SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Silicon Nitride Whisker

Product Number: All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. SI-N-01-WH

CAS #: 12033-89-5

Relevant identified uses of the substance: Scientific research and development

Supplier details:
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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture
Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
GHS07
STOT SE 3 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.
Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC
Xi; Irritant
R37: Irritating to respiratory system.
Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment:
N/A
Hazards not otherwise classified
No data available
Label elements
Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
The substance is classified and labeled according to the CLP regulation.
Hazard pictograms

GHS07
Signal word
Warning
Hazard statements
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.
Precautionary statements
P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P312 Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/.../if you feel unwell.
P405 Store locked up.
P403+P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
WHMIS classification
Not controlled
Classification system
HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)
(Hazardous Materials Identification System)
HEALTH
FIRE
REACTIVITY
1
0
1
Health (acute effects) = 1
Flammability = 0
Physical Hazard = 1
Other hazards
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT: N/A
vPvB: N/A

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances
CAS No. / Substance Name:
12033-89-5 Silicon(IV) nitride
Identification number(s):
EC number: 234-796-8

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures
If inhaled:
Suppose patient with fresh air. If not breathing, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.
Seek immediate medical advice.
In case of skin contact:
Immediately wash with soap and water; rinse thoroughly.
Seek immediate medical advice.
In case of eye contact:
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Consult a physician.
If swallowed:
Seek medical treatment.
SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media
Suitable extinguishing agents
Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:
  Silicon oxide
  Nitrogen oxides (NOx)
Advice for firefighters
Protective equipment:
  Wear self-contained respirator.
  Wear fully protective impervious suit.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Use personal protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
Ensure adequate ventilation
Environmental precautions:
  Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.
  Do not allow product to enter drains, sewage systems, or other water courses.
  Do not allow material to penetrate the ground or soil.
Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:
  Ensure adequate ventilation.
Prevention of secondary hazards:
  No special measures required.
Reference to other sections
  See Section 7 for information on safe handling
  See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
  See Section 13 for disposal information.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling
  Precautions for safe handling
  Keep container tightly sealed.
  Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.
  Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.
Information about protection against explosions and fires:
  The product is not flammable
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
  Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:
  No special requirements.
Information about storage in one common storage facility:
Store away from oxidizing agents.
Further information about storage conditions:
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.
Specific end use(s)
No data available

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Additional information about design of technical systems:
Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.
Control parameters
Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:
The product does not contain any relevant quantities of materials with critical values that should be monitored at the workplace.
Additional information: No data
Exposure controls
Personal protective equipment
Follow typical protective and hygienic practices for handling chemicals.
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.
Breathing equipment:
Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.
Recommended filter device for short term use:
Use a respirator with type N95 (USA) or PE (EN 143) cartridges as a backup to engineering controls.
Risk assessment should be performed to determine if air-purifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.
Protection of hands: Impervious gloves
Inspect gloves prior to use.
Suitability of gloves should be determined both by material and quality, the latter of which may vary by manufacturer.
Penetration time of glove material (in minutes): No data available
Eye protection: Safety glasses
Body protection: Protective work clothing.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties
Appearance:
Form: Solid in various forms
Color: Pale grey
Odor: Odorless
Odor threshold: No data available.
H: N/A
Melting point/Melting range: 1900 °C (3452 °F) (subl)
Boiling point/Boiling range: No data available
Sublimation temperature / start: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas): No data available.
Ignition temperature: No data available
Decomposition temperature: No data available
Autoignition: No data available.
Danger of explosion: No data available.
Explosion limits:
Lower: No data available
Upper: No data available
Vapor pressure: N/A
Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 3.2 g/cm³ (26.704 lbs/gal)
Relative density: No data available.
Vapor density: N/A
Evaporation rate: N/A
Solubility in Water (H₂O): No data available
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): No data available.
Viscosity:
Dynamic: N/A
Kinematic: N/A
Other information
No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity
No data available
Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:
Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.
Possibility of hazardous reactions
Reacts with strong oxidizing agents
Conditions to avoid
No data available
Incompatible materials:
Oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products:
Silicon oxide
Nitrogen oxides

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity: No effects known.
LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification: No data
Skin irritation or corrosion: May cause irritation
Eye irritation or corrosion: May cause irritation
Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.
Germ cell mutagenicity: No effects known.
Carcinogenicity: No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.
Reproductive toxicity: No effects known.
Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure: No effects known.
Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: May cause respiratory irritation.
Aspiration hazard: No effects known.
Subacute to chronic toxicity: No effects known.
Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity
Aquatic toxicity:
No data available
Persistence and degradability
No data available
Bioaccumulative potential
No data available
Mobility in soil
No data available
Additional ecological information:
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach groundwater, water courses, or sewage systems.
Avoid transfer into the environment.
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT: N/A
vPvB: N/A
Other adverse effects
No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods
Recommendation
Consult official regulations to ensure proper disposal.
Uncleaned packagings:
Recommendation:
Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number
DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA
N/A
UN proper shipping name
DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA
N/A
Transport hazard class(es)
DOT, ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA
Class
N/A
Packing group
DOT, IMDG, IATA
N/A
Environmental hazards:
N/A
Special precautions for user
N/A
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code
N/A
Transport/Additional information:
DOT
Marine Pollutant (DOT):
No

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture National regulations
All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.
All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).
SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)
Substance is not listed.
California Proposition 65
Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer
Substance is not listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity
Substance is not listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female
Substance is not listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male
Substance is not listed.
Information about limitation of use:
For use only by technically qualified individuals.
Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations
Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006. Substance is not listed.
The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed. Substance is not listed.
Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)
Substance is not listed.
REACH - Pre-registered substances
Substance is listed.
Chemical safety assessment:
A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The