

OPTIGEL-WX

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Product name : OPTIGEL-WX
Product code : 000000000000150457

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Use of the Substance/Mixture : Rheology Additive

Section 2: Hazard identification**GHS Classification**

Carcinogenicity : Category 1

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H350 May cause cancer.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection/ hearing protection.

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Response:

P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

Storage:

P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Other hazards which do not result in classification

None known.

Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance / Mixture : Mixture
Chemical nature : Modified activated phyllosilicate

Components

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Quartz (SiO ₂)	14808-60-7	>= 0.5 -< 1

Section 4: First-aid measures

General advice : Move out of dangerous area.
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Do not leave the victim unattended.

If inhaled : If unconscious, place in recovery position and seek medical advice.
If symptoms persist, call a physician.

In case of skin contact : Wash off with soap and plenty of water.
If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

In case of eye contact : Flush eyes with water as a precaution.
Remove contact lenses.
Protect unharmed eye.
Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist.

If swallowed : Induce vomiting immediately and call a physician.
Keep respiratory tract clear.
Do not give milk or alcoholic beverages.
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
If symptoms persist, call a physician.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : No information available.
May cause cancer.

Notes to physician : No information available.

Section 5: Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media : Water mist

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		Foam Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) Dry chemical
Unsuitable extinguishing media	:	High volume water jet
Hazardous combustion products	:	The product itself does not burn.
Specific extinguishing methods	:	Standard procedure for chemical fires. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Special protective equipment for firefighters	:	Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

Section 6: Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	:	Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust.
Environmental precautions	:	Prevent product from entering drains. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. If the product contaminates rivers and lakes or drains inform respective authorities.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	:	Neutralise with acid. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

Section 7: Handling and storage

Advice on protection against fire and explosion	:	Avoid dust formation. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
Advice on safe handling	:	Avoid spillage on floor as the product can become very slippery when wet. Avoid formation of respirable particles. Do not breathe vapours/dust. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. For personal protection see section 8. Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area. Dispose of rinse water in accordance with local and national regulations.
Hygiene measures	:	When using do not eat or drink. When using do not smoke. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.
Conditions for safe storage	:	Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Observe label precautions.

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Further information on storage stability : Electrical installations / working materials must comply with the technological safety standards.
: Keep in a dry place.
No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.

Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Quartz (SiO ₂)	14808-60-7	WES-TWA (Respirable dust)	0.025 mg/m ³	NZ OEL
Further information: Confirmed carcinogen				
Quartz (SiO ₂)		TWA (Respirable particulate matter)	0.025 mg/m ³ (Silica)	ACGIH

Engineering measures : As a rule, at least 10 air changes per hour are recommended at the workplace.

Personal protective equipment

Filter type : Filter type P
Respiratory protection : In the case of dust or aerosol formation use respirator with an approved filter.
Dust safety masks are recommended when the dust concentration is more than 10 mg/m³.

Hand protection

Remarks : Wear suitable gloves.
Eye protection : Eye wash bottle with pure water
Tightly fitting safety goggles
Skin and body protection : Dust impervious protective suit
Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

Appearance : powder
Colour : off-white
Odour : odourless
Odour Threshold : Not applicable
pH : 10.3 (23 °C)
Concentration: 2 %
Melting point/ range : Not applicable
Initial boiling point : Not applicable

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Flash point	:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate	:	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	Not expected to form explosive dust-air mixtures. Will not burn
Burning number	:	1
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	Not applicable
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	Not applicable
Vapour pressure	:	Not applicable
Relative vapour density	:	Not applicable
Relative density	:	No data available
Bulk density	:	500 - 800 kg/m ³ (20 °C)
Solubility(ies)		
Water solubility	:	partly soluble
Solubility in other solvents	:	No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	:	Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	:	Not applicable
Viscosity		
Viscosity, dynamic	:	Not applicable
Minimum explosible dust concentration	:	Not applicable
Dust explosion class	:	Not dust explosive
Minimum ignition energy	:	Not applicable

Section 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	:	No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.
Chemical stability	:	No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	:	No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.
Conditions to avoid	:	No data available
Incompatible materials	:	None known.
Hazardous decomposition products	:	No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.

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Section 11: Toxicological information

Acute toxicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

Product:

Acute oral toxicity : Remarks: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Not classified due to lack of data.

Product:

Remarks : No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Not classified due to lack of data.

Product:

Remarks : No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Skin sensitisation

Not classified due to lack of data.

Respiratory sensitisation

Not classified due to lack of data.

Product:

Remarks : No data available

Chronic toxicity

Germ cell mutagenicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

Product:

Genotoxicity in vitro : Remarks: No data available

Genotoxicity in vivo : Result: No data available

Carcinogenicity

May cause cancer.

Product:

Remarks : No data available

Reproductive toxicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

Product:

Effects on fertility : Remarks: No data available

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Effects on foetal development : Remarks: No data available

STOT - single exposure

Not classified due to lack of data.

Product:

Remarks : No data available

STOT - repeated exposure

Not classified due to lack of data.

Product:

Remarks : No data available

Repeated dose toxicity**Product:**

Remarks : No data available

Aspiration toxicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

Product:

No data available

Further information**Product:**

Remarks : No data available

Section 12: Ecological information**Ecotoxicity****Product:**

Toxicity to fish : Remarks: No data available

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : Remarks: No data available

Persistence and degradability**Product:**

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

Bioaccumulative potential**Product:**

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: No data available

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Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects**Product:**

Additional ecological information : No data available

Section 13: Disposal considerations**Disposal methods**

Waste from residues : Do not dispose of waste into sewer.
Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container.
Send to a licensed waste management company.

Contaminated packaging : Empty remaining contents.
Dispose of as unused product.
Do not re-use empty containers.

Section 14: Transport information**International Regulations****UNRTDG**

UN number : Not applicable
Proper shipping name : Not applicable
Class : Not applicable
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable
Packing group : Not applicable
Labels : Not applicable
Environmentally hazardous : no

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : Not applicable
Proper shipping name : Not applicable
Class : Not applicable
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable
Packing group : Not applicable
Labels : Not applicable
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : Not applicable
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : Not applicable

IMDG-Code

UN number : Not applicable
Proper shipping name : Not applicable
Class : Not applicable
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable
Packing group : Not applicable
Labels : Not applicable
EmS Code : Not applicable
Marine pollutant : Not applicable

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable for product as supplied.

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National Regulations**NZS 5433**

UN number : Not applicable
Proper shipping name : Not applicable
Class : Not applicable
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable
Packing group : Not applicable
Labels : Not applicable
Hazchem Code : Not applicable

Special precautions for user

Not applicable

Section 15: Regulatory information**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****HSNO Approval Number**

HSR002512 Additives Process Chemicals and Raw Materials Carcinogenic Group Standard

Tolerable Exposure Limits (TEL)

Not applicable

Environmental Exposure Limits (EEL)

Not applicable

HSW Controls

Certified handler certificate not required.

Tracking hazardous substance not required.

Refer to the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017, for further information.

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Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH : USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
NZ OEL : New Zealand. Workplace Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants

ACGIH / TWA : 8-hour, time-weighted average
NZ OEL / WES-TWA : Workplace Exposure Standard - Time Weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ANTT - National Agency for Transport by Land of Brazil; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and

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Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MERCOSUR - The Agreement for the Facilitation of the Transport of Dangerous Goods; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; Nch - Chilean Norm; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NOM - Official Mexican Norm; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative; WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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