies, one using the notified chemical and following OECD TG and one using an analogue chemical and not conducted with OECD TG. The signs of irritation persisted in all animals for more than 24 hours. Based on this evidence, the notified chemical is classified in accordance with the NOHSC Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances (NOHSC 2004) as:

R38 – irritating to skin

Eye irritation and skin sensitisation (Buehler Test) studies using the notified chemical and following OECD TG showed slight eye irritation and negative allergic reaction.

A 28-days repeated dose inhalation study was conducted using an analogue chemical resulted in chronic inflammatory changes to the lung, dose related changes in haematological indices and morphological changes to the bone marrow in treated rats. Changes in leucocyte counts were seen at the lowest dose tested (0.5 ppm) and no NOAEL can be determined for this study. It is not expected that the notified chemical will display effects more adverse than those observed with trimethoxysilane (analogue 1) in this repeat dose inhalation study. Further testing on the notified chemical would be required for a satisfactory assessment of effects from repeated exposure. Based on this study the notified chemical is likely to be irritating to respiratory system.:

R37 Irritating to respiratory system

There was no evidence of genotoxicity based on bacterial reverse mutation test (using an analogue chemical) and *in vitro* mammalian chromosome aberration test (using the notified chemical).

Based on the available data, the notified chemical is classified as a hazardous substance in accordance with the NOHSC *Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances* (NOHSC 2004).

9.2.4. Occupational health and safety – risk characterisation

The notified chemical will be imported in pellet forms at 1-5%. Inhalation exposure is not likely as the notified chemical is incorporated into the plastic compound. Considering that manufacturing processes are enclosed and automated and that the notified chemical is contained in the polyethylene plastic compound at a maximum of 5%, the risk of adverse health effects is low. However, respiratory and skin protection is required if workers are likely to handle the product containing the notified chemical.

9.2.5. Public health – risk characterisation

Due to the negligible exposure expected and low health concern, the risk of adverse effects to the public is considered to be insignificant.

9.3 RISK ASSESSMENT RELATING TO EXTENSION APPLICATION

The proposed use, introduction volume and fate of the notified chemical will not change significantly under the proposed extension. The circumstances in the extension application are not expected to impact on the original human health and environment risk assessment.

10. CONCLUSIONS – ASSESSMENT LEVEL OF CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMANS

10.1. Hazard classification

Based on the available data the notified chemical is classified as hazardous under the NOHSC *Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances*. The classification and labelling details are:

R37/38 – Irritating to respiratory system and skin

As a comparison only, the classification of notified chemical using the Globally Harmonised System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (United Nations 2003) is presented below. This system is not mandated in Australia and carries no legal status but is presented for information purposes.

	Hazard Category	Hazard Statement
Irritant	2	Causes skin irritation

10.2. Environmental risk assessment

The chemical is not considered to pose a risk to the environment based on its reported use pattern.

10.3. Human health risk assessment

10.3.1. Occupational health and safety

There is Low Concern to occupational health and safety under the conditions of the occupational settings described.

10.3.2. Public health

There is No Significant Concern to public health based on the reported use pattern.

11. MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

11.1. Material Safety Data Sheet

The MSDS of the notified chemical provided by the notifier was assessed in accordance with the NOHSC *National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Material Safety Data Sheets* (NOHSC 2003). It is (They are) published here as a matter of public record. The accuracy of the information on the MSDS remains the responsibility of the applicant.

Extension Application:

The applicant for extension application has provided MSDSs of products containing the notified chemical. The accuracy of the information on the MSDSs remains the responsibility of the applicant.

11.2. Label

The label for the notified chemical provided by the notifier was in accordance with the NOHSC *National Code of Practice for the Labelling of Workplace Substances* (NOHSC 1994). The accuracy of the information on the label remains the responsibility of the applicant.

Extension Application:

The applicant for extension application has provided labels of products containing the notified chemical. The accuracy of the information on the labels remains the responsibility of the applicant.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

REGULATORY CONTROLS Hazard Classification and Labelling

- The Office of the ASCC, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR), should consider the following hazard classification for the notified chemical:
 - R37/38 Irritating to respiratory system and skin
- The following risk phrases for products/mixtures containing the notified chemical apply:
 - 20% R37/38 Irritating to respiratory system and skin
- Products containing ≥20% notified chemical should carry the following warnings on the label:
 - S24 Avoid contact with skin
 - S25 Avoid contact with eyes
 - S36 Wear suitable protective clothing
 - S37 Wear suitable gloves

CONTROL MEASURES

Occupational Health and Safety

- A copy of the MSDS should be easily accessible to employees.
- If products and mixtures containing the notified chemical are classified as hazardous to health in accordance with the NOHSC *Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances*, workplace practices and control procedures consistent with provisions of State and Territory hazardous substances legislation must be in operation.

Environment

Disposal

The notified chemical should be disposed of by authorised landfill.

Emergency procedures

• Spills or accidental release of the notified chemical should be handled by physical collection for reuse of the spilled material to the extent practicable or disposal.

12.1. Secondary notification

The Director of Chemicals Notification and Assessment must be notified in writing within 28 days by the notifier, other importer or manufacturer:

- (1) Under Section 64(2) of the Act:
 - if any of the circumstances listed in the subsection arise.

The Director will then decide whether secondary notification is required.

No additional secondary notification conditions are stipulated.

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