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

1.1. Product identifier

Product Code(s) CAT 1150
Product Name Colchicine
Form Not applicable

NOTE [8] - No registration number is given for this substance because it is under the threshold in REACH Article 6(1) and not subject to the registration requirements according to REACH Title II

EC No (EU Index No) 200-598-5
CAS No 64-86-8
Chemical name Colchicine
Pure substance/mixture Substance
Formula C₂₂ H₂₅ N O₆
Molecular weight 399.45

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

Recommended use Laboratory use
Uses advised against No information available

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier

British Pharmacopoeia Commission
MHRA
10 South Colonnade
Canary Wharf
London E14 4PU
United Kingdom

Tel : +44 (0)20 3080 6561
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For further information, please contact

E-mail address bpcrs@mhra.gov.uk

1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency Telephone +44 (0)20 3080 6561 (Monday - Friday: 8am - 5pm)

Emergency Telephone - §45 - (EC)1272/2008	
Europe	112
Austria	No information available
Bulgaria	
Croatia	
Cyprus	
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
France	
Hungary	
Ireland	
Italy	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Netherlands	
Norway	
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovakia	
Slovenia	
Spain	
Sweden	
Switzerland	

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 2 - (H300)
Acute toxicity - Inhalation (Dusts/Mists)	Category 2 - (H330)
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2 - (H319)



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Germ cell mutagenicity	Category 1B - (H340)
Reproductive toxicity	Category 1B - (H360)

2.2. Label elements

Contains Colchicine



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statements

H300 - Fatal if swallowed
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation
H330 - Fatal if inhaled
H340 - May cause genetic defects
H360 - May damage fertility or the unborn child

Precautionary Statements - EU (§28, 1272/2008)

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use
P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor
P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

2.3. Other hazards

No information available.

This substance does not meet the PBT/vPvB criteria of REACH, annex XIII.

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

Chemical name	EU - REACH (1907/2006) - Article 59(1) - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) for Authorisation	EU - REACH (1907/2006) - Endocrine Disruptor Assessment List of Substances
Colchicine	-	-



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SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Chemical name	Weight-%	REACH registration number	EC No (EU Index No)	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]	Specific concentration limit (SCL)	M-Factor	M-Factor (long-term)
Colchicine 64-86-8	90 - 100%	-	200-598-5	Acute Tox. 2 (H300) Acute Tox. 2 (H330) Eye Irrit. 2 (H319) Muta. 1B (H340) Repr. 1B (H360)			

Full text of H- and EUH-phrases: see section 16

Acute Toxicity Estimate

No information available

This product does not contain candidate substances of very high concern at a concentration $\geq 0.1\%$ (Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), Article 59)

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

General advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. Do not breathe dust. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen.

Eye contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Get medical attention if irritation develops and



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persists.

Skin contact

Wash skin with soap and water. In the case of skin irritation or allergic reactions see a doctor.

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

Self-protection of the first aider

Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Do not breathe dust. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information.

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

Symptoms

May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Burning sensation. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.

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

Note to doctors

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Large Fire

CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Do not scatter spilled material with high pressure water streams.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

No information available.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Special protective equipment and

Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear.



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precautions for fire-fighters Use personal protection equipment.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid generation of dust. Do not breathe dust. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

Other information Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

For emergency responders Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Should not be released into the environment. Do not allow to enter into soil/subsoil. Prevent product from entering drains.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

Methods for cleaning up Take up mechanically, placing in appropriate containers for disposal.

Prevention of secondary hazards Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.

6.4. Reference to other sections

Reference to other sections See section 8 for more information. See section 13 for more information.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Do not breathe dust. Avoid generation of dust. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.



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General hygiene considerations

Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands before breaks and after work. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Do not breathe dust. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions

Please refer to the manufacturer's certificate for specific storage and transport temperature conditions. Store only in the original receptacle unless other advice is given on the CoA. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Store locked up. Keep out of the reach of children.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

Risk Management Methods (RMM) The information required is contained in this Safety Data Sheet.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Exposure Limits

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

Biological occupational exposure limits

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

No information available.

Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

No information available.

8.2. Exposure controls



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Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Avoid contact with eyes. Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles). If splashes are likely to occur, wear safety glasses with side-shields.

Hand protection

The protective gloves to be used must comply with the specifications of EC Directive 89/686/EEC and the related standard EN374. Wear protective butyl rubber gloves. Wear suitable gloves.

Skin and body protection

Wear suitable protective clothing.

Respiratory protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

General hygiene considerations

Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands before breaks and after work. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Do not breathe dust. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended.

Environmental exposure controls

Do not allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any body of water.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Solid
Appearance	Powder
Colour	beige
Odour	Odourless.
Odour threshold	No information available

Property	Values	Remarks • Method
Melting point / freezing point	155 °C	None known
Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available	None known
Flammability	No data available	None known
Flammability Limit in Air		None known
Upper flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available	



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limits		
Flash point	No data available	None known
Autoignition temperature	No data available	None known
Decomposition temperature	155 - 157 °C	None known
pH	5.9	None known
pH (as aqueous solution)	5.9	No information available
Kinematic viscosity	No data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	No data available	None known
Water solubility	45 g/l	None known
Solubility(ies)	No data available	None known
Partition coefficient	1.03	None known
Vapour pressure	No data available	None known
Relative density	No data available	None known
Bulk density	No data available	
Liquid Density	No data available	
Relative vapour density	No data available	None known
Particle characteristics		
Particle Size	No information available	
Particle Size Distribution	No information available	

9.2. Other information

Molecular weight	399.45
Molecular formula	C ₂₂ H ₂₅ N O ₆

9.2.1. Information with regards to physical hazard classes
Not applicable 155 - 157 °C 155 - 157 °C

9.2.2. Other safety characteristics
No information available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

Reactivity No information available.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stability Stable under normal conditions.

Explosion data

Sensitivity to mechanical impact	None.
Sensitivity to static discharge	None.



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10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Possibility of hazardous reactions None under normal processing.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Conditions to avoid Excessive heat.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Incompatible materials None known based on information supplied.

Hazardous decomposition products None known based on information supplied.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

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

Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information

Inhalation	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. May cause irritation of respiratory tract. Fatal if inhaled. (based on components).
Eye contact	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes serious eye irritation. (based on components). May cause redness, itching, and pain.
Skin contact	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. May cause irritation. Prolonged contact may cause redness and irritation.
Ingestion	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Fatal if swallowed. (based on components). Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Symptoms May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.

Numerical measures of toxicity



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Acute toxicity

Component Information

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Colchicine	26 mg/kg		

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Skin corrosion/irritation May cause skin irritation.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes serious eye irritation.

Respiratory or skin sensitisation No information available.

Germ cell mutagenicity Contains a known or suspected mutagen. Classification based on data available for ingredients. May cause genetic defects.

The table below indicates ingredients above the cut-off threshold considered as relevant which are listed as mutagenic.

Chemical name	European Union
Colchicine	Muta. 1B

Carcinogenicity No information available.

Reproductive toxicity Contains a known or suspected reproductive toxin. Classification based on data available for ingredients. May damage fertility or the unborn child.

STOT - single exposure No information available.

STOT - repeated exposure No information available.



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Aspiration hazard No information available.

11.2. Information on other hazards

11.2.1. Endocrine disrupting properties

Endocrine disrupting properties No information available.

11.2.2. Other information

Other adverse effects No information available.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Ecotoxicity The environmental impact of this product has not been fully investigated.

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Persistence and degradability No information available.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation There is no data for this product.

Component Information

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Colchicine	1.03

12.4. Mobility in soil

Mobility in soil No information available.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT and vPvB assessment No information available.



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12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

Endocrine disrupting properties No information available.

12.7. Other adverse effects

No information available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues/unused products Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

Contaminated packaging Do not reuse empty containers.

SECTION 14: Transport information

IATA

14.1 UN number or ID number	UN1544
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Alkaloid salts, solid, n.o.s. (poisonous)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	6.1
14.4 Packing group	II
Description	UN1544, Alkaloid salts, solid, n.o.s. (poisonous), 6.1, II
14.5 Environmental hazards	Not applicable
14.6 Special precautions for user	
Special Provisions	A3, A5, A6, A801
ERG Code	6L

IMDG

14.1 UN number or ID number	UN1544
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Alkaloids, solid, n.o.s. (poisonous)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	6.1
14.4 Packing group	II
Description	UN1544, Alkaloids, solid, n.o.s. (poisonous), 6.1, II
14.5 Marine pollutant	NP
14.6 Special precautions for user	
Special Provisions	43, 274
EmS-No.	F-A, S-A No information available



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14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments No information available

RID

14.1 UN number or ID number	UN1544
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Alkaloids, solid, n.o.s. (poisonous)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	6.1
14.4 Packing group	II
Description	UN1544, Alkaloids, solid, n.o.s. (poisonous), 6.1, II
14.5 Environmental hazards	Not applicable
14.6 Special precautions for user	
Special Provisions	43, 274
Classification code	T2

ADR

14.1 UN number or ID number	UN1544
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Alkaloids, solid, n.o.s. (poisonous)
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	6.1
14.4 Packing group	II
Description	UN1544, Alkaloids, solid, n.o.s. (poisonous), 6.1, II, (D/E)
14.5 Environmental hazards	Not applicable
14.6 Special precautions for user	
Special Provisions	43, 274
Classification code	T2
Tunnel restriction code	(D/E)

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

National regulations

Germany

Water hazard class (WGK) strongly hazardous to water (WGK 3)

Netherlands

Chemical name	Netherlands - List of Carcinogens	Netherlands - List of Carcinogens	Netherlands - List of Reproductive Toxins
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Chemical name	Netherlands - List of Carcinogens	Netherlands - List of Carcinogens	Netherlands - List of Reproductive Toxins
Colchicine	-	Present	-

Poland

SDS created according to the following Polish regulation: Act of February 25, 2011 on chemical substances and their mixtures (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 143, as amended). Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing the European Chemicals Agency (EC) as amended. Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labeling and packaging of substances and mixtures, as amended. Regulation of the Minister of Health of 10 August 2012 on the criteria and method of classifying chemical substances and their mixtures (Journal of Laws of 2012, item 1018). Regulation of the Minister of Health of 20 April 2012 on labeling packaging of hazardous substances and mixtures and some mixtures (Journal of Laws of 2012, item 445). Regulation of the Minister of Family, Labor and Social Policy of 12 June 2018 on the maximum allowable concentrations and intensities of factors harmful to health in the work environment (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 1286). Announcement of the Minister of Economy, Labor and Social Policy of August 28, 2003 on the publication of the unified text of the Ordinance of the Minister of Labor and Social Policy on general health and safety at work regulations (Journal of Laws of 2003, No. 169, item 1650). Regulation of the Minister of Health of 30 December 2004 on occupational safety and health related to the presence of chemical agents in the workplace (Journal of Laws of 2005, No. 11, item 86). Act of December 14, 2012 on waste (Journal of Laws of 2013, item 21) Regulation of the Minister of Health of December 30, 2004 on occupational health and safety related to the presence of chemical agents in the workplace (Journal U. of 2005, No. 11, item 86). Waste Act of December 14, 2012 (Journal of Laws of 2013, item 21). Act of 13 June 2013 on the management of packaging and packaging waste, Journal of Laws 2013, item 888). Government statement of September 24, 2002 - European Agreement on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) (Journal of Laws No. 194, item 1629 and Journal of Laws of 2003, No. 207, item 2013 and 2014).

European Union

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work.

Authorisations and/or restrictions on use:

This product contains one or more substance(s) subject to restriction (Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex XVII)

DIRECTIVE (EU) 2021/1187 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors

Not applicable



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Chemical name	Restricted substance per REACH Annex XVII	Substance subject to authorisation per REACH Annex XIV
Colchicine - 64-86-8	29.	

Persistent Organic Pollutants

Not applicable

Dangerous substance category per Seveso Directive (2012/18/EU)

H2 - ACUTE TOXIC

Ozone-depleting substances (ODS) regulation (EC) 1005/2009

Not applicable

International Inventories

TSCA	Complies
DSL/NDSL	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
EINECS/ELINCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
ENCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
IECSC	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
KECL	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
PICCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
AIIC	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

Legend:

- TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory
- DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List
- EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances
- ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances
- IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances
- KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
- PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances
- AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

Chemical Safety Report A Chemical Safety Assessment is not required for this substance



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SECTION 16: Other information

Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

Full text of H-Statements referred to under section 3

H300 - Fatal if swallowed

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

H330 - Fatal if inhaled

H340 - May cause genetic defects

H360 - May damage fertility or the unborn child

Legend

SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation:

Legend Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

TWA

TWA (time-weighted average)

STEL

STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)

Ceiling

Maximum limit value

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Skin designation

Classification procedure	
Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]	Method Used
Acute oral toxicity	Calculation method
Acute dermal toxicity	Calculation method
Acute inhalation toxicity - gas	Calculation method
Acute inhalation toxicity - Vapour	Calculation method
Acute inhalation toxicity - dust/mist	Calculation method
Skin corrosion/irritation	Calculation method
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Calculation method
Respiratory sensitisation	Calculation method
Skin sensitisation	Calculation method
Mutagenicity	Calculation method
Carcinogenicity	Calculation method
STOT - single exposure	Calculation method
STOT - repeated exposure	Calculation method
Acute aquatic toxicity	Calculation method
Chronic aquatic toxicity	Calculation method
Aspiration hazard	Calculation method
Ozone	Calculation method

Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)



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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database
European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)
Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGl(s))
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals
Food Research Journal
Hazardous Substance Database
International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)
Japan GHS Classification
Australian National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)
NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)
National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)
National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)
National Toxicology Program (NTP)
New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Programme
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set
World Health Organization

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This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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