

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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

### 1.1. Product identifier

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| Trade name or designation of the mixture | EX-74 Resin           |
| Registration number                      | -                     |
| Synonyms                                 | None.                 |
| SDS number                               | 23500R                |
| Product code                             | 12025, 23500, 23500C. |
| Issue date                               | 21-March-2016         |
| Version number                           | 01                    |
| Revision date                            | -                     |
| Supersedes date                          | -                     |

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

|                      |                    |
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| Identified uses      | High Gloss Coating |
| Uses advised against | None known.        |

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Manufacturer

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Company name     | Environmental Technology, Inc.                            |
| Address          | 300 S. Bay Depot Road<br>Fields Landing<br>CA 95537, USA. |
| Telephone number | 001 707-443-9323  |
| E-mail           | eti@eti-usa.com   |
| Contact person   | Technical Director  |

#### Supplier

Company name  
Address

Telephone number

1.4. Emergency telephone number

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

The mixture has been assessed and/or tested for its physical, health and environmental hazards and the following classification applies.

#### Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 as amended

##### Health hazards

|                                   |            |   |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---|
| Skin corrosion/irritation         | Category 2 | H315 - Causes skin irritation.              |
| Serious eye damage/eye irritation | Category 2 | H319 - Causes serious eye irritation.       |
| Skin sensitisation                | Category 1 | H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction. |

##### Environmental hazards

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| Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term aquatic hazard | Category 2 | H411 - Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects. |
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**Hazard summary** Causes serious eye irritation. Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Dangerous for the environment if discharged into watercourses.

### 2.2. Label elements

**Label according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 as amended**

**Contains:** Oxirane, Mono[(C12-14-alkyloxy)methyl] derivs, Reaction product: bisphenol-A-(epichlorhydrin); epoxy resin (number average molecular weight ≤ 700)

**Hazard pictograms**

**Signal word** Warning

**Hazard statements**

H315 Causes skin irritation.  
 H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
 H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
 H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Precautionary statements****Prevention**

P261 Avoid breathing mist or vapour.  
 P280 Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection.  
 P264 Wash thoroughly after handling.  
 P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.  
 P273 Avoid release to the environment.

**Response**

P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.  
 P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
 P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.  
 P391 Collect spillage.

**Storage**

Store away from incompatible materials.

**Disposal**

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**Supplemental label information** None.

**2.3. Other hazards** None known.

**SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients****3.2. Mixtures****General information**

| Chemical name   | %  | CAS-No. / EC No.        | REACH Registration No. | INDEX No.    | Notes |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Reaction product: bisphenol-A-(epichlorhydrin); epoxy resin (number average molecular weight ≤ 700) | 60-100   | 25068-38-6<br>500-033-5 | -                      | 603-074-00-8 |       |
| <b>Classification:</b>  | Skin Irrit. 2;H315, Skin Sens. 1;H317, Eye Irrit. 2;H319, Aquatic Chronic 2;H411 |                         |                        |              |       |
| Oxirane, Mono[(C12-14-alkyloxy)methyl] derivs   | 1-10   | 68609-97-2<br>271-846-8 | -                      | 603-103-00-4 |       |
| <b>Classification:</b>  | Skin Irrit. 2;H315, Skin Sens. 1;H317  |                         |                        |              |       |

**Composition comments** The full text for all H-statements is displayed in section 16. All concentrations are in percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

**SECTION 4: First aid measures****General information**

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

**4.1. Description of first aid measures****Inhalation**

Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

**Skin contact**

Remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water for several minutes. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

**Eye contact**

Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

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| <b>Ingestion</b>   | Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to a victim who is unconscious or is having convulsions. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.  |
| <b>4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed</b>                | Contact may produce eye irritation with associated redness, swelling, tears and pain. Contact causes skin irritation. May cause sensitisation by skin contact. Symptoms include redness, itching and pain. Rash. Dermatitis. |
| <b>4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b> | Exposure may aggravate pre-existing skin disorders. Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.   |

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

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| <b>General fire hazards</b>                                       | No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.   |
| <b>5.1. Extinguishing media</b>                                   |   |
| <b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>                               | Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).                      |
| <b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>                             | Water. Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.                 |
| <b>5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture</b> | During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.   |
| <b>5.3. Advice for firefighters</b>                               |   |
| <b>Special protective equipment for firefighters</b>              | Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire. |
| <b>Special fire fighting procedures</b>                           | Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.                                 |
| <b>Specific methods</b>   | Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.    |

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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| <b>6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b> |  |
| <b>For non-emergency personnel</b>  | Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapours or mists. Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear protective clothing as described in section 8 of this safety data sheet. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.  |
| <b>For emergency responders</b>   | Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use personal protection recommended in Section 8 of the SDS.  |
| <b>6.2. Environmental precautions</b>   | Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground. Avoid discharge into storm drains, water courses or onto the ground.  |
| <b>6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up</b>                | Keep unnecessary personnel away. This product is miscible in water. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Cover with plastic sheet to prevent spreading. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Following product recovery, flush area with water.<br><br>Never return spills in original containers for re-use. |
| <b>6.4. Reference to other sections</b>   | For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.  |

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

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| <b>7.1. Precautions for safe handling</b>                                | Avoid breathing mists or vapours. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Keep out of reach of children. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Avoid release to the environment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices. |
| <b>7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b> | Store away from incompatible materials (see section 10 of the SDS). Store in tightly closed original container in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Read and follow manufacturer's recommendations.   |
| <b>7.3. Specific end use(s)</b>  | High Gloss Coating   |

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

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| <b>8.1. Control parameters</b>                    |  |
| <b>Occupational exposure limits</b>               | No exposure limits noted for ingredient(s).                |
| <b>Biological limit values</b>                    | No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s). |
| <b>Recommended monitoring procedures</b>          | Follow standard monitoring procedures.                     |
| <b>Derived no-effect level (DNEL)</b>             | Not available.   |
| <b>Predicted no effect concentrations (PNECs)</b> | Not available.   |

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| <b>Exposure guidelines</b>   | No exposure standards allocated. Use personal protective equipment as required. Keep working clothes separately.   |
| <b>8.2. Exposure controls</b>  |  |
| <b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>                                      | Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Eye wash facilities and emergency shower must be available when handling this product. |
| <b>Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment</b> |  |
| <b>General information</b>   | Use personal protective equipment as required. Personal protection equipment should be chosen according to the CEN standards and in discussion with the supplier of the personal protective equipment.   |
| <b>Eye/face protection</b>   | Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).  |
| <b>Skin protection</b>   |  |
| <b>- Hand protection</b>   | Chemical resistant gloves. The most suitable glove must be chosen in consultation with the gloves supplier, who can inform about the breakthrough time of the glove material.  |
| <b>- Other</b>   | Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing. Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing to prevent any possibility of skin contact.   |
| <b>Respiratory protection</b>  | No specific recommendation made, but respiratory protection may still be required under exceptional circumstances when excessive air contamination exists.   |
| <b>Thermal hazards</b>   | Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.  |
| <b>Hygiene measures</b>  | When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wash at the end of each work shift and before eating, smoking or using the toilet.  |
| <b>Environmental exposure controls</b>                                       | Environmental manager must be informed of all major releases.  |

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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| <b>Appearance</b>                                   | Viscous liquid.                               |
| <b>Physical state</b>                               | Liquid.                                       |
| <b>Form</b>   | Liquid.                                       |
| <b>Colour</b>                                       | Clear.  |
| <b>Odour</b>  | Slight.                                       |
| <b>Odour threshold</b>                              | Not available.                                |
| <b>pH</b>   | Not available.                                |
| <b>Melting point/freezing point</b>                 | Not available.                                |
| <b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>      | 178 °C (352.4 °F)                             |
| <b>Flash point</b>                                  | 165.0 °C (329.0 °F) Setaflash Seta closed cup |
| <b>Evaporation rate</b>                             | Not available.                                |
| <b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>                    | Not available.                                |
| <b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b> |   |
| <b>Flammability limit - lower (%)</b>               | Not available.                                |
| <b>Flammability limit - upper (%)</b>               | Not available.                                |
| <b>Vapour pressure</b>                              | < 1   |
| <b>Vapour density</b>                               | Not available.                                |
| <b>Relative density</b>                             | 1.15  |
| <b>Solubility(ies)</b>                              | Slightly soluble                              |
| <b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>      | Not available.                                |
| <b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>                    | Not available.                                |
| <b>Decomposition temperature</b>                    | Not available.                                |
| <b>Viscosity</b>                                    | 3500 cP (77 °C (170.6 °F))                    |
| <b>Explosive properties</b>                         | Not explosive.                                |

**Oxidising properties** Not oxidising.

**9.2. Other information**

**Density** 9.60 lb/gal

**Percent volatile** 0 % (VOC)

**SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

**10.1. Reactivity** Stable at normal conditions. Reacts violently with strong acids. Reacts violently with strong bases. Can react violently if in contact with oxidizing agents. Reacts violently with water with evolution of heat.

**10.2. Chemical stability** Stable under normal temperature conditions and recommended use.

**10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions** Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.

**10.4. Conditions to avoid** Contact with incompatible materials. Avoid high temperatures. Heating this resin above 300°F in the presence of air may cause slow oxidative decomposition. When product is mixed with Part B and left in a large mass a vigorous exothermic reaction may occur, and may result in charring of the reactants.

**10.5. Incompatible materials** Strong oxidising agents. Reacts violently with strong acids. Reacts violently with strong bases. Avoid contact with water and liquids. Do not allow molten product to contact water or other liquids. This can cause violent reactions.

**10.6. Hazardous decomposition products** None expected under normal conditions of use.

**SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

**General information** Occupational exposure to the substance or mixture may cause adverse effects.

**Information on likely routes of exposure**

**Inhalation** Under normal conditions of intended use, this material is not expected to be an inhalation hazard. Inhalation of vapours or mists of the product may be irritating to the respiratory system.

**Skin contact** Causes skin irritation. May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

**Eye contact** Causes serious eye irritation.

**Ingestion** Under normal conditions of intended use, this material does not pose a risk to health. May be harmful if swallowed.

**Symptoms** Contact may produce eye irritation with associated redness, swelling, tears and pain. Causes skin irritation. May cause sensitisation by skin contact. Symptoms include redness, itching and pain. Rash. Dermatitis.

**11.1. Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity** Not expected to be a hazard under normal conditions of intended use. May be harmful if swallowed.

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Causes skin irritation.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Causes serious eye irritation.

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

**Skin sensitisation** May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Resins of this type, liquid resins based on BisPhenolA/Epichlorohydrin (Epoxy Resin), have proved to be inactive when tested by in vivo mutagenicity assays.

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

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

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Aspiration hazard** Due to the high viscosity the product is not an aspiration hazard.

**Mixture versus substance information** No information available.

**Other information** Not available.

**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1. Toxicity** Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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| <b>12.2. Persistence and degradability</b>             | No data is available on the degradability of this product. |
| <b>12.3. Bioaccumulative potential</b>                 | No data available on bioaccumulation.                      |
| <b>Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log Kow)</b> | Not available.   |
| <b>Bioconcentration factor (BCF)</b>                   | Not available.   |
| <b>12.4. Mobility in soil</b>                          | No data available.   |
| <b>12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment</b>        | Not a PBT or vPvB substance or mixture.                    |
| <b>12.6. Other adverse effects</b>                     | None known.  |

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

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| <b>Residual waste</b>               | Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).   |
| <b>Contaminated packaging</b>       | Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.   |
| <b>EU waste code</b>                | The Waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.   |
| <b>Disposal methods/information</b> | Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. |
| <b>Special precautions</b>          | Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.   |

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### ADR

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| <b>14.1. UN number</b>                    | UN3082   |
| <b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b>      | Environmentally hazardous substances, liquid, n.o.s. (Reaction product: bisphenol-A-(epichlorhydrin); epoxy resin (number average molecular weight ≤ 700)) |
| <b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b>   |  |
| <b>Class</b>                              | 9  |
| <b>Subsidiary risk</b>                    | -  |
| <b>Label(s)</b>                           | 9  |
| <b>Hazard No. (ADR)</b>                   | Not available.   |
| <b>Tunnel restriction code</b>            | Not available.   |
| <b>14.4. Packing group</b>                | III  |
| <b>14.5. Environmental hazards</b>        | Yes  |
| <b>14.6. Special precautions for user</b> | Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.  |

### RID

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| <b>14.1. UN number</b>                    | UN3082   |
| <b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b>      | Environmentally hazardous substances, liquid, n.o.s. (Reaction product: bisphenol-A-(epichlorhydrin); epoxy resin (number average molecular weight ≤ 700)) |
| <b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b>   |  |
| <b>Class</b>                              | 9  |
| <b>Subsidiary risk</b>                    | -  |
| <b>Label(s)</b>                           | 9  |
| <b>14.4. Packing group</b>                | III  |
| <b>14.5. Environmental hazards</b>        | Yes  |
| <b>14.6. Special precautions for user</b> | Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.  |

### ADN

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| <b>14.1. UN number</b>                  | UN3082   |
| <b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b>    | Environmentally hazardous substances, liquid, n.o.s. (Reaction product: bisphenol-A-(epichlorhydrin); epoxy resin (number average molecular weight ≤ 700)) |
| <b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b> |  |
| <b>Class</b>                            | 9  |
| <b>Subsidiary risk</b>                  | -  |
| <b>Label(s)</b>                         | 9  |
| <b>14.4. Packing group</b>              | III  |

- 14.5. Environmental hazards Yes  
14.6. Special precautions for user Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

#### IATA

- 14.1. UN number UN3082  
14.2. UN proper shipping name Environmentally hazardous substances, liquid, n.o.s. (Reaction product: bisphenol-A-(epichlorhydrin); epoxy resin (number average molecular weight ≤ 700), Yes)  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)  
Class 9  
Subsidiary risk -  
Label(s) 9  
14.4. Packing group III  
14.5. Environmental hazards Yes  
14.6. Special precautions for user Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

#### IMDG

- 14.1. UN number UN3082  
14.2. UN proper shipping name Environmentally hazardous substances, liquid, n.o.s. (Reaction product: bisphenol-A-(epichlorhydrin); epoxy resin (number average molecular weight ≤ 700))  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)  
Class 9  
Subsidiary risk -  
Label(s) 9  
14.4. Packing group III  
14.5. Environmental hazards  
Marine pollutant Yes  
EmS Not available.  
14.6. Special precautions for user Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

- 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code Not applicable.

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

#### EU regulations

- Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer, Annex I and II, as amended  
Not listed.  
Regulation (EC) No. 850/2004 On persistent organic pollutants, Annex I as amended  
Not listed.  
Regulation (EU) No. 649/2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, Annex I, Part 1 as amended  
Not listed.  
Regulation (EU) No. 649/2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, Annex I, Part 2 as amended  
Not listed.  
Regulation (EU) No. 649/2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, Annex I, Part 3 as amended  
Not listed.  
Regulation (EU) No. 649/2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, Annex V as amended  
Not listed.  
Regulation (EC) No. 166/2006 Annex II Pollutant Release and Transfer Registry, as amended  
Not listed.  
Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, REACH Article 59(10) Candidate List as currently published by ECHA  
Not listed.

#### Authorisations

- Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, REACH Annex XIV Substances subject to authorization, as amended  
Not listed.

#### Restrictions on use

- Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, REACH Annex XVII Substances subject to restriction on marketing and use as amended  
Not listed.  
Directive 2004/37/EC: on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens and mutagens at work, as amended  
Not listed.

**Directive 92/85/EEC: on the safety and health of pregnant workers and workers who have recently given birth or are breastfeeding, as amended**

Not listed.

#### **Other EU regulations**

**Directive 2012/18/EU on major accident hazards involving dangerous substances, as amended**

Reaction product: bisphenol-A-(epichlorhydrin); epoxy resin (number average molecular weight  $\leq$  700) (CAS 25068-38-6)

**Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work, as amended**

Oxirane, Mono[(C12-14-alkyloxy)methyl] derivs (CAS 68609-97-2)

Reaction product: bisphenol-A-(epichlorhydrin); epoxy resin (number average molecular weight  $\leq$  700) (CAS 25068-38-6)

**Directive 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work, as amended**

Oxirane, Mono[(C12-14-alkyloxy)methyl] derivs (CAS 68609-97-2)

Reaction product: bisphenol-A-(epichlorhydrin); epoxy resin (number average molecular weight  $\leq$  700) (CAS 25068-38-6)

#### **Other regulations**

The product is classified and labelled in accordance with EC directives or respective national laws. This Safety Data Sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, as amended.

#### **National regulations**

Follow national regulation for work with chemical agents. Young people under 18 years old are not allowed to work with this product according to EU Directive 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work, as amended.

#### **15.2. Chemical safety assessment**

No Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out.

### **SECTION 16: Other information**

#### **List of abbreviations**

Not available.

#### **References**

Not available.

#### **Information on evaluation method leading to the classification of mixture**

The classification for health and environmental hazards is derived by a combination of calculation methods and test data, if available.

#### **Full text of any H-statements not written out in full under Sections 2 to 15**

H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

#### **Training information**

Follow training instructions when handling this material.

#### **Disclaimer**

The information in the sheet was written based on the best knowledge and experience currently available.