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# **Westpine MDF**

### **SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION**

Product Identifier Westpine MDF

Other Means of Identification Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF)

Other Identification Westpine MDF, various grades

**Recommended Use** The product is used for furniture, cabinetry, flooring, and millwork. MDF is manufactured from

ligno-cellulosic fibres (wood matter) bonded together with a no-added formaldehyde containing binder - polymeric MDI - (4,4'-methylenediphenyl diisocyanate (MDI)).

Note the hazards are determined based on wood dust (softwood) generated as a result of cutting, sanding or disturbing the product. The amount of polymeric MDI present in the final

product is insignificant and below reporting thresholds.

Manufacturer / Supplier

West Fraser WestPine, 300 Carradice Road, Quesnel, BC, V2J 5Z7

Other Contact Information

West Fraser Ranger Board, Box 6, Blue Ridge, Alberta, T0E 0B0

Emergency Phone No. West Fraser (Name not available), 1-604-895-2700 (fax: 1-604-681-6061)

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

### **GHS Classification**

Skin corrosion/irritation - Category 2; Serious eye damage/eye irritation - Category 2A; Carcinogenicity - Category 1; Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) - Category 3; Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) - Category 1

OSHA Defined Hazards: Combustible dust

# **GHS Label Elements**





Signal Word:

Danger

Hazard Statement(s):

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation. H350 May cause cancer if inhaled.

H372 Causes damage to organs (respiratory system, lungs) through prolonged or repeated exposure if

inhaled.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary Statement(s):

Prevention:

P260 Do not breathe dust.

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P284 Wear respiratory protection (NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with N100, R100, or P100 filter).

P264 Wash hands and skin thoroughly after handling.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P272 Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.

P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

Response:

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

P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P321 Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instruction on this label).

P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.

P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

Disposal:

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

#### Other Hazards

May form combustible dust concentrations in the air.

Note: The hazards of wood products pertains to the dust created or generated by the processing or disturbance (cutting, sanding) of the raw product.

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

#### Mixture:

Chemical Name	CAS No.	%	Other Identifiers
softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species	Not available	100	Wood dust (ligno-cellulosic materials)

### Notes

Concentration of ingredients is presented according to WHMIS. Other compounds present in MDF is polymeric MDI (insignificant concentration in the final product) which is used to bond wood fibre together. Westpine MDF is CARB compliant for NAF (complies with CCR 93120).

The hazards presented for MDF products pertain to wood dust from softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species. No CAS Number is available.

Concentrations are expressed in % weight/weight.

N.Av. = Not Available

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

#### **First-aid Measures**

#### Inhalation

Inhalation information pertains to wood dust. Remove source of exposure or move to fresh air. Keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms (e.g. coughing, shortness of breath, wheezing), get medical attention. Take precautions to ensure your own safety before attempting rescue (e.g. wear appropriate protective equipment).

### **Skin Contact**

Wash gently and thoroughly with lukewarm, gently flowing water and mild soap for 5 to 10 minutes. If skin irritation or a rash occurs, get medical advice/attention. Clean clothing, shoes and leather goods.

# **Eye Contact**

Rinse the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 to 10 minutes, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. If eye irritation persists, get medical advice/attention.

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#### Ingestion

Rinse mouth with water. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell or are concerned.

#### **First-aid Comments**

Provide general supportive measures (comfort, warmth, rest). If exposed or concerned, get medical advice/attention.

### Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Information pertains to wood dust. Can irritate the nose and throat. Can cause lung injury. Symptoms may include coughing, shortness of breath, difficult breathing and tightness in the chest. May cause asthma or an asthma-like reaction in some people. Repeated or prolonged exposure can irritate the skin. May cause an allergic skin reaction in some people.

#### **Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment**

### **Target Organs**

Eyes, skin and respiratory system.

### **Special Instructions**

Not available based on the literature reviewed.

### **Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure**

No information on the pure product is available based on the literature reviewed. Information based on the ingredients indicate pre-existing skin and respiratory conditions.

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

# **Extinguishing Media**

#### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Wood dust is combustible. Use extinguishing agent suitable for surrounding fire (Class A):

Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, appropriate foam, water spray or fog.

### **Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**

None known.

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Combustible dust. May form combustible dust concentration in air.

Hazardous and thermal combustion products include: carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, soot, and toxic and irritating fumes and gases, such as aldehydes, organic acids and polynuclear aromatic compounds.

#### Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-fighters

Evacuate area. Fight fire from a safe distance or a protected location. Approach fire from upwind to avoid hazardous vapours or gases.

Dust explosion hazard. Use water spray or fog to prevent dust formation and minimize risk of explosion.

If entry into area is required wear positive pressure SCBA and full Bunker Gear.

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

### Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment, and Emergency Procedures

Information is based on wood dust.

For release of large quantities of dust: evacuate the immediate area. Isolate the hazard area. Keep out unnecessary and unprotected personnel. Use the personal protective equipment recommended in Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Before entry, especially into confined areas, spray water or use a water mister to reduce dust to a minimum. Remove or isolate incompatible materials, ignition sources as well as other hazardous materials.

### **Environmental Precautions**

Although none specifically required for wood dusts: it is good practice to prevent releases into the environment. If a large quantity of dust is inside a building, prevent it from entering drains, ventilation systems and confined areas.

#### Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

Based on wood dust: Review Section 7 (Handling) of this safety data sheet before proceeding with clean-up. Avoid dust generation as wood dust is combustible. Apply water to dust before cleaning up. Avoid dry sweeping or using

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pneumatic powered air hoses to blow away dust. A HEPA vacuum (explosion proof) may be used. Place dust into suitable, covered, labeled containers for disposal.

#### Other Information

Report large dust releases into the environment to local health, safety and environmental authorities, as required. Dispose dust in accordance with municipal, province/state, and federal requirements.

# **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **Precautions for Safe Handling**

No special handling procedures are required for the undisturbed product.

The following information is based on wood dust; avoid generating dusts.

Avoid breathing in dust and prevent skin contact (repeated or prolonged skin contact). Do not get dust in eyes. Wear personal protective equipment to avoid direct contact with the dust.

General hygiene considerations: do NOT smoke in work areas. Do NOT eat, drink or store food in work areas. Wash hands thoroughly after handling this product and before eating, using the washroom or leaving work area.

# **Conditions for Safe Storage**

Store in an area that is cool and dry and separate from incompatible materials such as sources of ignition (see Section 10: Stability and Reactivity). Protect from conditions listed in Conditions to Avoid in Section 10 (Stability and Reactivity). Follow all precautions given on this safety data sheet.

Comply with all applicable health and safety regulations, fire and building codes.

# **SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

#### **Control Parameters**

	ACGIH®	ACGIH® TLV®		OSHA PEL		NIOSH REL	
Chemical Name	TWA	STEL [C]	TWA	STEL	TWA	STEL	
softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species	1.0 mg/m3 (I) A4		15 mg/m3		1.0 mg/m3		

The OSHA PEL of 15 mg/m³ is for total dust (particulates not otherwise classified (PNOC)) and has a TWA exposure limit of 5 mg/m³ for the respirable fraction.

Allergenic and non-allergenic softwood species have an IARC 1 notation (Carcinogenic to Humans).

All softwood dusts have an ACGIH A4 notation (Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen).

The product may be hazardous if disturbed to create dust (e.g. sanding, cutting). Exposure controls are recommended based on wood dust of softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species.

Consult local authorities for provincial or state exposure limits. ACGIH® = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. TLV® = Threshold Limit Value. TWA = Time-Weighted Average. STEL = Short-term Exposure Limit. C = Ceiling limit. OSHA = US Occupational Safety and Health Administration. PEL = Permissible Exposure Limits. I = Inhalable fraction. A4 = Not classifiable as a human carcinogen. NIOSH = National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. REL = Recommended Exposure Limit.

#### Appropriate Engineering Controls

For large scale use of this product (industrial manufacturing):

Engineering methods to control hazardous conditions (dust) are preferred. Methods include mechanical ventilation (dilution and local exhaust), process or personnel enclosure, control of process conditions, and process modification (e.g. substitution of a less hazardous material).

Do not allow dust from the product to accumulate in the air in work or storage areas, or in confined spaces. Exhaust dust directly to the outside through explosion proof ducting / ventilation systems, taking any necessary precautions for environmental protection.

If engineering controls, administrative controls and work practices are not effective in controlling exposure to dust from this product, then wear suitable personal protective equipment including approved respiratory protection.

# **Individual Protection Measures**

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#### **Eye/Face Protection**

Not required if product is used as directed. Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles if dusty conditions exist depending on the work environment.

#### **Skin Protection**

Wear gloves when handling product as directed. Based on wood dust: wear protective clothing and gloves (e.g., cotton coveralls and leather / cotton gloves) depending on the work environment.

### **Respiratory Protection**

Respirators are not normally required if the product is used with minimal disturbance and minimal dust is generated. The following respirator requirements are recommended for dusty conditions.

If the product is disturbed (e.g., cutting, sanding): wear a minimum half facepiece respirator with P100 cartridges for protection against wood dusts and their applicable exposure standards. Wear a half facepiece respirator for protection up to 10 times the exposure standard and a tight fitting full facepiece respirator for protection up to 50 times the exposure standard.

Recommendations apply only to NIOSH approved respirators.

Consult an Industrial Hygienist for respirator decisions depending on work environment.

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

# **Basic Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Appearance** Light brown - yellow.

Odour Not available
Odour Threshold Not available
pH Not applicable

Melting Point/Freezing Point Not applicable (melting); Not applicable (freezing)

Initial Boiling Point/Range

Flash Point

Evaporation Rate

Flammability (solid, gas)

Vapour Pressure

Vapour Density (air = 1)

Not applicable

Not applicable

Not applicable

Relative Density (water = 1) < 1

**Solubility** Insoluble in water; Not available (in other liquids)

Partition Coefficient, Not applicable

n-Octanol/Water (Log Kow)

**Auto-ignition Temperature** 204 - 260 °C (399 - 500 °F)

**Decomposition Temperature** Not available

Viscosity Not applicable (kinematic); Not applicable (dynamic)

Other Information

Physical State Solid

Molecular FormulaNot availableMolecular WeightNot availableCritical TemperatureNot available

Other Physical Property 1 Lower Explosive Limit: 40 g/m³ (wood dust); Upper Explosive Limit: Variable

(wood dust)

Other Physical Property 2 The autoignition temperature, LEL and UEL for wood dust vary with exact

composition, particle size, moisture level, rate of heating and dust concentration.

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

#### Reactivity

No information is available for the pure product based on the literature reviewed. Ingredients with information available is presented:

Softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species: Not reactive under normal conditions of use. Reactive with oxidizing materials. Combustible in the presence of open flames, sparks and static discharge.

See Incompatible Materials for a list of chemical reactions that cold occur with other materials.

# **Chemical Stability**

No information is available for the pure product based on the literature reviewed. Ingredients with information available is presented:

Softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species: Normally stable. Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous polymerization will not occur.

### **Possibility of Hazardous Reactions**

No information is available for the pure product based on the literature reviewed. Ingredients with information available is presented:

Softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species: None expected under normal conditions of storage and use.

#### **Conditions to Avoid**

No information is available for the pure product based on the literature reviewed. Ingredients with information available is presented:

Softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species: Generation of dust through cutting, sanding or disturbing the pure product. Open flames, sparks, static discharge, heat and other ignition sources. May form explosive dust-air mixtures. Temperatures above 204.0 °C (399.2 °F)

### **Incompatible Materials**

No information is available for the pure product based on the literature reviewed. Ingredients with information available is presented:

Softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species: Incompatible with oxidizing materials.

Corrosivity to metals: No information is available for the pure product or ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

# **Hazardous Decomposition Products**

No information is available for the pure product based on the literature reviewed. Ingredients with information available is presented:

Softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced. If a fire occurs, hazardous combustion products will be emitted: carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, soot, and toxic and irritating fumes and gases, such as aldehydes, organic acids and polynuclear aromatic compounds.

# **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

The toxicity of wood products pertains to the dust created or generated by the processing or disturbance (cutting, sanding) of the raw product.

### **Likely Routes of Exposure**

Inhalation; skin contact; eye contact.

# **Acute Toxicity**

No information was found in the literature reviewed.

LD50 (oral): > 5,000 mg/kg

No information was found in the literature reviewed.

#### Skin Corrosion/Irritation

No information is available for the pure product based on the literature reviewed. Ingredients with information available is presented:

Softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species - Handling and/or processing this material may generate a dust which can cause irritation of the skin. Potential symptoms include dermatitis.

#### Serious Eye Damage/Irritation

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No information is available for the pure product based on the literature reviewed. Ingredients with information available is presented:

Softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species - Handling and/or processing this material may generate a dust which can cause irritation of the eyes.

# STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Single Exposure

#### Inhalation

No information is available for the pure product based on the literature reviewed. Ingredients with information available is presented:

Softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species - Handling and/or processing this material may generate a dust which can cause respiratory tract irritation, asthma, coughing / wheezing, allergic reactions and sinusitis.

# **Skin Absorption**

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

### Ingestion

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

# **Aspiration Hazard**

Not applicable.

# STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Repeated Exposure

No information is available for the pure product based on the literature reviewed. Ingredients with information available is presented:

Softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species - Repeated inhalation of dust can produce varying degrees of respiratory irritation or lung damage. Chronic exposure to wood dusts can result in dermatitis reactions, asthma, pneumonitis, coughing, changes in nasal mucosa, wheezing, fever and other signs and symptoms associated with chronic bronchitis.

### Respiratory and/or Skin Sensitization

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

### Carcinogenicity

Chemical Name	IARC	ACGIH®	NTP	OSHA
softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species	Group 1	A4	Not Listed	Not Listed

No information is available for the pure product based on the literature reviewed. Ingredients with information available is presented:

Allergenic and non-allergenic softwood species: IARC 1 notation (Carcinogenic to Humans). Wood dusts are a potential nasal cancer. All softwood dusts have an ACGIH A4 notation (Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen).

### Key to Abbreviations

IARC = International Agency for Research on Cancer. Group 1 = Carcinogenic to humans. ACGIH® = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. A4 = Not classifiable as a human carcinogen. NTP = National Toxicology Program. OSHA = US Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

### **Reproductive Toxicity**

#### **Development of Offspring**

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

#### **Sexual Function and Fertility**

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

#### **Effects on or via Lactation**

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

### **Germ Cell Mutagenicity**

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

#### **Interactive Effects**

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

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

Inclusion of Ecological Information on a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is optional under the US Hazard Communication Standard (2012), and the Canadian WHMIS regulations. In other jurisdictions, inclusion of Ecological Information may be a requirement. For specific requirements, contact the relevant regulatory authorities in the jurisdiction where the SDS is intended to be used.

#### **Toxicity**

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

### Persistence and Degradability

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

#### **Bioaccumulative Potential**

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

### **Mobility in Soil**

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

#### **Other Adverse Effects**

No information is available for the pure product or the ingredients based on the literature reviewed.

# **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Disposal Methods**

Store product for disposal as described under Storage in Section 7 of this safety data sheet. Contact local environmental authorities for approved disposal or recycling methods in your jurisdiction.

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

Not regulated under Canadian TDG Regulations. Not regulated under US DOT Regulations. Not regulated under IATA Regulations.

Regulation	UN No.	Proper Shipping Name	Transport Hazard Class(es)	Packing Group
IMO (Marine)	Not regulated			

**Environmental** 

Not applicable

**Hazards** 

**Special Precautions** 

Please note: No information is available based on the literature reviewed.

for User

Transport in Bulk According to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable

**Emergency Response** No information is available for the pure product. **Guide No.** 

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

### Safety, Health and Environmental Regulations

Wood and wood products are exempt from WHMIS reporting requirements and classification and disclosure is voluntary on MSDS. GHS reporting requirements are based on the intended use of the product.

### Canada

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Class D2A; D2B

D2A - Very Toxic (Carcinogenicity); D2B - Toxic (Skin irritant; Eye irritant)

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the SDS contains all of the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

### Domestic Substances List (DSL) / Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)

Not Listed

### **CEPA - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)**

Not Listed

#### **USA**

# **Additional USA Regulatory Lists**

**EPA SARA Title III** 

Section 302 EPCRA Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS): Not applicable

Section 304 CERCLA Hazardous Substances: Not applicable

Section 311/312 Hazard Categorization: Not applicable

Section 313 EPCRA Toxic Substances:

Supplier Notification: This product contains a toxic chemical or chemicals subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of (Title) III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372. MDI reportable quantity is 5000 lb.

Chemical CAS # Percent by Weight

MDI 101-68-8 Non-detectable (<0.004%)

TSCA: All chemicals listed on the TSCA Registry.

OSHA: Considered nuisance dust under Hazard Communication Act (29CFR1910.1200)

RCRA: Not applicable CAA: Not applicable

**US State Notifications & Warnings:** 

California Proposition 65: This product contains constituents known by the State of California to cause cancer (wood dust).

**New Jersey** 

Identification: Right-to-Know Warning: MDI; wood dust

Pennsylvania

Identification: Right-to-Know

Warning: Wood dust

Minnesota

Identification: Right-to-Know Warning: MDI; wood dust

Massachusetts

Identification: Right-to-Know

Warning: MDI

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# **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

NFPA Rating Health - 2 Flammability - 2 Instability - 0

Based on softwood, allergenic and non-allergenic species

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Key to Abbreviations % - Percent

°C – Degrees Celsius °F – Degrees Farenhuit

hr – Hour kg - Kilogram L - Litre

Ppm - parts per million

LC50 – Airborne concentration required to produce 50% mortality in animal test subjects. LD50 – Dose (provided either orally, or dermally) required to produce 50% mortality in animal test subjects.

mg/m3 – milligrams of contaminant per cubic metre of air

mmHg - Millimetres of mercury

N.Ap. – Not applicable N.Av. Not available

ACGIH – American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

CALIFORNIA EPA PROPOSITION 65 - List of Carcinogens and Reproductive Toxins

recognized in California Environmental Protection Agency

CAS No. - Chemical Abstract Society Number

CERCLA - US Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

PEL – Permissible Exposure Level

RCRA - US Resource and Conservation Recovery Act

REL - Recommended Exposure Limit

SARA TITLE III - US Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

TLV - Threshold Limit Value

TSCA - US Toxic Substances Control Act

TWA - Time Weighted Average

UN/NA - United Nations / North American Product Identification Number

WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

AlHA = American Industrial Hygiene Association HSDB® = Hazardous Substances Data Bank

NTP = National Toxicology Program

OSHA = US Occupational Safety and Health Administration RTECS® = Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances

GHS - Global Harmonized System

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# **Disclaimer**

American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. Wood Dusts. 2005. This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria for the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the Global Harmonized System (GHS) and the MSDS / SDS contains all of the information required by the CPR and GHS." At the time of preparation, the information and data contained in this MSDS / SDS are believed to be accurate and have been compiled from sources that are believed to be reliable (e.g., CCOHS CHEMINFO, HSDB, RTECS, DSL/NDSL, ESIS, ECHA, online information).

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