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1. APPLICANT AND NOTIFICATION DETAILS

APPLICANT(S)

Lubrizol International, Inc. (ABN 002 747 944)

28 River Street

Silverwater NSW 2128

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:

Identity of chemical;

Composition; and

Exact manufacture/Import Volume

VARIATION OF DATA REQUIREMENTS (SECTION 24 OF THE ACT)

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

Melting point/Boiling point;

Water solubility;

Hydrolysis as a Function of pH;

Partition Co-efficient;

Absorption/Desorption;

Particle size;

Flammability limits;

Explosive properties; and

Ecotoxicity data

PREVIOUS NOTIFICATION IN AUSTRALIA BY APPLICANT(S)

None

NOTIFICATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Canada (2004)

2. IDENTITY OF CHEMICAL

OTHER NAME(S) OS180946

MARKETING NAME(S)

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3. COMPOSITION

DEGREE OF PURITY >95%

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 of concentrate or additive package containing 1 to 10% w/w notified chemical. The imported product will then be distributed to customers who will formulate the final lubricant. The final lubricant will contain 0.1 to 1.0% w/w notified chemical.

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

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Tonnes	1 - < 10	10 - < 30	10 - <30	10 - < 30	10 - < 30

USE

The notified chemical will be used as a component of automotive lubricants.

5. PROCESS AND RELEASE INFORMATION

5.1. Distribution, transport and storage

PORT OF ENTRY Not stated

IDENTITY OF MANUFACTURER/RECIPIENTS Lubrizol International, Inc. (ABN 002 747 944) 28 River Street Silverwater NSW 2128

TRANSPORTATION AND PACKAGING

The imported concentrate containing the notified chemical will be transported by road or rail in isotainer or 330 gallon IBC containers. Smaller quantities will be transported in 55 gallon drums. The formulated lubricant will be transported by road or rail in 1 L plastic containers or 205 L steel drums.

5.2. Operation description

Following importation, the imported concentrate containing the notified chemical will be transported in original packaging to manufacturers of lubricants Australia wide. At the customer's blending facility, the concentrate will be decanted from the containers to a tank where it will be mixed with oil and other additives to give the finished lubricant containing 0.1 to 1% w/w notified chemical. The blending facility is described as being fully automated. Finished lubricant will be packed into containers of various sizes (1 to 250 L containers) using enclosed and fully automated packaging equipment.

Washing of equipment after each batch of lubricant is not required as similar products are blended using the same equipment. If washing is necessary, residual material left in the blend tank or transfer lines are flushed with mineral oil and the washing is used for subsequent blend.

Finished lubricant will be distributed to automobile manufacturers for "factory fill" applications, service garages for lubricant replenishment, and automobile stores for do-it yourself applications. When changing lubricant oil, garage workers will drain the used lubricant in an appropriate container and replace the lubricant by opening the lubricant container and manually decanting the contents of the container.

5.3. Occupational exposure

Transport and Storage

Transport and storage workers will handle sealed drums and containers of concentrate and products containing the notified chemical. Therefore, occupational exposure of these workers to the notified chemical is not expected except in the event of an accident.

Lubricant manufacture

Blending operators may have dermal and limited ocular exposure to the notified chemical as a component of the additive package while transferring the contents of the isotainer into the blending

tank and when cleaning blending vessels. Packaging operators may also be exposed dermally to the finished lubricant when containers are overfilled and when the automated packaging machine malfunctions.

Workers involved in the above activities wear personal protective equipment including nitrile or neoprene gloves, chemical goggles or face shield, and protective clothing.

End Use – Service garages

Exposure to garage workers is expected to be confined to dermal contamination with drips and spills when replacing used lubricant. There is also potential for exposure while handling automotive components that have been in contact with the lubricant. Workers will wear protective clothing and gloves when carrying out the above activities.

Retail workers may also be exposed to the lubricant product when the containers are damaged.

5.4. Release

RELEASE OF CHEMICAL AT SITE

Environmental release of the notified chemical is unlikely during importation, storage and transportation, and accidental spills, leaks and catastrophic mechanical failure during a transport accident is the most likely reason for environmental release. Engineering controls (eg. IBC, isotainer and drum specifications) and emergency clean-up procedures (ie. spill response instructions on Safety Data Sheet and label) will limit the impact on the environment of such incidents. Containers holding the notified chemical will be transported directly from the Port facility to various lubricant manufacturing facilities in Australia for storage prior to blending into lubricants. Blending is undertaken using automated procedures and spillage is not expected as blending and packaging will be undertaken in an enclosed system. No aqueous wastes are generated during the blending process. Any spilled material that is not re-used for blending will be cleaned up, containerised and sent for disposal by incineration. The notifier estimates residues in emptied imported containers may comprise <1% of the import volume of the notified chemical. Emptied containers will be rinsed with mineral oil and the rinsate will be re-used in the blending process. Rinsed containers will be sent to a reconditioning facility for disposal. The formulated product (0.1-1% notified chemical) will be contained in 1-205 L containers. These containers will be transported to customer retail outlets throughout Australia (eg. automobile manufacturers, service stations) where the lubricant will be used in motor vehicle engines.

RELEASE OF CHEMICAL FROM USE

The finished lubricants will be sold in various size containers. No information was available on whether the notified chemical is altered during use as a crankcase lubricant in internal combustion engines and therefore it is assumed to be unaffected. There may be some accidental losses when lubricant is added to new vehicles, or changed. These are expected to be minor spills, which would be mostly left on the ground or cleaned up and sent to landfill. These are expected to amount to <1% of the product. In the closed system in which it is used, there is no expected release of the chemical to the environment under normal conditions of use, except for unintended oil leaks, which would mostly drip to road and pavement surfaces. Since the use of the lubricating oils will occur throughout Australia, any releases from use of oils containing the notified chemical would be diffuse.

5.5. Disposal

Imported isotainers and drums

The isotainers and drums are generally cleaned with oil and rinsate is reused in subsequent blending operations. The containers are typically reconditioned and reused. At drum reconditioner facilities, drums are typically steam cleaned with wastewater sent to wastewater treatment. Assuming 0.1% remains in emptied containers after mineral oil rinsing, \leq 30 kg/year will be disposed of in wastewater based on a total import volume of \leq 30 tonnes/year of the notified chemical. With a hydrolytic half life in water of \leq 10 minutes (SafePharm Laboratories, 2003), degradation of the notified chemical to simpler compounds is likely in wastewater treatment plants.

Small containers

A proportion of the finished lubricant products are sold to consumers (eg. garages and DIY consumers) in small containers that are likely to be sent to landfill for disposal. Assuming 0.1% remains in the

containers after use, a worst case of ~30 kg/year would be sent to landfill.

Used oils

The greatest potential for environmental exposure is through disposal of oil product wastes containing the notified chemical. A survey by the Australian Institute of Petroleum (AIP 1995) indicates that of the annual sales of automotive engine oils in Australia, some 60% are potentially recoverable (ie. not burnt in the engines during use). This report also indicates that around 86% of oil changes take place in specialised automotive service centres, where old oil drained from crankcases is disposed of responsibly either to oil recycling or incineration. Assuming this is the case, negligible release of the notified chemical should result from these professional activities. The remaining 14% of oil (up to 4200 kg of the estimated maximum <30 tonnes of notified chemical imported per year) are removed by "do it yourself" (DIY) enthusiasts, and in these cases some of the used oil would be either incinerated, left at transfer stations where it is again likely to be recycled, or deposited into landfill. Meinhardt (2002) estimated that DIY activities account for 7-10% of the unaccounted used oil.

According to a survey tracing the fate of used lubricating oil in Australia (Snow 1997), only around 20% of used oil removed by DIY enthusiasts is collected for recycling, approximately 25% is buried or disposed of in landfill, 5% is disposed of into stormwater drains and the remaining 50% is used in treating fence posts, killing grass and weeds or disposed of in other ways. In a worst case scenario of 14% of the used oil removed by DIY enthusiasts, the notified chemical could be collected for recycling (\leq 840 kg/year), buried or disposed of in landfill (\leq 1050 kg/year), disposed of in stormwater drains (\leq 210 kg/year) and used in treating fence posts, to kill weeds or disposed of in other ways (\leq 2100 kg/year). A proportion of the latter may be disposed of to sewer.

Therefore, about 0.7% (up to 210 kg/year) of the total import volume of the notified substance could potentially enter the aquatic environment via disposal into the stormwater system. Considering the unknown fate of some of the oil used by DIY operator, up to 7% (<2100 kg/year) may also potentially be sent to sewer for disposal. In wastewater, hydrolysis to simpler compounds is likely to occur, and wastewater treatment plant efficiency is expected to be high. Since the use of the lubricating oils will occur throughout Australia, all releases resulting from use or disposal of used oil will be very diffuse, and release of the notified material in high concentrations is very unlikely except as a result of transport accidents.

5.6. Public exposure

It is expected that during transport and storage, and replenishment of lubricant oil at service garages, exposure of the general public to the notified chemical will be low, except in the event of an accidental spill. Public exposure to the notified chemical may occur during do-it-yourself replenishment of lubricant and while handling automotive components that have been in contact with the lubricant. Exposure is likely to be by the dermal route, with the possibility of ocular and inadvertent oral exposure.

6. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance at 20°C and 101.3 kPa Clear, colourless liquid

Freezing Point Less than -20°C

METHOD OECD TG 102 Melting Point/Melting Range – Determination of Crystallizing

Point.

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2003a)

Boiling Point 290.9°C at 101.3 kPa

METHOD OECD TG 103 Boiling Point.

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

Remarks The notified chemical decomposes at approximately 200°C at 100.81 kPa (by

Differential Scanning Calorimetry). The boiling point was estimated from vapour

pressure data.

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2003a)

Density $859 \text{ kg/m}^3 \text{ at } 20^{\circ}\text{C}$

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

Remarks Pycnometer Method

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2003a)

Vapour Pressure $5.2 \times 10^{-7} \,\mathrm{kPa}$ at 25°C

METHOD EC Directive 92/69/EEC A.4 Vapour Pressure.

Remarks Vapour Pressure balance measurements in the range 56-80°C.

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (draft a)

Water Solubility $<3.15 \times 10^{-5}$ g/L (Estimated)

Remarks The water solubility of the notified chemical was not determined due to its

hydrolytic instability. Water solubility was estimated using WSKOW software.

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2003a)

Fat Solubility Miscible in all proportions with standard fat at 37°C

METHOD OECD TG 116 Fat Solubility of Solid and Liquid Substances.

Remarks Flask Method

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2003a)

Hydrolysis as a Function of pH Not determined

METHOD OECD TG 111 Hydrolysis as a Function of pH.

PH (buffer)	T (°C)	t½ (minutes)
1.2	37	<10
4	25	<10
7	25	<10
9	24	<10

Remarks Hydrolysis of all samples was complete within 10 minutes as measured by ¹H

NMR spectroscopy. No testing was possible by OECD TG 111 due to the absence

of a suitable substance-specific method of analysis.

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2003a)

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water) Not determined

METHOD Estimated by a fragment constant methodology using KOWWIN software (V 1.66

Syracuse Research Corporation).

Remarks No testing with OECD TG 107 or TG 117 was possible due to the hydrolytic

instability of the notified chemical. The notified chemical is much more likely to

seek the octanol phase that its hydrolysis products.

TEST FACILITY SafePharm Laboratories Limited (2003a)

Adsorption/Desorption $\log K_{oc} = 5.28$

METHOD OECD TG 106 Adsorption - Desorption Using a Batch Equilibrium Method.

Remarks Due to the hydrolytic instability of the notified chemical, the Koc values for the

notified chemical was estimated using Quantitative Structure Activity

Relationships (QSAR).

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2003a)

Dissociation Constant

Not determined

METHOD OECD TG 112 Dissociation Constants in Water. Remarks Not determined due to hydrolytic instability.

Particle Size Not determined

Remarks The notified chemical is liquid.

Flash Point 119°C

METHOD EC Directive 92/69/EEC A.9 Flash Point.
TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2004a)

Flammability Limits Not determined

Remarks The notified chemical is not expected to be flammable based on its vapour

pressure.

Autoignition Temperature

METHOD 92/69/EEC A.16 Relative Self-Ignition Temperature for Solids.

286°C

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2004a)

Explosive Properties Not determined

Remarks The notified chemical is not expected to have explosive properties based on

structure..

Reactivity

Remarks The notified chemical is unstable in water.

7. TOXICOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Endpoint and Result	Assessment Conclusion
Rat, acute oral LD50 >2000 mg/kg bw	low toxicity
Rat, acute dermal LD50 >2000 mg/kg bw	low toxicity
Rat, acute inhalation	Test not conducted.
Rabbit, skin irritation	moderately irritating
Rabbit, eye irritation	irritating
Guinea pig, skin sensitisation – non-adjuvant test.	no evidence of sensitisation
Rat, repeat dose oral toxicity – 28 days.	NOEL 15 mg/kg bw/day
Genotoxicity – bacterial reverse mutation	non mutagenic
Genotoxicity - in vitro mammalian chromosomal	non genotoxic
aberration test	
Genotoxicity - in vivo mammalian erythrocyte	non genotoxic
micronucleus test	

7.1. Acute toxicity – oral

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 423 Acute Oral Toxicity – Acute Toxic Class Method.

Species/Strain Rat/Sprague-Dawley CD

Vehicle None

Remarks - Method No significant protocol deviations.

RESULTS

Group	Number and Sex	Dose	Mortality
-	of Animals	mg/kg bw	·
1	3 females	2000	1
2	3 females	2000	0
LD50	>2000 mg/kg bw		
Signs of Toxicity		l laboured respiration. A	rection, diuresis, decreased at least some clinical signs
Effects in Organs	Q ,	luring the study. No ab	observed at necropsy of the phoromalities were noted in
Remarks - Results		or 3 days after treatment	eatment. Surviving animals . Surviving animals showed
Conclusion	The notified chemical	al is of low toxicity via th	e oral route.

7.2. Acute toxicity - dermal

TEST FACILITY

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 402 Acute Dermal Toxicity – Limit Test.

EC Directive 92/69/EEC B.3 Acute Toxicity (Dermal) – Limit Test.

Species/Strain Rat/Sprague-Dawley CD

Vehicle None

Type of dressing Semi-occlusive.

Remarks - Method Initially, 1 animal/sex was treated with 2000 mg/kg. As no abnormalities

Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2003b)

were observed after 24 hours of treatment, a further group of animals (4 animals/sex) was treated with the test material at the same dose level of

2000 mg/kg.

RESULTS

Group	Number and Sex	Dose	Mortality
	of Animals	mg/kg bw	
1	5/sex	2000	0
LD50	>2000 mg/kg bw		
Signs of Toxicity - Local	No signs of irritation	n were observed.	
Signs of Toxicity - Systemic	No signs of systemic	c toxicity were observed.	
Effects in Organs	No macroscopic abr	normalities were seen at ne	cropsy.
Remarks - Results	All animals showed	body weight gain over the	study period.
Conclusion	The notified chemic	al is of low toxicity via the	dermal route.
TEST FACILITY	Safepharm Laborato	ories Limited (2003c)	

7.3. Acute toxicity - inhalation

The acute inhalation toxicity test was not conducted.

7.4. Irritation – skin

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 404 Acute Dermal Irritation/Corrosion.

EC Directive 92/69/EEC B.4 Acute Toxicity (Skin Irritation).

Species/Strain Rabbit/New Zealand White

Number of Animals
Vehicle
Observation Period
Type of Dressing
Samales
None
14 days
Semi-occlusive.

Remarks - Method No significant protocol deviations.

RESULTS

Lesion		Mean Score* Animal No.		Maximum Value	Maximum Duration of Any Effect	Maximum Value at End of Observation Period
	1	2	3			
Erythema/Eschar	2	2	2	2	72 hours	0
Oedema	1.67	1.67	1	2	72 hours	0

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

Remarks - Results

Very slight to well defined erythema and very slight to slight oedema were observed in all animals

Light brown discolouration of the epidermis was noted in all animals at 24, 48 and 72 hour observations. Loss of skin elasticity was seen in all animals at 72 hour observation. Crust formation, which prevented evaluation of erythema and oedema was noted in all animals at 7 day observation.

All treated skin appeared normal at the 14-day observation.

CONCLUSION The notified chemical is moderately irritating to skin.

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2003d)

7.5. Irritation - eye

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 405 Acute Eye Irritation/Corrosion.

EC Directive 92/69/EEC B.5 Acute Toxicity (Eye Irritation).

Species/Strain Rabbit/New Zealand White

Number of Animals 3 males Observation Period 14 days

Remarks - Method Initially, 1 animal was treated with the right eye treated with the test

material and the left eye untreated for control purposes. After consideration of the ocular responses observed from the treated animal, two additional animals were treated. To minimise pain on application of the test material, local anaesthetic (0.5% amethocaine hydrochloride) was

instilled to both eyes of all animals before treatment.

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	2	2	2	7 days	0
Conjunctiva: chemosis	1	2	2	2	7 days	0
Conjunctiva: discharge	1	1.33	2	3	7 days	0
Corneal opacity	0	0.67	1.67	2	72 hours	0
Iridial inflammation	0.3	0.0.67	1	1	72 hours	0

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

Remarks - Results All animals had scattered or diffuse to translucent corneal opacity, iridial

inflammation and moderate conjunctival irritation. Pale appearance of the nictating membrane was seen in 1 animal. One animal appeared normal at the 72 hour observation and the remaining animals appeared normal at the

14 day observation.

CONCLUSION The notified chemical is irritating to the eye.

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2003e)

7.6. Skin sensitisation

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 406 Skin Sensitisation - Buehler.

EC Directive 96/54/EC B.6 Skin Sensitisation - Buehler.

Species/Strain Guinea pig/Hartley-derived albino
PRELIMINARY STUDY Maximum Non-irritating Concentration:

topical: 50%

MAIN STUDY

Number of Animals Test Group: 10/sex Control Group: 5/sex

INDUCTION PHASE Induction Concentration: topical: 100%

Signs of Irritation All animals showed slight to moderate irritation response after occluded

topical exposure for 48 hours.

CHALLENGE PHASE

1st challengetopical:50% in mineral oil2nd challengetopical:50 and 75% in mineral oil

Remarks - Method No significant protocol deviations.

RESULTS

Animal	Challenge Concentration	Number oj	^c Animals Shov	ving Skin Reac	tions after.
	_	1st cho	1 st challenge		allenge
		24 h	48 h	24 h	48 h
Test Group					
-	50	1/20	0/20	0/20	0/20
	75	-	-	0/20	0/20
Control Group					
1	50	0/10	0/10	0/10	0/10
	75	=	=	0/10	0/10

Remarks - Results Dermal reactions in the test and control animals were limited to patchy

erythema, except for one animal, which had a moderate patchy erythema

after exposure for 24 hours at the 1st challenge.

CONCLUSION There was no evidence of reactions indicative of skin sensitisation to the

notified chemical under the conditions of the test.

All animals gained weight during the study.

TEST FACILITY Charles River Laboratories, Inc. (2003)

7.7. Repeat dose toxicity

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 407 Repeated Dose 28-day Oral Toxicity Study in Rodents.

EC Directive 96/54/EC B.7 Repeated Dose (28 Days) Toxicity (Oral).

Species/Strain Rat/Spague-Dawley Crl:CD IGS BR

Route of Administration Oral – gavage

Exposure Information Total exposure days: 28 days;

Dose regimen: 7 days per week;

Post-exposure observation period: none.

Vehicle Arachis oil BP

maximum tolerated dose level of the test material. Six male and six female rats were treated for 14 days. Animals treated at 1000 mg/kg/day showed increased salivation from Day 2. No other clinical signs of toxicity were observed. No adverse effects on body weight development and no macroscopic abnormalities were detected for test or control animals. Based on the above observations, 5 dose levels were chosen and

the highest dose of 1000 mg/kg/day was determined.

RESULTS

Group	Number and Sex of Animals	Dose mg/kg bw/day	Mortality
I (control)	5/sex	0	0/10
II (low dose)	5/sex	15	0/10
III (intermediate dose)	5/sex	150	0/10
IV (intermediate II dose)	5/sex	450	0/10
V (high dose)	5/sex	1000	0/10

Mortality and Time to Death

There were no unscheduled deaths during the study.

Clinical Observations

Increased salivation was observed in all animals in the high or intermediate II dose groups from Days 2 and 3, respectively. Hunched posture and tiptoe gait were observed in one high dose female on Day 27. Red/brown staining around the eye on Day 4 was observed in one intermediate II dose male.

There were no treatment related changes in the functional performance parameters measured, changes in sensory reactivity or significant toxicological changes in the parameters measured for behavioural assessment.

A statistically significant reduction in body weight gain and reduced food was seen in high dose females during Week 3, but all recovered thereafter, except for the female showing clinical signs. Reduced dietary intake throughout the study was also observed in high dose females.

Laboratory Findings – Clinical Chemistry, Haematology, Urinalysis Clinical Chemistry

A statistically significant reduction in total protein, reduction in cholesterol and increase in albumin/globulin ratio was detected in high dose groups. Reductions in inorganic phosphorus and urea were confined to high dose males, and reduction in creatinine was confined to high dose females.

A statistically significant reduction in cholesterol was extended to the intermediate II dose groups, while a statistically significant reduction in total protein, urea, inorganic phosphorus were confined to male intermediate II dose group.

A statistically significant reduction in urea and cholesterol was observed in intermediate male and female dose group, respectively.

A dose response relationship with treatment was apparent in treated males when measuring plasma levels for urea, total protein, albumin/globulin ratio and cholesterol.

Haematology

High dose animals showed evidence of microcytic hypochromic anaemia with statistically significant reduction in haemoglobin and haematocrit. A lymphocytopenia was also observed in high dose animals as evidence by statistically reduced total leucocyte and lymphocyte count. A statistically significant reduction in platelet count was also observed at this dose level.

Statistically significant reductions in erythrocyte count, mean corpuscular volume (MCV) and mean corpuscular haemoglobin (MCH) was detected in female high dose group. Statistically increased in clotting time was also observed in high dosed females.

Effects in Organs

Pathology

Liver weights were elevated in high dose groups and in female intermediate dose group. Statistically significant reduction in relative thymus weight and an increase in relative kidney weight (statistically significant only in males) were observed in high dose group.

There we no treatment related macroscopic abnormalities detected at terminal kill, except for dark foci on the caudal lobe of the lung of a male in the intermediate dose group.

Histopathology

Centrilobular hepatocyte enlargement was observed in the liver of high dose and intermediate II dose groups, with isolated instances found in the intermediate and low dose groups. Follicular cell hypertrophy in the thyroids was seen in the high dose group and lymphoid atrophy in the thymus was observed in female high dose only.

All other microscopic changes were scattered or of types commonly observed in the strain of animals used in the study, and there were no differences in incidence or severity between control and treated groups.

Remarks - Results

The clinical observations present during the study are a common occurrence when the test material in unpalatable or slightly irritant, and do not normally represent systemic toxicity. Dietary intake and body weight development was adversely affected in female high dose group but these recovered thereafter.

Haematological investigations revealed a microcytic hypochromic anaemia and lymphocytopenia in high dose groups. A reduction in plasma phosphorus in males at the high and intermediate II dose groups may be associated with anaemia since high concentration of phosphorus is normally present in erythrocyte. Similarly, a reduction in cholesterol in high dose and female intermediate II dose groups may have been associated with anaemia. The reduction of platelet count and increase in clotting time seen in high doses females may be related to a general haematopoietic effect or an adverse effect on the liver. Liver weights were increased in high dose group and in female intermediate II group. Histopathological liver changes were also identified in high and intermediate II dose groups at a higher incidence compared with spontaneous occurrences in intermediate and low dose groups. However, centrilobular hepatocyte enlargement is a common observation following administration of xenobiotics and in the absence of associated inflammatory or degenerative changes, the effects seen are considered to be adaptive in nature.

Thyroid follicular cell hypertrophy was observed in high dose group, which may be associated with the changes seen in the liver. Following enzymatic conjugation in the liver, thyroxine is ultimately excreted via the bile. It is possible that hepatic enzymes are induced therefore increasing thyroxine excretion and stimulating compensatory thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) and thyroxine production resulting in the

microscopic changes identified. Although liver changes may be adaptive, blood chemistry changes as evidence by reduction in plasma protein and increase in albumin/globulin ratio in high dose group, which extended to males in intermediate II dose group, suggest some level of hepatic impairment.

Treatment-related effect on the immune system in the high dose group was observed as indicated by lymphoid atrophy of the thymus in high dose females and reduced thymus weight in all high dosed animals.

Kidney weight was elevated in high dose group while plasma urea and creatine were reduced in male and female high dose group, respectively. In contrast, these parameters are expected to be elevated in the presence of adverse effects on renal function; therefore, the cause of kidney weight increase is not clear.

CONCLUSION

The No Observed Effect Level (NOEL) was established as 15 mg/kg bw/day in this study, based on minor biochemical and adaptive liver changes.

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2004b)

7.8. Genotoxicity – bacteria

TEST SUBSTANCE Notified chemical

METHOD OECD TG 471 Bacterial Reverse Mutation Test.

EC Directive 2000/32/EC B.13/14 Mutagenicity – Reverse Mutation Test

using Bacteria.

Plate incorporation procedure

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

E. coli: WP2uvrA.

Metabolic Activation System Rat liver S9 fraction from animals pretreated with phenobarbitone/β-

naphthoflavone *Experiment 1*

Concentration Range in

Main Test a) With metabolic activation: 50-5000 μg/plate.

b) Without metabolic activation: $50-5000 \mu g/plate$.

Experiment 2

a) With metabolic activation: 15-5000 μg/plate.
 b) Without metabolic activation: 15-5000 μg/plate.

Experiment 3

a) With metabolic activation: 300-1500 µg/plate.

b) Without metabolic activation: $300-1500 \mu g/plate$.

Vehicle Acetone

Remarks - Method A preliminary test was conducted on TA100 or WP2uvrA to select the

appropriate dose and to determine the toxicity of the test material. A third confirmatory experiment was conducted to enhance the weak dose-

response relationship observed in the previous experiments.

RESULTS

Metabolic	Tes	Test Substance Concentration (µg/plate) Resulting in:						
Activation	Cytotoxicity in	Cytotoxicity in Main	Precipitation	Genotoxic Effect				
	Preliminary Test	Test						
Absent								
Test 1	5000	5000	none	Positive (TA1535)				
Test 2		5000 (TA1535 only)	none	Positive (TA1535)				
Test 3		None	none	Negative				
Present								
Test 1	5000	5000	none	Negative				
Test 2		5000 (TA1535 and	none	Negative				
		TA1537)						
Test 3		None	none	Negative				

Remarks - Results

A reduction in the growth of bacterial background lawn of all tester strains was observed at 5000 µg/plate in Test 1 and 2 with or without S9. No precipitate was observed at any doses tested either with or without S9.

Statistically significant reproducible increases in revertant colony frequency were observed in TA1535 without S9 at concentrations 500 and 1500 µg/plate in Test 1, and at 1500 µg/plate in Test 2. The third experiment was conducted to confirm the weak dose-response relationship observed in Test 1 and Test 2. In Test 3, a statistically significant increase in revertant colony was observed only at 1500 μg/plate. In all three experiments, the increases never exceeded 1.75 times of the concurrent solvent control and the statistically significant responses in Test 1 and Test 2 were accompanied by a decrease in bacterial background lawns. In addition, a clear dose-response relationship was not evident after inclusion of a tightened dose range in Test 3.

A non-reproducible but statistically significant increase in the revertant colony frequency was observed in TA98 with S9 at 5000 µg/plate in Test

CONCLUSION

The notified chemical was not mutagenic to bacteria under the conditions of the test.

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Genotoxicity - in vitro

TEST SUBSTANCE

Notified chemical

METHOD

OECD TG 473 In vitro Mammalian Chromosomal Aberration Test. EC Directive 88/302/EEC B.10 - Mutagenicity (in vitro mammalian

cytogenetic test)

Cell Type/Cell Line

Human lymphocyte

Metabolic Activation System

Rat liver S9 fraction from animals pretreated with phenobarbitone and β-

naphthoflavone

Vehicle

Remarks - Method

A preliminary test was performed on cell cultures using a 4-hour exposure time with and without metabolic activation (S9) followed by a 20-hour recovery period, and a continuous exposure of 24 hours without S9. The dose range used was 14.22 to 3640 μg/mL. The test material induced clear evidence of toxicity in all the exposure groups. A cloudy or greasy/oil precipitate was observed at and above 910 µg/mL, in the 3

exposure groups. Metaphase cells were present at up to 227.5 μ g/mL in the two 4 (20) hour exposure groups. The maximum dose level with metaphases present in the 24-hour continuous exposure group was 113.75 μ g/mL. Therefore, the maximum dose selected for metaphase analysis for Test 1 was 455 μ g/mL for 4 (20) hour exposure with or without S9, and for Test 2, 341 μ g/mL for 4 (20) hour exposure with S9 and 170.63 μ g/mL for the 24-hour continuous exposure without S9.

A third experiment (Test 3) was also conducted using the same exposure conditions as Test 1 without S9.

Metabolic Activation	Test Substance Concentration (µg/mL)	Exposure Period	Harvest Time
Absent			
Test 1	0*, 28.44, 56.88*, 113.75*, 227.5*, 341, 455	4 hours	20 hours
Test 2	0*, 7.11, 14.22, 28.44*, 56.88*, 113.75*, 170.63*	24 hours	
Test 3	0*, 200, 225*, 250*, 275*, 300, 325	4 hours	20 hours
Present			
Test 1	0*, 28.44, 56.88, 113.75, 227.5*, 341*, 455	4 hours	20 hours
Test 2	0*, 28.44, 56.88*, 113.75*, 227.5*, 284.25, 341*	4 hours	20 hours

^{*}Cultures selected for metaphase analysis.

RESULTS

Remarks - Results

Test 1

Similar toxicity to that seen in the preliminary test was observed. The maximum dose level with scorable metaphases was 227.5 μ g/mL without S9 and 341 μ g/mL with S9.

A dose-related inhibition of mitotic index was observed and approximately 50% mitotic inhibition was achieved at 341 μ g/mL with S9. No clear dose level showing 50% mitotic inhibition was observed in the absence of S9 because the toxicity response curve was extremely steep.

A small but statistically significant increase in the frequency of cells with aberrations at 227.5 μ g/mL (maximum dose level for metaphase analysis) the absence of S9 was observed. Since the dose level showing adequate level of toxicity had not been achieved, an additional test (Test 3) without S9 was conducted. There was no statistically significant increase in cells with aberrations in the presence of S9.

No statistically significant increase in the numbers of polyploid cells at any dose level was observed.

Test 2

The maximum dose level with scorable metaphases was 170.63 μ g/mL (maximum dose level tested) without S9 and 341 μ g/mL with S9. Approximately 50% mitotic inhibition was achieved at 113.75 μ g/mL without S9 and 341 μ g/mL with S9.

No statistically significant increases in the frequency of cells with chromosome aberrations were observed with or without S9.

No statistically significant increase in the numbers of polyploid cells at any dose level was observed.

Test 3

The maximum dose level with scorable metaphases was 300 μ g/mL without S9, and approximately 50% mitotic inhibition was achieved at 275 μ g/mL, which was selected as the maximum dose level for evaluation.

No statistically significant increases in the frequency of cells with chromosome aberrations without S9.

No statistically significant increase in the numbers of polyploid cells at any dose level was observed.

The positive and negative control values were within the expected ranges, indicating that the test system responded appropriately.

CONCLUSION The notified chemical was not clastogenic to human lymphocytes treated

in vitro under the conditions of the test.

TEST FACILITY Safepharm Laboratories Limited (2004c)

7.10. Genotoxicity - in vivo

Remarks - Method

TEST SUBSTANCE

METHOD OECD TG 474 Mammalian Erythrocyte Micronucleus Test.

EC Directive 2000/32/EC B.12 Mutagenicity Mammalian Erythrocyte

Micronucleus Test.

Species/Strain Mice/albino Crl:CD-1 (ICR)BR

Route of Administration Oral – gavage
Vehicle Dried arachis oil

A range finding study was conducted to determine the suitable dose level and route of administration for the micronucleus test. Four animals (2/sex) were treated with dose levels of 2000 or 1500 mg/kg by oral gavage. There were no deaths observed during the study. Clinical signs observed include hunched posture, lethargy, ataxia, decreased respiratory rate, laboured respiration, pilo-erection and ptosis. Since there was no marked difference in the toxicity of the test material between males and females, it was considered acceptable to use male animals in the main study. Based of the result of the study, the maximum tolerated dose (MTD) selected for the main study was 1500 mg/kg.

Group	Number and Sex	Dose	Sacrifice Time
	of Animals	mg/kg bw	hours
I	7 males	1500	48
II	7 males	1500	24
III	7 males	750	24
IV	7 males	375	24
V (Vehicle control)	7 males	0	48
VI (Vehicle control)	7 males	0	24
VII (Positive control)*	7 males	50	24

^{*}CP=cyclophosphamide

RESULTS

Doses Producing Toxicity

There was a marked and statistically significant decrease in polychromatic erythrocytes/normochromatic erythrocytes (PCE/NCE) ratio was observed in 1500 mg/kg at 48-hour group compared with the concurrent vehicle control.

Hunched posture, lethargy and ataxia were observed in animals dosed with 1500 mg/kg in both the 24 and 48-hour groups.

The clinical observation and the decreased in PCE/NCE ratio was taken to confirm that systemic absorption has occurred and exposure to the target tissue was achieved.

The mean body weights of all treated groups were comparable with the

Genotoxic Effects Control groups.

Genotoxic Effects There were no statistically significant increases in the frequency of

micronucleated PCEs at any dose groups at any sampling time compared

with the control group.

indicating that the test system responded appropriately.

CONCLUSION The notified chemical was not clastogenic in this in vivo mouse

micronucleus assay under the conditions of the test.

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8. ENVIRONMENT

8.1. Environmental fate

Due to the hydrolytic instability of the notified chemical, data on environmental fate of the 2 main hydrolysis products identified as Product A and Product B are provided. This is in the form of several laboratory test reports, as well as the IUCLID Datasets for both chemicals.

8.1.1. Ready biodegradability

TEST SUBSTANCE

Product A: Not biodegradable (European Commission, 2000).

Product B: Based on BOD5 being in excess of 50% COD using both an industrial and a municipal seed inoculum, this chemical should substantially degrade in a conventional wastewater treatment plant (Dow Chemical, 1980).

The IUCLID dataset contains summaries of a number of biodegradation tests from which it is not clear whether Product B is readily biodegradable, though it appears to be inherently biodegradable based on >95% degraded within 5 days when tested by OECD Guideline 302B "Inherent Biodegradability: Modified Zahn-Wellens Test", in what

appears to be at least 3 different tests.

8.1.2. Bioaccumulation

TEST SUBSTANCE Product A: BCF = ca 0 according to the IUCLID dataset when tested at

34 mg/L over 90 days at 25°C on Oncorhynchus tschawytscha (no further

details).

Product B: BCF = 26.7 (estimated based on water solubility determination where log BCF = $-0.508 \log S + 3.41$; where S = solubility

in water [umole/L]; Dow Chemical, 1980).

The IUCLID Dataset also includes a result for BCF of ca 27, but gives no

further details.

8.2. Ecotoxicological investigations

Due to the hydrolytic instability of the notified chemical, data on the ecotoxicity of the 2 main hydrolysis products (Product A and Product B) are provided. Again, this is in the form of several laboratory test reports, as well as the IUCLID Datasets for both chemicals.

8.2.1. Acute toxicity to fish

8.2.1.1. Acute toxicity of Product A to fish

TEST SUBSTANCE Product A

METHOD Acute Toxicity for Fish – continuous flow through test

Species Catfish (Ictalurus punctatus), Goldfish (Carassius auratus), and Rainbow

Trout (Salmo gairdneri).

Exposure Period Embryos exposed from fertilisation through hatching and 4 days post-

hatching fry. Trout (28 days), catfish (9 days), goldfish (7 days).

Auxiliary Solvent None

Water Hardness 50 and 200 mg CaCO₃/L

Analytical Monitoring Catfish:

(mean ±SE) Hardness ~50 ppm: Temp. 25±0.4°C; DO 7.3±0.1; pH 7.5±0.1

Hardness ~200 ppm: Temp. 24.7±0.6°C; DO 7.6±0.1; pH 7.6

Goldfish:

Hardness ~50 ppm: Temp. 24.8±0.3°C; DO 7.4; pH 7.9±0.1 Hardness ~200 ppm: Temp. 24.8±0.3°C; DO 7.5; pH 7.6±0.1

Rainbow trout:

Hardness ~50 ppm: Temp. 13.7±0.1°C; DO 9.2±0.1; pH 7.7±0.1 Hardness ~200 ppm: Temp. 13.3°C; DO 9.6±0.1; pH 7.9±0.1

Remarks – Method Culture medium was prepared from distilled, double deionised water pre-

tested for contamination (acceptable) and tests were performed in Pyrex test containers. Test animals were exposed to between 10-15 test

substance concentrations

Quantitative determinations of Product A were performed. Probit

analyses were performed to determine LC1 and LC50 values.

RESULTS

Remarks – Results

Lethality data are presented below.

Sublethal teratogenic effects included mostly vertebral column abnormalities; however, some fry had dwarf bodies, cranium fin, nervous system, yolk sac and abdomen abnormalities.

Catfish (Test Water Hardness 50 ppm)

Concentration mg/L		Test Responses at Hatching (H) and 4 Days Post-Hatching (PH)				
ctual	%	% Norma	l Survival	% Dead or Teratogenio		
an±SE)	Hatchability					
		H	PH	H	PH	
	100	100	100	0	0	
	100	100	100	0	0	
1 ± 0.01	100	100	100	0	0	
9±0.01	100	99	99	1	1	
1 ± 0.02	99	99	95	1	5	
2±0.29	95	93	85	7	15	
3±0.12	95	92	80	8	20	
± 0.05	93	88	75	12	25	
9±0.19	82	75	61	25	39	
4 ± 0.88	81	77	75	23	25	
3±1.14	81	76	67	24	33	
1±4.2	73	66	56	34	44	
7±6.39	72	65	0	35	100	
	0	0	0	100	100	
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LC50 (Hatching H) LC50 (Post-hatching PH) LC1 (H) LC1 (PH) 220 mg/L (95% CI 167-290; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method) 155 mg/L (95% CI 111-217; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)

0.1 mg/L 0.5 mg/L

CONCLUSION

Very slightly toxic (LC50 ≥100 mg/L) to catfish embryos and fry following pre- and 4 days post-hatching in test water of hardness 50 ppm as CaCO₃ (Mensink *et al.*, 1995).

Catfish (Test Water Hardness 200 ppm)

Concentration mg/L		Test Responses at Hatching (H) and 4 Days Post-Hatching (PH)				
Nominal	Actual	%	% Norma	ıl Survival	% Dead or Teratogenio	
	(mean±SE)	Hatchability				
			Н	PH	H	PH
0.01		100	98	98	2	2
0.05		100	99	98	1	2
0.5	0.53 ± 0.02	100	98	94	2	6
0.75	0.77 ± 0.01	100	98	98	2	2
1	0.96 ± 0.01	96	93	86	7	14
2.5	2.33 ± 0.12	99	97	87	3	13
5	4.90 ± 0.07	95	91	82	9	18
7.5	7.40 ± 0.10	95	91	75	9	25
10	9.43 ± 0.23	94	87	65	13	35
25	25.1±0.27	90	65	40	35	60
50	48.3±0.84	83	58	28	42	72
75	77.7±0.54	71	40	9	60	91
150	140±5.0	57	44	2	56	98
300	302±29	0	0	0	100	100

LC50 (Hatching H) LC50 (Post-hatching PH) 102 mg/L (95% CI 23-180; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method) 22 mg/L (95% CI 19-25; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)

LC1 (H)	0.3 mg/L
LC1 (PH)	0.2 mg/L
CONCLUSION	Harmful (LC50 10-100 mg/L) to catfish embryos and fry following 4
	days post-hatching in test water of hardness 200 ppm as CaCO ₃ (United
	Nations, 2003).
TEST FACILITY	USEPA (1977)

Goldfish (Test Water Hardness 50 ppm)

Concentration mg/L		Test Responses at Hatching (H) and 4 Days Post-Hatching (PH)						
Nominal	Actual	%	% Norma	ıl Survival	% Dead or	Teratogenic		
	(mean±SE)	Hatchability						
			Н	PH	Н	PH		
0.05		99	99	99	1	1		
0.10	0.10 ± 0.01	97	96	96	4	4		
0.50	0.49 ± 0.04	98	98	98	2	2		
1	0.90 ± 0.04	98	98	98	2	2		
5	5.2 ± 0.48	99	98	98	2	2		
7.5	7.0 ± 0.1	93	93	93	7	7		
10	9.2 ± 0.23	96	94	94	6	6		
25	22.5±2.5	86	85	78	15	22		
50	48.7±3.7	69	64	52	36	48		
100	108±22	66	60	4	40	96		
200	188.7±5.8	53	49	0	51	100		
300	288±3.46	34	8	0	92	100		
LC50 (Hat	ching H)	178 mg/L (959	178 mg/L (95% CI 131-242; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)					
LC50 (Pos	t-hatching PH)	46 mg/L (95% CI 32-66; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)						
LC1 (H)		0.6 mg/L	0.6 mg/L					
LC1 (PH)		0.6 mg/L						
CONCLUSION		Harmful (LC50 10-100 mg/L) to goldfish embryos and fry following 4						
		days post-hate	ching in test v	water of hardne	ess 50 ppm as C	aCO ₃ (United		
		Nations, 2003).					
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Goldfish (Test Water Hardness 200 ppm)

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Concentr	ation mg/L	Test Respo	nses at Hatch	ing (H) and 4 L	ays Post-Hatchi	ng (PH)
Nominal	Actual	%	% Norma	l Survival	% Dead or Teratogenic	
	(mean±SE)	Hatchability				
			Н	PH	H	PH
0.05		98	97	97	3	3
0.1	0.12 ± 0.01	98	96	96	4	4
0.5	0.47 ± 0.04	95	95	95	5	5
1	0.90 ± 0.02	98	98	98	2	2
5	4.5 ± 0.26	97	96	96	4	4
7.5	6.8 ± 0.3	94	93	93	7	7
10	8.33 ± 0.48	85	85	85	15	15
25	32 ± 4.0	79	78	76	22	24
50	51.3±4.7	80	80	67	20	33
100	96.7±1.76	61	59	35	41	65
200	191±2.0	56	48	0	52	100
300	290±6.0	35	21	0	79	100
LC50 (Hato	ching H)	170 mg/L (95%	% CI 115-251	Litchfield-Wil	coxon graphical	method)

USEPA (1977)

LC50 (Hatching H)

LC50 (Post-hatching PH)

LC1 (H)

LC1 (PH)

170 mg/L (95% CI 115-251; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)

75 mg/L (95% CI 50-112; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)

0.2 mg/L

0.2 mg/L

CONCLUSION	Harmful (LC50 10-100 mg/L) to goldfish embryos and fry following 4
	days post-hatching in test water of hardness 200 ppm as CaCO ₃ (United
	Nations, 2003).

TEST FACILITY USEPA (1977)

Rainbow Trout (Test V	Vater .	Hardness	50 t	opm)
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Concentration mg/L		Test Respo	Test Responses at Hatching (H) and 4 Days Post-Hatching (PH)				
Nominal	Actual	%	% Normal Survival		% Dead or Teratogenic		
	(mean±SE)	Hatchability					
			Н	PH	Н	PH	
0.001		100	98	96	2	4	
0.01		95	90	89	10	11	
0.1	0.11 ± 0.01	97	96	96	4	4	
1	1.00 ± 0.03	97	77	77	23	23	
5	4.74 ± 0.07	94	90	84	10	16	
10	9.26 ± 0.17	97	97	97	3	3	
25	23.5±0.67	94	93	93	7	7	
50	45.5±1.11	77	76	76	24	24	
100	94±2.83	64	61	58	39	42	
200	190±3.34	55	40	27	60	73	
LC50 (Hate	ching H)	150 mg/L (959	% CI 90-249;	Litchfield-Wilc	oxon graphical n	nethod)	
I C50 (D	4 1-4-1: - DII)	100/T (050	/ CT 70 142.	T :4-1-C:-14 337:1-		41 1\(\hat{1}\)	

LC50 (Hatching H)
LC50 (Post-hatching PH)
LC1 (PH)

150 mg/L (95% CI 90-249; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)
100 mg/L (95% CI 70-142; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)
0.1 mg/L
0.1 mg/L

CONCLUSION Very slightly toxic (LC50 ≥100 mg/L) to rainbow trout embryos and fry following pre- and 4 days post-hatching in test water of hardness 50 ppm

as CaCO₃ (Mensink et al., 1995).

TEST FACILITY USEPA (1977)

Rainbow trout (Test Water Hardness 200 ppm)

Concent	ration mg/L	Test Responses at Hatching (H) and 4 Days Post-Hatching (PH)						
Nominal	Actual	%	% Norma	al Survival	% Dead or	Teratogenic		
	(mean±SE)	Hatchability						
			H	PH	H	PH		
0.001		100	95	93	5	7		
0.01		92	82	79	18	21		
0.1	0.10	100	91	89	9	11		
0.5	0.47 ± 0.03	93	83	81	17	19		
1	0.98 ± 0.01	94	70	68	30	32		
5	4.85 ± 0.07	84	64	63	36	37		
10	9.40 ± 0.30	78	67	67	33	33		
25	23.8 ± 0.75	69	47	46	53	54		
50	48.3±2.72	82	64	63	36	37		
100	100.2 ± 2.80	67	33	33	67	67		
200	186±3.00	65	51	44	49	56		
LC50 (Hat	ching H)	100 mg/L (95% CI 61-163; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)						
LC50 (Pos	t-hatching PH)	79 mg/L (95%	79 mg/L (95% CI 35-165; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)					
LC1 (H)		0.001 mg/L	$0.001~\mathrm{mg/L}$					
LC1 (PH)		0.001 mg/L	$0.001~\mathrm{mg/L}$					
CONCLUSION		Harmful (LC	Harmful (LC50 10-100 mg/L) to rainbow trout embryos and fry					
		following 4 d	lays post-hate	hing in test wa	ater of hardness	200 ppm as		
		CaCO ₃ (United	d Nations, 200	03).				
TEST FACILITY	Y	USEPA (1977	')					

8.2.1.2. Other Fish Data for Product A

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Lewis and Valentine (1981) contains the following results:

Freshwater species:

96 h LC50 Mosquito fish (Gambusia affinis) of 980 mg/L

48 h LC50 Rainbow trout 339 mg/L

283 h LC50 Coho salmon (Onchorhynchus kisutch) 113 mg/L

Marine species:

283 h LC50 to yearling Coho salmon 12 mg/L

The original papers have not been examined for these results, which are consistent with those reported in Section 8.2.1.1.

The IUCLID Dataset contains brief details for 3 species of fish and appears to be the same as from USEPA (1977) above though the 3-24 day LC50s range from 260-1260 mg/L (European Commission, 2000).

8.2.1.3. Acute toxicity of Product B to fish

TEST SUBSTANCE Product B

METHOD Static Acute Toxicity Test

Species Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas) Average weight 0.59 g and

length 31.5 mm.

Exposure Period 96 h Auxiliary Solvent None

Water Hardness 95-134 mg CaCO₃/L Analytical Monitoring Test temperature 12°C.

Remarks – Method Test material was added to the test aquaria volumetrically from a 500 mL

stock solution. 10 L of test solution per aquaria. Aquaria were monitored daily for mortality. 16 h light: 8 h dark. Fish were not fed during the test.

LC50 value was calculated using Probit analysis.

RESULTS

Concen	Concentration mg/L Number of Fish		Percent Mortality (%)
Nominal	Actual	,	96 h
0	0	10	0
5	Not determined	10	0
10	"	10	0
15	"	10	0
20	66	10	0
25	"	10	10
30	"	10	40
35	66	10	100
40	"	10	100
45	"	10	100
50	"	10	100

LC50 29.7 mg/L at 96 hours (95% CI 27.4-31.9).

NOEC 10 mg/L

CONCLUSION Harmful (LC50 10-100 mg/L) to fathead minnow (United Nations, 2003).

TEST FACILITY Dow Chemical (1980)

8.2.1.4. Other fish data for Product B

The IUCLID Dataset for Product B contains a number of results for testing to the fathead minnow, rainbow trout and carp giving 96 h LC50s in the range of 17.1 - 29.5 mg/L (European Commission, 2000). There are few details, but the results are consistent with those reported in Section 8.2.1.2.1.

8.2.2. Acute toxicity to aquatic invertebrates

8.2.2.1. Acute toxicity to aquatic invertebrates of Product A

TEST SUBSTANCE Product A

METHOD Acute Toxicity Test with *Daphnia magna* - Static Test (USEPA, 1975)

Species Daphnia magna

Exposure Period 48 h Auxiliary Solvent None

Water Hardness 166 (range 135-217) mg CaCO₃/L

Analytical Monitoring Temperature, DO (>9 mg/L) and pH (7.1-8.7) were monitored daily. Test

temperature 20±2°C. 16 h light illumination.

Remarks - Method Stock solution was prepared by adding analytical grade Product A to

carbon-filtered groundwater. The test concentrations were made up by appropriated dilution of stock solution made up to 200 mL. Daphnids were not fed during the test. No water renewal or aeration. Mortality was

recorded daily.

RESULTS

LC50 226 mg/L at 48 hours (95% CI 200-246 mg/L)

NOEC <200 mg/L at 48 hours

Remarks - Results

CONCLUSION Very slightly acutely toxic (LC50 ≥100 mg/L) to Daphnia magna

(Mensink et al., 1995).

TEST FACILITY Lewis and Valentine (1981)

8.2.2.2. Other acute toxicity to aquatic invertebrates data for Product A

The IUCLID Dataset for Product A contains a single result of 48 h EC50 = 658-875 mg/L for *Daphnia magna* (European Commission, 2000), ie less toxic than above.

8.2.2.3. Chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates of Product A

TEST SUBSTANCE Product A

METHOD Chronic Toxicity/Reproductive Test with Daphnia magna – Semi-static

Test (USEPA, 1975)

Species Daphnia magna

Exposure Period 21 d Auxiliary Solvent None

Water Hardness 166 (range 135-217) mg CaCO₃/L

Analytical Monitoring Temperature, DO and pH were monitored daily. Test temperature

20±2°C, pH 7.1-8.7, DO >9.0 mg/L. 16 h light illumination.

Remarks - Method Stock solution was prepared by adding analytical grade test substance to

carbon-filtered groundwater. The test concentrations were made up by appropriated dilution of stock solution made up to 200 mL. Daphnids were fed during the test. Water renewal 3 times per week. Test chambers were aerated. Daphnids in test chambers were monitored daily for mortality. Measured test substance concentrations were within 5% of

nominal concentrations.

RESULTS

Concentration mg/L Actual	Number of D. magna	% Mortality	Mean Brood Size (±SD)
0	5	9	32 ± 15.7
6	5	Not stated	29 ± 18.9
13	5	Not stated	23 ± 16
27	5	14	22 ± 16.4
53	5	32	16 ± 12.7
106	5	100	0

LC50 53 mg/L at 21 days (95% CI 44.1-64.5 mg/L) EC50 (reproduction) 53 mg/L at 21 days 13 mg/L at 21 days LOEC (reproduction) NOEC (reproduction) 6 mg/L at 21 days Reemarks-Results Mean brood size and as a consequence total young produced were the most sensitive reproduction parameters, as time of first reproduction (9-10 days) was not significantly affected. CONCLUSION Very slightly chronically toxic (NOEC ≥1 mg/L) to Daphnia magna (Mensink et al., 1995). **TEST FACILITY** Lewis and Valentine (1981)

8.2.2.4. Other chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates data for Product A

Lewis and Valentine (1981) note that the literature indicates Larval mosquitoes (*Anopheles quadrimaculus*) are sensitive to 50 mg/L Product A with only 2% proceeding to the adult stage.

8.2.2.5. Acute toxicity to aquatic invertebrates of Product B

TEST SUBSTANCE Product B

METHOD Static Acute Toxicity Test

Species Daphnia magna

Exposure Period 48 h Auxiliary Solvent None

Water Hardness 95-134 mg CaCO₃/L Analytical Monitoring Test temperature 20°C.

Remarks - Method 200 mL test solution per container. LC50 value was calculated using

Probit analysis.

RESULTS

Concent	tration mg/L	Number of Daphnids	Percent Mortality (%)
Nominal	Actual		48 h
0	0	30 (3 replicates)	7%
0.01	Not determined	30 (3 replicates)	0
0.05	44	30 (3 replicates)	0
0.10	"	30 (3 replicates)	0
1	44	30 (3 replicates)	0
10	"	30 (3 replicates)	7
25	44	30 (3 replicates)	20
50	"	30 (3 replicates)	67
75	66	30 (3 replicates)	90
100	"	30 (3 replicates)	100

LC50 35.2 mg/L at 48 hours (95% CI 29-41).

NOEC 1 mg/L

CONCLUSION Harmful (LC50 10-100 mg/L) to Daphnia (United Nations, 2003).

TEST FACILITY Dow Chemical (1980)

8.2.2.6. Other acute toxicity to aquatic invertebrates data for Product B

The IUCLID Dataset for Product B contains a number of results for *Daphnia magna* with a 48 h EC50 of 39 mg/L (European Commission, 2000) as well as 24 h EC50s ranging 19-44 mg/L (European Commission, 2000), as well as a result for *Artemia salina* of 24 h EC50 = 19 mg/L (European Commission, 2000). Again, these values are consistent with the above observations.

8.2.3. Algal growth inhibition test

8.2.3.1. Algal growth inhibition test of Product A

Lewis and Valentine (1981) note that the literature indicates levels of 28-56 mg/L Product A did not affect 19 species of marine algae; however, concentrations of 56-278 mg/L Product A caused shifts in algae population composition. Further, green algae (*Chlorella*) growth was affected at concentrations of 278-556 mg/L. Based on this, Product A is harmful to algae (United Nations, 2003).

The IUCLID Dataset for Product A contains very similar details to the above.

8.2.3.2. Algal growth inhibition test of Product B

The IUCLID Dataset for this chemical contains 48 h EC50 of 10-50 mg/L to *Chlorella emersonii* (European Commission, 2000), and 72 h EC50s of 11.5 and 13.3 mg/L to *Scenedesmus subspicatus* (European Commission, 2000), indicating Product B is harmful to algal species.

8.2.4. Acute toxicity to amphibians

TEST SUBSTANCE Product A

METHOD Acute Toxicity for frog – continuous flow through test

Species Leopard frog (Rana pipiens) and Fowler's Toad (Bufo fowleri)

Exposure Period Embryos exposed from fertilisation through hatching and 4 days post-

hatching larvae. 7.5 days.

Auxiliary Solvent None

Water Hardness 50 and 200 mg CaCO₃/L

Analytical Monitoring Leopard frog:

(mean \pm SE) Hardness ~50 ppm: Temp. 25 \pm 0.3°C; DO 7.7 \pm 0.2; pH 7.7

Hardness ~200 ppm: Temp. 25.0 ± 0.3 °C; DO 7.8 ± 0.2 ; pH 7.7

Fowler's toad:

Hardness ~50 ppm: Temp. 23.7±0.6°C; DO 6.8±0.1; pH 7.6±0.1 Hardness ~200 ppm: Temp. 23.7±0.6°C; DO 6.8±0.1; pH 7.6±0.1

Remarks – Method Probit analyses were performed to determine LC1 and LC50 values.

RESULTS

Remarks – Results Lethality data are presented below.

Sublethal teratogenic effects included predominantly vertebral column,

yolk sac and abdomen abnormalities.

Leopard Frog (Test Water Hardness 50 ppm)

Concentration mg/L		Test Respo	Test Responses at Hatching (H) and 4 Days Post-Hatching (PH)					
Nominal	Actual	%	% Normal Survival		% Dead or	Teratogenic		
	(mean±SE)	Hatchability						
			Н	PH	Н	PH		
0.05		99	99	96	1	4		
0.10	0.09 ± 0.01	100	99	99	1	1		
0.50	0.39 ± 0.03	100	100	99	0	1		
1.0	0.93 ± 0.01	100	99	99	1	1		
5	4.5 ± 0.1	98	97	97	3	3		
10	9.15 ± 0.29	99	98	93	2	7		
25	32.5 ± 4.5	99	95	91	5	9		
50	47.5±2.18	98	96	91	4	9		
100	84.5±2.87	96	93	87	7	13		
200	188 ± 6.93	90	36	16	64	84		
300	298±16.4	77	0	0	100	100		
LC50 (Hate	ching H)	157 mg/L (959	157 mg/L (95% CI 127-194; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)					
LC50 (Post	t-hatching PH)	130 mg/L (959	130 mg/L (95% CI 99-171; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)					
LC1 (H)		26 mg/L	26 mg/L					
LC1 (PH) 13 mg/L								
CONCLUSION	CONCLUSION Very slightly toxic (LC50 ≥100 mg/L) to leopard frog embry					embryos and		
		larvae followi	larvae following pre- and 4 days post-hatching in test water of hardness					
		50 ppm as Ca0	ppm as CaCO ₃ (Mensink et al., 1995).					
TEST FACILITY USEPA (1977)								

Leopard Frog (Test Water Hardness 200 ppm)

	ation mg/L	<u> </u>	Test Responses at Hatching (H) and 4 Days Post-Hatching (PH)				
Nominal	Actual	%	% Normal Survival		•	Teratogenic	
	(mean±SE)	Hatchability					
			P	PH	P	PH	
0.10	0.13 ± 0.01	100	99	99	1	1	
0.50	0.53 ± 0.09	100	99	99	1	1	
1.0	0.92 ± 0.02	100	100	100	0	0	
5	4.6 ± 0.15	97	96	94	4	6	
10	8.93 ± 0.27	98	97	97	3	3	
25	25.2 ± 0.44	96	96	95	4	5	
50	45.7±1.67	96	94	94	6	6	
100	86 ± 3.46	94	92	88	8	12	
200	193±8.11	87	29	14	71	86	
300	288±16	49	0	0	100	100	
LC50 (Hatching H)		145 mg/L (95%	% CI 117-180;	Litchfield-Wil	coxon graphical	method)	
LC50 (Post-hatching PH)		135 mg/L (95%	135 mg/L (95% CI 109-168; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method)				
LC1 (H)		23 mg/L					
LC1 (PH)		22 mg/L					
CONCLUSION		Very slightly	Very slightly toxic (LC50 ≥100 mg/L) to leopard frog embryo				

larvae following pre- and 4 days post-hatching in test water of hardness

200 ppm as CaCO₃ (Mensink et al., 1995).

TEST FACILITY

USEPA (1977)

Fowler's Toad ((Test Water Hard	lness 50 ppm)
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Concentr	ration mg/L	Test Respo	Test Responses at Hatching (H) and 4 Days Post-Hatching (PH)				
Nominal	Actual	%	% Normal Survival % Dead or Teratoger			Teratogenic	
	(mean±SE)	Hatchability					
			Н	PH	Н	PH	
0.05		100	99	99	1	1	
0.10	0.1 ± 0.01	100	98	98	2	2	
0.50	0.46 ± 0.14	100	99	99	1	1	
1.0	0.97 ± 0.12	100	97	97	3	3	
5	5.0 ± 0.38	100	98	98	2	2	
10	9.4 ± 0.4	100	99	99	1	1	
25	24±2.1	100	98	98	2	2	
50	48.7±3.7	100	99	98	1	2	
100	96±17.5	98	74	73	26	27	
200	189 ± 6.9	91	4	0	96	100	
300	279 ± 9.0	81	0	0	100	100	
LC50 (Hate	LC50 (Hatching H) 148 mg/L (95% CI 120-183; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical method					method)	
LC50 (Post	t-hatching PH)	145 mg/L (959	% CI 118-179	; Litchfield-Wil	coxon graphical	method)	
LC1 (H)		25 mg/L					
LC1 (PH)		25 mg/L					
CONCLUSION		Very slightly toxic (LC50 ≥100 mg/L) to Fowler's toad embryos an					
		larvae followi	larvae following pre- and 4 days post-hatching in test water of hardness				
			m as CaCO ₃ (Mensink et al., 1995).				
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Fowler's Toad (Test Water Hardness 200 ppm)

Concentration mg/L Test Responses at Hatching (H) and 4 Days Post-Hatching			Days Post-Hatchi	ing (PH)			
Nominal	Actual	%	% Norma	ıl Survival	% Dead or Teratogenic		
	(mean±SE)	Hatchability					
			Н	PH	H	PH	
0.05		100	98	98	2	2	
0.10		100	98	98	2	2	
0.50	0.45 ± 0.04	100	97	97	3	3	
1.0	0.93 ± 0.04	100	98	98	2	2	
5	4.5 ± 0.2	95	93	93	7	7	
10	8.3 ± 0.3	95	93	93	7	7	
25	22.3 ± 3.3	96	94	94	6	6	
50	53.5±4.5	96	73	72	27	28	
100	93±1.0	94	66	65	34	35	
200	204 ± 4.0	91	9	0	91	100	
300	308 ± 8.6	31	2	0	98	100	
LC50 (Hat	LC50 (Hatching H) 135 mg/L (95% CI 104-175; Litchfield-Wilcoxon graphical met				method)		
LC50 (Pos	t-hatching PH)	123 mg/L (95%	6 CI 94-161;	Litchfield-Wilc	oxon graphical n	nethod)	
LC1 (H)		5.0 mg/L					
LC1 (PH)	LC1 (PH) 5.0 mg/L						
CONCLUSION		larvae followii	Very slightly toxic (LC50 \geq 100 mg/L) to leopard frog embryos and larvae following pre- and 4 days post-hatching in test water of hardness 200 ppm as CaCO ₃ (Mensink <i>et al.</i> , 1995).				
TEST FACILITY	7	USEPA (1977)					

9. RISK ASSESSMENT

9.1. Environment

9.1.1. Environment – exposure assessment

Possible exposure could result from accidental spillage of bulk containers of the imported additive package containing the notified chemical at <10%. Losses during blending are low and will be contained before disposal at an approved industrial facility. Incineration of the waste oil will generate water vapour and oxides of carbon. As the only end use of the new chemical is expected to be in engine oil in an essentially closed system, release to the environment during use should be low.

Lubricant containing the notified chemical:

The main environmental exposure is expected to result from inappropriate disposal of waste lubricant product, assuming a worst case scenario of about 14% of oil changes in Australia are performed by DIY enthusiasts resulting in ~0.7% released to stormwater and 7% released to sewer. This improper disposal is, however, widespread across Australia. A proportion of the waste lubricant is likely to become associated with soils or sediments, as will the chemical released to landfill as container residues. Notified chemical released into the sewer, stormwater and aquatic environment would be expected to rapidly hydrolyse to simpler compounds, Product A and Product B. However, as a worst case, if all of the estimated quantity sent to stormwater (0.7% or <210 kg) was released into the stormwater drains in a single metropolitan area with a geographical footprint of 500 square kilometres, and an average annual rainfall of 500 mm. With a maximum annual release into this localised stormwater system of 210×10^6 mg/y and the annual volume of water drained from this region estimated to be approximately 250 × 10⁹ L, the resultant predicted environmental concentration (PEC) in the receiving environment is <0.00084 mg/L, with dilution and dispersion also likely to occur. In addition, if the estimated worst case quantity sent to sewer were not treated (ie. $\leq 2100 \times 10^6$ mg/year), a national average effluent concentration of ~0.0014 mg/L may be expected based on a national wastewater flow of 1.46×10^{12} L/annum. River and ocean PECs following sewer effluent discharge of 0.0014 and 0.00014 mg/L may be derived using dilution factors of 1 and 0.1, respectively. These are very much worst case scenarios, and in reality releases of the notified chemical are expected to be mostly attenuated, diffuse and probably at lower levels than estimated in these calculations.

9.1.2. Environment – effects assessment

Product A

Product A is acutely harmful to some fish species embryos and fry (LC50 10-100 mg/L) and very slightly toxic to some amphibians LC50 >100 mg/L based on the 2 species tested. It is very slightly chronically toxic (lowest NOEC 6 mg/L) to *Daphnia magna*. A predicted no effect concentration (PNEC) for freshwater organisms of 0.6 mg/L has been derived by dividing the lowest NOEC available by an assessment factor of 10 to account for interspecies sensitivity. This value is within the estimated background concentration range for this chemical in some freshwater systems.

Product B

This hydrolysis product is harmful to fish, daphnia and algae, with the most toxic result being a 72 h EC50 of 11.5 mg/L to green algae (Note: from the IUCLID Dataset and not assessed above). Using this result and an assessment factor of 100, a PNEC of 0.115 mg/L may be derived.

9.1.3. Environment – risk characterisation

As a rough indication of risk, comparison can be made between the PEC and the PNEC of each individual hydrolysis product due to the lack of ecotoxicity data for the notified chemical and due to the ready hydrolysis of the notified chemical. Further it is assumed that each would act independently in a water body. Based on this the RQ for Product A is 0.0014/0.6 = 0.002 and for Product B is 0.0014/0.115 = 0.012. As in both cases the RQ is <<1, taking into account the very worst case natures of the PEC calculations, the risk from use of the notified chemical in lubricants is expected to be low.

9.2. Human health

9.2.1. Occupational health and safety – exposure assessment

Transport and Storage

Dermal exposure to drips and spills of blended lubricant is possible during the connection and disconnection of transfer hoses during the filling of bulk tankers. Worker exposure will be minimised by the use of overalls, safety boots and gloves.

Reformulation

During the reformulation process, there is expected to be minimal worker exposure. The transfer of the imported lubricant additive package from bulk tankers into storage tanks and charging of blending tanks are highly automated processes. Incidental dermal exposure to splashes, drips and spills may occur during the connection and disconnection of the lines. The blending process is automated and occurs in closed system. The blending is transferred automatically to storage tanks. The notified chemical has skin and eye irritation potential and special precautions should be taken to avoid skin and eye exposure when carrying out the above activities.

Drum filling or packaging is again an automated process and worker intervention is not required unless the filling line operation requires adjustment and the packaging machine malfunctions. Bulk road tanker filling is performed by a transfer hose. Dermal exposure to drips and spills of blended lubricant is possible during the connection and disconnection of transfer hoses.

Maintenance workers involved in cleaning blending and filling equipment may have dermal exposure to residues containing the notified chemical.

Workers involved in the blending activities receive training in the handling of additive packages, and wear personal protective equipment such as nitrile or neoprene gloves, chemical goggles or face shield, and protective clothing.

Laboratory Staff

Laboratory staffs are expected to have minimal exposure due to the brief sampling periods and the small quantities involved.

End Users

End users of the finished product may be exposed to notified chemical when the blended oil products are added and drained from systems, while handling automotive components that have come into contact with the oil and during cleaning of equipment. The notifier recommends that workers will wear similar protective equipment to those recommended during reformulation when using products containing the notified chemical.

Retails workers may be exposed to the lubricant product when the containers are damaged. The use of personal protective equipment is not mandatory. However, PPE will be used and selected commensurate to work responsibilities.

9.2.2. Public health – exposure assessment

The engine oil containing the notified chemical is available for use as DIY lubricant product; therefore, public exposure will be widespread. Dermal exposure, and possible ocular, and inadvertent oral exposure to the notified chemical may occur when the blended oil products are added and drained from automobiles and when handling automotive components that have come into contact with the oil, as DIY end users are not likely to wear PPE while using the engine oil.

However, the public exposure to the notified chemical is low due to the low concentration of the notified chemical in the engine oil, and the low frequency of use.

9.2.3. Human health - effects assessment

The notified chemical has a low acute oral and dermal toxicity. It is moderately irritating to skin as evidenced by reversible skin discolouration, very slight to well defined erythema and very slight to slight oedema. Based on the scores for erythema, it is classified as irritation to skin. The notified chemical is also irritating to eyes as it had reversible effect on the cornea, iris, and conjunctivae. Based on the scores for chemosis, it is classifiable as irritating to eyes. There was no evidence to indicate that the notified chemical is a skin sensitiser. In a 28-day oral repeat dose study, microcytic hypochromic anaemia and lymphocytopenia in high dose groups were observed. Histopathological liver changes, which were considered adaptive changes, were also observed in high and intermediate II dose groups at a higher incidence compared with spontaneous occurrences in intermediate and low dose groups. However, blood chemistry changes observed in high dose and intermediate II dose groups suggest some level of hepatic impairment. The NOEL is set at 15 mg/kg bw/day (the lowest tested dose), based on the minor biochemical changes and adaptive liver changes observed at higher doses.

The notified chemical showed negative results in the in vitro bacterial mutation test, in vitro mammalian cytogenetic test and in vivo mutagenicity test.

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, 2002), and warrants the risk phrases: R36/38 – Irritating to eyes and skin.

9.2.4. Occupational health and safety - risk characterisation

Overall, the risk of adverse effects arising from exposure to the notified chemical is low due to largely enclosed and automated operations in the manufacture of lubricants, and the low concentration of the notified chemical in end use lubricants. However, due to the eye and skin irritation potential of the notified chemical, dermal and ocular exposure should be avoided when handling the notified chemical and the products containing it.

The low concentration of the notified chemical in the lubricant products, the limited contact with the notified chemical during manufacture of lubricant products, the engineering controls and the use of recommended PPE would ensure that occupational risk posed by the notified chemical is low when used as specified in the notification.

9.2.5. Public health – risk characterisation

Public exposure to the notified chemical will arise from DIY end use of lubricant products. While there may be occasional exposure to the lubricant product when carrying out oil change at home, the oil residues involved will contain low levels of the notified chemical, which are not expected to give rise to irritant effects.

Based on the expected low exposure during use and the low concentration of the notified chemical in the lubricant products, the risk to public health is considered low.

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:

R36/38 – Irritating to eyes and skin

and

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.

Skin Irritant Category 3

Symbol: None Signal word: Warning

Hazard statement: Causes mild skin irritation

Eye Irritant Category 2A

Symbol: Exclamation mark Signal word: Warning

Hazard Statement: Causes serious eye irritation

10.2. Environmental risk assessment

On the basis of the PEC/PNEC ratio, 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 when used as a component of lubricant product.

11. MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

11.1. Material Safety Data Sheet

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

11.2. Label

The label for the notified chemical and products containing the notified chemical provided by the notifier were 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.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

REGULATORY CONTROLS
Hazard Classification and Labelling

• The NOHSC Chemicals Standards Sub-committee should consider the following health hazard classification for the notified chemical:

CONTROL MEASURES

Occupational Health and Safety

- Employers should implement the following engineering controls to minimise occupational exposure to the notified chemical as introduced:
 - Enclosed and automated transfer, mixing and packaging operations
 - Exhaust ventilation during manufacture of engine oil products

• Employers should implement the following safe work practices to minimise occupational exposure during handling of the notified chemical as introduced:

- Avoid splashing during transfer operations and when cleaning equipment
- Employers should ensure that the following personal protective equipment is used by workers to minimise occupational exposure to the notified chemical as introduced:
 - Chemical resistant gloves
 - Protective clothing
 - Safety goggles

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

- 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 in a manner consistent with local jurisdiction waste management regulations by incineration or recycling. Emptied containers should be recycled or sent to landfill for disposal.

Emergency procedures

Spills/release of engine oils containing the notified chemical not be released to
waterways or sewer. Spills/leaks should be contained by applying absorbent materials
to the spill or pumping to spilled material into labelled containers. Where feasible and
appropriate, remove contaminated soil. Place contaminated materials in disposable
containers and dispose of in a manner consistent with local jurisdiction waste
management regulations.

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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