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#### **SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION**

Product name : Shell Polymers Polyethylene Homopolymer (HDPE)

Product code : E6126, E6136, E6010, E6037, E6046, E6155, E6101

CAS-No. : 9002-88-4

Other means of identification : 63B072, 63B072S, 65N8, 65N8U, 63B073 PM

### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company : Shell Chemical LP

PO Box 576

HOUSTON TX 77001

USA

SDS Request : 1-800-240-6737 Customer Service : 1-855-697-4355

**Emergency telephone number** 

Chemtrec Domestic (24 hr) : 1-800-424-9300 Chemtrec International (24 : 1-703-527-3887

hr)

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Thermoplastic resin for extrusion, film blowing, or moulding

applications.

Restrictions on use : Manufacture of FDA Class II and III medical devices and stor-

age or containment of radioactive materials., This product must not be used in applications other than the above without

first seeking the advice of the supplier.

### **SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

## GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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

**GHS** label elements

Hazard pictograms : No Hazard Symbol required

Signal word : No signal word

Hazard statements : PHYSICAL HAZARDS:

Not classified as a physical hazard under GHS criteria.

**HEALTH HAZARDS:** 

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Not classified as a health hazard under GHS criteria.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:** 

Not classified as an environmental hazard under GHS criteria.

Precautionary statements : Prevention:

No precautionary phrases.

Response:

No precautionary phrases.

Storage:

No precautionary phrases.

Disposal:

No precautionary phrases.

#### Other hazards

Combustible dust

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

Spilled product may present a dangerous slipping hazard.

The classification of this material is based on OSHA HCS 2012 criteria.

### **SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Substance / Mixture : Substance

### **Hazardous components**

Chemical name	Synonyms	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Polyethylene	Polyethylene	9002-88-4	>= 99

No Hazardous ingredients, or are below required disclosure limits

### **SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES**

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

conditions.

If inhaled : No treatment necessary under normal conditions of use.

If symptoms persist, obtain medical advice.

In case of skin contact : Remove contaminated clothing. Flush exposed area with wa-

ter and follow by washing with soap if available.

If persistent irritation occurs, obtain medical attention.

In case of eye contact : Flush eye with copious quantities of water.

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

rinsing.

If persistent irritation occurs, obtain medical attention.

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If swallowed In general no treatment is necessary unless large quantities

are swallowed, however, get medical advice.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Not considered to be an inhalation hazard under normal con-

ditions of use.

Possible respiratory irritation signs and symptoms may include a temporary burning sensation of the nose and throat, cough-

ing, and/or difficulty breathing.

No specific hazards under normal use conditions.

Skin irritation signs and symptoms may include a burning sen-

sation, redness, or swelling.

No specific hazards under normal use conditions.

Eye irritation signs and symptoms may include a burning sen-

sation, redness, swelling, and/or blurred vision. No specific hazards under normal use conditions.

Ingestion may result in nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhoea.

Protection of first-aiders When administering first aid, ensure that you are wearing the

appropriate personal protective equipment according to the

incident, injury and surroundings.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Call a doctor or poison control center for guidance.

Treat symptomatically.

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

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

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

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

Do not use water in a jet.

Specific hazards during fire-

fighting

Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a

potential dust explosion hazard.

Hazardous combustion products may include:

A complex mixture of airborne solid and liquid particulates and

gases (smoke).

Carbon monoxide may be evolved if incomplete combustion

occurs.

Unidentified organic and inorganic compounds.

Specific extinguishing meth-

ods

Standard procedure for chemical fires.

Further information Clear fire area of all non-emergency personnel.

Keep adjacent containers cool by spraying with water.

Special protective equipment :

for firefighters

Proper protective equipment including chemical resistant gloves are to be worn; chemical resistant suit is indicated if

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large contact with spilled product is expected. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus must be worn when approaching a fire in a confined space. Select fire fighter's clothing approved to

relevant Standards (e.g. Europe: EN469).

### **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emer-

gency procedures

Observe all relevant local and international regulations.

Avoid raising a dust cloud.

Material can create slippery conditions. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

Isolate hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary or unpro-

tected personnel.

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

Environmental precautions : Prevent from spreading or entering into drains, ditches or riv-

ers by using sand, earth, or other appropriate barriers.

Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contami-

nation.

Ventilate contaminated area thoroughly.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Prevent from spreading or entering into drains, ditches or riv-

ers by using sand, earth, or other appropriate barriers.

Additional advice : For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment

see Section 8 of this Safety Data Sheet.

For guidance on disposal of spilled material see Section 13 of

this Safety Data Sheet.

### **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Technical measures : Avoid breathing of or direct contact with material. Only use in

well ventilated areas. Wash thoroughly after handling. For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see

Section 8 of this Safety Data Sheet.

Use the information in this data sheet as input to a risk assessment of local circumstances to help determine appropriate controls for safe handling, storage and disposal of this

material.

Advice on safe handling : Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

Avoid generation or accumulation of dusts.

Avoid breathing dust.

Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

Ensure all equipment is electrically grounded before beginning

transfer operations.

Dry powders can build static electricity charges when subject-

ed to the friction of transfer and mixing operations.

Refer to NFPA 654, Standard for the Prevention of Fire and

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Dust Explosions from the Manufacturing, Processing, and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids, for safe handling.

Avoid generating heat during transfer operations.

Spills may present a slip hazard.

Avoidance of contact : Strong oxidising agents.

Conditions for safe storage : Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

Keep tightly closed in a dry and cool place.

Refer to section 15 for any additional specific legislation cov-

ering the packaging and storage of this product.

Further information on stor-

age stability

Tanks must be clean, dry and rust-free.

Must be stored in a diked (bunded) well- ventilated area, away from sunlight, ignition sources and other sources of heat.

Drums should be stacked to a maximum of 3 high.

Storage Temperature:

Ambient.

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

steel or high density polyethylene.

Specific use(s) : Not applicable

Ensure that all local regulations regarding handling and stor-

age facilities are followed.

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Components with workplace control parameters

For dusty conditions, ACGIH recommends for insoluble and poorly soluble particles not otherwise specified an 8-hour TWA of 10mg/m3 (inhalable particles), and 3 mg/m3 (respirable particles). For dusty conditions, OSHA recommends for particulates not otherwise regulated an 8-hour TWA of 15 mg/m3 (total dust), and 5 mg/m3 (respirable fraction).

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### **Biological occupational exposure limits**

No biological limit allocated.

### **Monitoring Methods**

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

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

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

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), USA: Manual of Analytical Meth-

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ods http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/

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

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

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

L'Institut National de Recherche et de Securité, (INRS), France http://www.inrs.fr/accueil Monitoring the oxygen content of the air is often the best means of ensuring safety. There are substantial risks if the concentration of oxygen in the atmosphere varies from the normal (20.8%) under normal atmospheric pressure.

### **Engineering measures**

Adequate ventilation to control airborne concentrations. Local exhaust ventilation is recommended.

Eve washes and showers for emergency use.

The level of protection and types of controls necessary will vary depending upon potential exposure conditions. Select controls based on a risk assessment of local circumstances.

Appropriate measures include:

#### General Information:

Define procedures for safe handling and maintenance of

Educate and train workers in the hazards and control measures relevant to normal activities associated with this product.

Ensure appropriate selection, testing and maintenance of equipment used to control exposure, e.g. personal protective equipment, local exhaust ventilation.

Drain down system prior to equipment break-in or maintenance.

Retain drain downs in sealed storage pending disposal or subsequent recycle.

Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing hands after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Discard contaminated clothing and footwear that cannot be cleaned. Practice good housekeeping.

### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection

In accordance with good industrial hygiene practices, precautions should be taken to avoid breathing of material. If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations to a level which is adequate to protect worker health, select respiratory protection equipment suitable for the specific conditions of use and meeting relevant legislation. Check with respiratory protective equipment suppliers. Select a suitable P1 air purifying respirator for inert particles Where air-filtering respirators are unsuitable (e.g. airborne concentrations are high, risk of oxygen deficiency, confined

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space) use appropriate positive pressure breathing apparatus.

Where air-filtering respirators are suitable, select an appro-

priate combination of mask and filter.

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

Hand protection Remarks

Recommended preventive skin protection Protective gloves against thermal risks Suitability and durability of a glove is dependent on usage, e.g. frequency and duration of contact, chemical resistance of glove material, dexterity. Always seek advice from glove suppliers. Contaminated gloves should be replaced. Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturizer is recommended. For continuous contact we recommend gloves with breakthrough time of more than 240 minutes with preference for > 480 minutes where suitable gloves can be identified. For short-term/splash protection we recommend the same but recognize that suitable gloves offering this level of protection may not be available and in this case a lower breakthrough time maybe acceptable so long as appropriate maintenance and replacement regimes are followed. Glove thickness is not a good predictor of glove resistance to a chemical as it is dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Glove thickness should be typically greater than 0.35 mm depending on the glove make and model.

Eye protection : Safety glasses with side-shields

Skin and body protection : Where risk of splashing or in spillage clean up, use chemical

resistant one-piece overall with integral hood, chemical resistant knee length boots and chemical resistant gloves. Otherwise use chemical resistant apron and gauntlets. For spillage clean up use chemical resistant knee length

boots.

Protective measures : Personal protective equipment (PPE) should meet recom-

mended national standards. Check with PPE suppliers.

Thermal hazards : When handling heated product, wear heat resistant gloves,

safety hat with chin strap, face shield (preferably with a chin guard), safety glasses, heat resistant coveralls (with cuffs over gloves and legs over boots), neck protection and heavy duty

boots, e.g. leather for heat resistance.

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

toilet.

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Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.

### **Environmental exposure controls**

General advice : Take appropriate measures to fulfill the requirements of rele-

> vant environmental protection legislation. Avoid contamination of the environment by following advice given in Section 6. If necessary, prevent undissolved material from being discharged to waste water. Waste water should be treated in a municipal or industrial waste water treatment plant before

discharge to surface water.

### **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**Appearance** solid

Colour white, colourless, translucent

Odour mild

Odour Threshold not determined

pΗ Not applicable

Melting point/freezing point 115 - 135 °C / 239 - 275 °F

Boiling point/boiling range Not applicable

Flash point Not applicable

Evaporation rate Not applicable

Flammability

Flammability (solid, gas) Data not available

Lower explosion limit and upper explosion limit / flammability limit

Upper explosion limit / up- : Not applicable

per flammability limit

Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit

Not applicable

Vapour pressure

Data not available (50.0 °C / 122.0 °F)

Relative vapour density Not applicable

Relative density 0.918 - 0.965

Method: ASTM D4052

Density 0.918 - 0.965 g/cm3 (20 °C / 68 °F)

Method: ASTM D4052

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Solubility(ies)

Water solubility : insoluble

Partition coefficient: n-

octanol/water

Not applicable

Auto-ignition temperature : > 300 °C / 572 °F

Decomposition temperature : > 300 °C / 572 °F

Viscosity

Viscosity, dynamic : Not applicable

Viscosity, kinematic : Not applicable

Explosive properties : Not applicable

Oxidizing properties : Not applicable

Surface tension : not determined

Conductivity : Data not available

Molecular weight : > 25,000 g/mol

Particle size : Data not available

### **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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

addition to those listed in the following sub-paragraph.

Chemical stability : Stable.

Accumulation of dust can create an explosion hazard. Dust can be ignited by static electricity, sparks and heat.

Possibility of hazardous reac-

tions

Reacts with strong oxidising agents.

Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.

Conditions to avoid : Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

Incompatible materials : Strong oxidising agents.

Hazardous decomposition

products

: Hazardous combustion products may include:

Carbon dioxide (CO2) Carbon monoxide. Organic Substances

### **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Basis for assessment : Information given is based on data from similar products.

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products.

## Information on likely routes of exposure

Exposure may occur via inhalation, ingestion, skin absorption, skin or eye contact, and accidental ingestion.

### **Acute toxicity**

## **Components:**

Polyethylene:

Acute oral toxicity : Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria

are not met.

Acute inhalation toxicity : Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria

are not met.

Acute dermal toxicity : Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria

are not met.

### Skin corrosion/irritation

### **Components:**

### Polyethylene:

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

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

### **Components:**

### Polyethylene:

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

### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

### **Components:**

## Polyethylene:

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

### Germ cell mutagenicity

### **Components:**

### Polyethylene:

: Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria

are not met.

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are not met.

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### Carcinogenicity

### **Components:**

Polyethylene:

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

IARC No component of this product present at levels greater than or

equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed

human carcinogen by IARC.

OSHA No component of this product present at levels greater than or

equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

NTP No component of this product present at levels greater than or

equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen

by NTP.

### Reproductive toxicity

### **Components:**

Polyethylene:

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria

are not met.

### STOT - single exposure

### **Components:**

Polyethylene:

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

### STOT - repeated exposure

### **Components:**

Polyethylene:

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

### **Aspiration toxicity**

### **Components:**

Polyethylene:

Not considered an aspiration hazard.

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### **Further information**

## **Components:**

Polyethylene:

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

### **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Basis for assessment : Information given is based on product testing.

Unless indicated otherwise, the data presented is representative of the product as a whole, rather than for individual com-

ponent(s).

**Ecotoxicity** 

**Components:** 

Polyethylene:

Toxicity to fish (Acute toxici-

ty)

Remarks: Practically non toxic, LC/EC/IC 50 > 100 mg/l.

Toxicity to daphnia and other : aquatic invertebrates (Acute

toxicity)

Remarks: Practically non toxic:

LL/EL/IL50 > 100 mg/l

Toxicity to algae (Acute tox-

icity)

Remarks: Practically non toxic:

LL/EL/IL50 > 100 mg/l

Toxicity to fish (Chronic tox-

icity)

Remarks: NOEC/NOEL > 100 mg/l

Toxicity to daphnia and other : aquatic invertebrates (Chron-

ic toxicity)

Remarks: NOEC/NOEL > 100 mg/l

Toxicity to microorganisms

(Acute toxicity)

Remarks: Data not available

### Persistence and degradability

### **Components:**

Polyethylene:

Biodegradability : Remarks: Not readily biodegradable.

### **Bioaccumulative potential**

## **Components:**

Polyethylene:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: Has the potential to bioaccumulate.

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Mobility in soil

**Components:** 

Polyethylene:

Mobility : Remarks: Floats on water.

Other adverse effects

**Product:** 

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Remarks: Data available only for some components.

**Components:** 

Polyethylene:

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Remarks: Data available only for some components.

### **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Disposal methods** 

Waste from residues : Recover or recycle if possible.

It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste classification and disposal meth-

ods in compliance with applicable regulations.

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

courses

Waste product should not be allowed to contaminate soil or

water.

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional,

national, and local laws and regulations.

Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or na-

tional requirements and must be complied with.

Contaminated packaging : Remove all packaging for recovery or waste disposal.

Comply with any local recovery or waste disposal regulations.

### **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

### **National Regulations**

### **US Department of Transportation Classification (49 CFR Parts 171-180)**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

### International Regulations

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#### **IATA-DGR**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

#### **IMDG-Code**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

### Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Pollution category : Not applicable
Ship type : Not applicable
Product name : Not applicable

### Special precautions for user

Remarks : Special Precautions: Refer to Section 7, Handling & Storage,

for special precautions which a user needs to be aware of or

needs to comply with in connection with transport.

#### **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

### **EPCRA - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act**

\*: This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 311/312 Hazards : No SARA Hazards

SARA 313 : This material does not contain any chemical components with

known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### **Clean Water Act**

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

### **US State Regulations**

#### California Prop. 65

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

### Other regulations:

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

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

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TSCA : Listed

AIIC : Listed

DSL : Listed

IECSC : Listed

ENCS : Listed

KECI : Listed

NZIoC : Listed

PICCS : Listed

TCSI : Listed

### **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **Further information**

NFPA Rating (Health, Fire, Reac- 0, 1, 0 tivity)

#### Full text of other abbreviations

Abbreviations and Acronyms

The standard abbreviations and acronyms used in this document can be looked up in reference literature (e.g. scientific dictionaries) and/or websites.

ACGIH = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

ADR = European Agreement concerning the International

Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

AICS = Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances ASTM = American Society for Testing and Materials

BEL = Biological exposure limits

BTEX = Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes

CAS = Chemical Abstracts Service

CEFIC = European Chemical Industry Council CLP = Classification Packaging and Labelling

COC = Cleveland Open-Cup

DIN = Deutsches Institut fur Normung
DMEL = Derived Minimal Effect Level
DNEL = Derived No Effect Level
DSL = Canada Demostic Substance Lie

DSL = Canada Domestic Substance List

EC = European Commission EC50 = Effective Concentration fifty

ECETOC = European Center on Ecotoxicology and Toxicolo-

gy Of Chemicals

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ECHA = European Chemicals Agency

EINECS = The European Inventory of Existing Commercial

Chemical Substances

EL50 = Effective Loading fifty

ENCS = Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

Inventory

EWC = European Waste Code

GHS = Globally Harmonised System of Classification and

Labelling of Chemicals

IARC = International Agency for Research on Cancer

IATA = International Air Transport Association

IC50 = Inhibitory Concentration fifty

IL50 = Inhibitory Level fifty

IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods

INV = Chinese Chemicals Inventory

IP346 = Institute of Petroleum test method N° 346 for the determination of polycyclic aromatics DMSO-extractables

KECI = Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory

LC50 = Lethal Concentration fifty LD50 = Lethal Dose fifty per cent.

LL/EL/IL = Lethal Loading/Effective Loading/Inhibitory loading

LL50 = Lethal Loading fifty

MARPOL = International Convention for the Prevention of

Pollution From Ships

NOEC/NOEL = No Observed Effect Concentration / No Ob-

served Effect Level

OE HPV = Occupational Exposure - High Production Volume

PBT = Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

PICCS = Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical

Substances

PNEC = Predicted No Effect Concentration

REACH = Registration Evaluation And Authorisation Of

Chemicals

RID = Regulations Relating to International Carriage of Dan-

gerous Goods by Rail

SKIN\_DES = Skin Designation

STEL = Short term exposure limit

TRA = Targeted Risk Assessment

TSCA = US Toxic Substances Control Act

TWA = Time-Weighted Average

vPvB = very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

A vertical bar (I) in the left margin indicates an amendment from the previous version.

Sources of key data used to compile the Safety Data

Sheet

The quoted data are from, but not limited to, one or more sources of information (e.g. toxicological data from Shell Health Services, material suppliers' data, CONCAWE, EU

IUCLID date base, EC 1272 regulation, etc).

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