

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 453/2010

NATIONAL® BENTONITE - Hi-Gel

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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

Product Identifier**Product Name** NATIONAL® BENTONITE - Hi-Gel**Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against****Recommended Use** Additive**Uses Advised Against** No information available**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture**REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008**

Carcinogenicity	Category 1A - (H350)
Specific Target Organ Toxicity - (Repeated Exposure)	Category 1 - (H372)

Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

For the full text of the R-phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification Crystalline silica is not classified as a carcinogen in EU Council Directives 67/548/EEC and 88/379/EEC.

Risk Phrases None

Label Elements

Hazard Pictograms



Signal Word Danger

Hazard Statements

H350i - May cause cancer by inhalation

H372 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

Contains

Substances

Crystalline silica, cristobalite

Crystalline silica, tridymite

Bentonite

Crystalline silica, quartz

CAS Number

14464-46-1

15468-32-3

1302-78-9

14808-60-7

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

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use

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

Other Hazards

None known

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances	EINECS	CAS Number	PERCENT	EEC Classification	EU - CLP Substance Classification	REACH No.
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	238-455-4	14464-46-1	0 - 1%	Not applicable	Carc. 1A (H350i) STOT RE 1 (H372)	No data available
Crystalline silica, tridymite	239-487-1	15468-32-3	0 - 1%	Not applicable	Carc. 1A (H350i) STOT RE 1 (H372)	No data available
Bentonite	215-108-5	1302-78-9	60 - 100%	Not applicable	Not applicable	No data available
Crystalline silica, quartz	238-878-4	14808-60-7	1 - 5%	Not applicable	Carc. 1A (H350i) STOT RE 1 (H372)	No data available

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

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Inhalation	If inhaled, remove from area to fresh air. Get medical attention if respiratory irritation develops or if breathing becomes difficult.
Eyes	In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and get medical attention if irritation persists.
Skin	Wash with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation persists.
Ingestion	Under normal conditions, first aid procedures are not required.

Most Important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

May cause eye irritation.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically
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5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media**Suitable Extinguishing Media**

All standard fire fighting media

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

None known.

Special hazards arising from the substance of mixture**Special Exposure Hazards**

Not applicable.

Advice for firefighters**Special Protective Equipment for Fire-Fighters**

Not applicable.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use appropriate protective equipment. Avoid creating and breathing dust.

See Section 12 for additional information

Environmental precautions

None known.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Collect using dustless method and hold for appropriate disposal. Consider possible toxic or fire hazards associated with contaminating substances and use appropriate methods for collection, storage and disposal.

Reference to other sections

See Section 12 for additional information.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

This product contains quartz, cristobalite, and/or tridymite which may become airborne without a visible cloud. Avoid breathing dust. Avoid creating dusty conditions. Use only with adequate ventilation to keep exposure below recommended exposure limits. Wear a NIOSH certified, European Standard En 149, or equivalent respirator when using this product. Material is slippery when wet.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Use good housekeeping in storage and work areas to prevent accumulation of dust. Close container when not in use. Do not reuse empty container.

Specific End Use(s)**Exposure Scenario**

No information available

Other Guidelines

No information available

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control parameters

Substances	EU	UK OEL	Netherlands	France OEL	Germany MAK/TRK
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	Not applicable	0.1 mg/m ³	0,075 mg/m ³	0.05 mg/m ³	0,15 mg/m ³
Crystalline silica, tridymite	Not applicable	0.1 mg/m ³	0,075 mg/m ³	0.05 mg/m ³	Not applicable
Bentonite	Not applicable	10 mg/m ³	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Crystalline silica, quartz	Not applicable	0.1 mg/m ³	0,075 mg/m ³	0.1 mg/m ³	0,15 mg/m ³

Substances	Italy	Poland	Hungary	Czech Republic	Denmark
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	Not applicable	2 mg/m ³	0.15 mg/m ³	0.1 mg/m ³	Not applicable
Crystalline silica, tridymite	Not applicable	2 mg/m ³	0.15 mg/m ³	0.1 mg/m ³	Not applicable
Bentonite	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	6.0 mg/m ³	Not applicable
Crystalline silica, quartz	Not applicable	2 mg/m ³	0.15 mg/m ³	Not applicable	Not applicable

Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) No information available.

Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC) No information available.

Exposure controls

Engineering Controls

Use approved industrial ventilation and local exhaust as required to maintain exposures below applicable exposure limits listed in Section 2.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory Protection

Not normally needed. But if significant exposures are possible then the following respirator is recommended:

Dust/mist respirator. (N95, P2/P3)

Hand Protection

Normal work gloves.

Skin Protection

Wear clothing appropriate for the work environment. Dusty clothing should be laundered before reuse. Use precautionary measures to avoid creating dust when removing or laundering clothing.

Eye Protection

Wear safety glasses or goggles to protect against exposure.

Other Precautions

None known.

Environmental Exposure Controls No information available

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State: Solid

Color: Various

Odor: Odorless

Odor Threshold: No information available

Property
Remarks/ Method

Values

pH:

9.9

Melting Point/Range

No data available

Freezing Point/Range (C):

No data available

Boiling Point/Range

No data available

Flash Point

No data available

Evaporation rate

No data available

Vapor Pressure

No data available

Vapor Density

No data available

Specific Gravity

2.65

Water Solubility

Insoluble in water

Solubility in other solvents

No data available

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water

No data available

Autoignition Temperature

No data available

Decomposition Temperature

No data available

Viscosity

No data available

Explosive Properties

No information available

Oxidizing Properties

No information available

Other information

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

VOC Content (%)

No data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

Not applicable

Chemical Stability

Stable

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Will Not Occur

Conditions to Avoid

None anticipated

Incompatible Materials

Hydrofluoric acid.

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Amorphous silica may transform at elevated temperatures to tridymite (870 C) or cristobalite (1470 C).

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on Toxicological Effects

Acute Toxicity

Inhalation

Inhaled crystalline silica in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (IARC, Group 1). There is sufficient evidence in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of tridymite (IARC, Group 2A).

Breathing silica dust may cause irritation of the nose, throat, and respiratory passages. Breathing silica dust may not cause noticeable injury or illness even though permanent lung damage may be occurring. Inhalation of dust may also have serious chronic health effects (See "Chronic Effects/Carcinogenicity" subsection below).

Eye Contact Skin Contact Ingestion

May cause eye irritation.
May cause mechanical skin irritation.
None known

Chronic Effects/Carcinogenicity

Silicosis: Excessive inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust may cause a progressive, disabling, and sometimes-fatal lung disease called silicosis. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, non-specific chest illness, and reduced pulmonary function. This disease is exacerbated by smoking. Individuals with silicosis are predisposed to develop tuberculosis.

Cancer Status: The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources can cause lung cancer in humans (Group 1 - carcinogenic to humans) and has determined that there is sufficient evidence in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of tridymite (Group 2A - possible carcinogen to humans). Refer to IARC Monograph 68, Silica, Some Silicates and Organic Fibres (June 1997) in conjunction with the use of these minerals. The National Toxicology Program classifies respirable crystalline silica as "Known to be a human carcinogen". Refer to the 9th Report on Carcinogens (2000). The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) classifies crystalline silica, quartz, as a suspected human carcinogen (A2).

There is some evidence that breathing respirable crystalline silica or the disease silicosis is associated with an increased incidence of significant disease endpoints such as scleroderma (an immune system disorder manifested by scarring of the lungs, skin, and other internal organs) and kidney disease.

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Substances	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	No data available	No data available	No data available
Crystalline silica, tridymite	No data available	No data available	No data available
Bentonite	No data available	No data available	No data available
Crystalline silica, quartz	No data available	No data available	No data available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity Ecotoxicity Effects

Substances	Toxicity to Algae	Toxicity to Fish	Toxicity to Microorganisms	Daphnia Magna (Water Flea)
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available
Crystalline silica, tridymite	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available
Bentonite	No information available	TLM96: 10000 ppm (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	No information available	No information available
Crystalline silica, quartz	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available

Persistence and degradability

The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative potential

No information available

Mobility in soil

No information available

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No information available.

Other adverse effects

Endocrine Disruptor Information

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Disposal Method

Bury in a licensed landfill according to federal, state, and local regulations.

Contaminated Packaging

Follow all applicable national or local regulations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

IMDG/IMO

UN Number: Not restricted.
UN Proper Shipping Name: Not restricted
Transport Hazard Class(es): Not applicable

RID

UN Number: Not restricted.
UN Proper Shipping Name: Not restricted
Transport Hazard Class(es): Not applicable

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**ADR**

UN Number: Not restricted.
UN Proper Shipping Name: Not restricted
Transport Hazard Class(es): Not applicable

IATA/ICAO

UN Number: Not restricted.
UN Proper Shipping Name: Not restricted
Transport Hazard Class(es): Not applicable

Special Precautions for User None

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****International Inventories**

EINECS Inventory This product, and all its components, complies with EINECS
US TSCA Inventory All components listed on inventory or are exempt.
Canadian DSL Inventory All components listed on inventory or are exempt.

Legend

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

DSL/NDL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

Germany, Water Endangering Classes (WGK) WGK 0: Generally not water endangering.

Chemical Safety Assessment

No information available

16. OTHER INFORMATION**Full text of R-phrases referred to under Sections 2 and 3**

None

Key literature references and sources for data

www.ChemADVISOR.com/

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