# WIA Austarc 16 TC Welding Industries Of Australia

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

#### **Product Identifier**

Product name	WIA Austarc 16 TC	
Chemical Name	Not Applicable	
Synonyms	Product number 16TC25 16TC25M 16TC32 16TC32M 16TC40 16TC50; 16TC60 Welding Industries metal arc-welding flux-coated electrode; W.I.A. MMAW twin coated flux rod basic/low hydrogen type electrode	
Chemical formula	Not Applicable	
Other means of identification	Not Available	

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

Consumable, basic, low hydrogen twin flux coated MMAW electrode for all positions except vertical down. Suitable for welding carbon, carbon-manganese and low alloy high strength steels. Gives superior notch toughness properties and can be used as a buffer layer under hardfacing overlays,

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

Registered company name	Welding Industries Of Australia	
Address	5 Allan Street Melrose Park SA 5039 Australia	
Telephone	61 8 8276 6494	
Fax	1300 301 884	
Website	http://www.welding.com.au	
Email	Not Available	

#### **Emergency telephone number**

Association / Organisation	Welding Industries Of Australia	
Emergency telephone numbers	+61 8 8372 0609 (Business Hours),+61 419 864 812 (After Hours)	
Other emergency telephone numbers	Not Available	

#### **SECTION 2 Hazards identification**

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL. NON-DANGEROUS GOODS. According to the WHS Regulations and the ADG Code.

#### ChemWatch Hazard Ratings

	Min	Max	
Flammability	0	į	
Toxicity	2	- !	
Body Contact	0		0 = Minimum 1 = Low
Reactivity	0	i	2 = Moderate
Chronic	4		3 = High 4 = Extreme

Poisons Schedule	Not Applicable	
Classification [1]	Carcinogenicity Category 1A, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 4	

Legend:

1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI

#### Label elements

Hazard pictogram(s)





Signal word

Danger

#### Hazard statement(s)

H350	May cause cancer.
H332	Harmful if inhaled.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.	
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.	
P280	Wear protective gloves and protective clothing.	
P261	P261 Avoid breathing dust/fumes.	

#### Precautionary statement(s) Response

P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.	
P312	P312 Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider/if you feel unwell.	
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.		

#### Precautionary statement(s) Storage

P501

#### Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation.

#### **SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients**

#### Substances

See section below for composition of Mixtures

#### Mixtures

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
Not Available		metal alloy wire with twin flux coat
Not Available		which upon use generates:
Not Available	>60	welding fumes
Not Available		as
1309-37-1.		iron oxide fume
7439-96-5.		manganese fume
1309-48-4		magnesium oxide fume
69012-64-2		silica welding fumes
16984-48-8		fluoride fume
Not Available		titanium, sodium, potassium }
Not Available		and calcium oxides fume }
Not Available		action of arc on air may generate
10028-15-6		ozone
Not Available		nitrogen oxides

Legend:

1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI; 4. Classification drawn from C&L; \* EU IOELVs available

#### **SECTION 4 First aid measures**

#### Description of first aid measures

Eye Contact	<ul> <li>Particulate bodies from welding spatter may be removed carefully.</li> <li>DO NOT attempt to remove particles attached to or embedded in eye.</li> <li>Lay victim down, on stretcher if available and pad BOTH eyes, make sure dressing does not press on the injured eye by placing thick pads under dressing, above and below the eye.</li> <li>Seek urgent medical assistance, or transport to hospital.</li> </ul>
Skin Contact	If skin or hair contact occurs:  Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).  Seek medical attention in event of irritation.
Inhalation	<ul> <li>If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.</li> <li>Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.</li> <li>Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.</li> <li>Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.</li> <li>Transport to hospital, or doctor.</li> </ul>
Ingestion	Not normally a hazard due to the physical form of product. The material is a physical irritant to the gastro-intestinal tract

#### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Copper, magnesium, aluminium, antimony, iron, manganese, nickel, zinc (and their compounds) in welding, brazing, galvanising or smelting operations all give rise to thermally produced particulates of smaller dimension than may be produced if the metals are divided mechanically. Where insufficient ventilation or respiratory protection is available these particulates may produce "metal fume fever" in workers from an acute or long term exposure.

- Onset occurs in 4-6 hours generally on the evening following exposure. Tolerance develops in workers but may be lost over the weekend. (Monday Morning Fever)
- Pulmonary function tests may indicate reduced lung volumes, small airway obstruction and decreased carbon monoxide diffusing capacity but these abnormalities resolve after several months
- ▶ Although mildly elevated urinary levels of heavy metal may occur they do not correlate with clinical effects.
- ▶ The general approach to treatment is recognition of the disease, supportive care and prevention of exposure.
- Seriously symptomatic patients should receive chest x-rays, have arterial blood gases determined and be observed for the development of tracheobronchitis and pulmonary edema.

[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

#### **SECTION 5 Firefighting measures**

#### **Extinguishing media**

▶ There is no restriction on the type of extinguisher which may be used.

#### Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility  Welding electrodes should not be allowed to come into contact with strong acids or other substances which are corrosive to metals.  Welding arc and metal sparks can ignite combustibles.	
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#### Advice for firefighters

Fire Fighting	Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.  Product is not combustible. No special firefighting procedures required.
Fire/Explosion Hazard	<ul> <li>Non combustible.</li> <li>Not considered to be a significant fire risk, however containers may burn.</li> <li>In a fire may decompose on heating and produce toxic / corrosive fumes.</li> </ul>
HAZCHEM	Not Applicable

#### **SECTION 6 Accidental release measures**

#### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

#### **Environmental precautions**

See section 12

#### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Minor Spills	Clean up all spills immediately. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear impervious gloves and safety glasses. Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. Place spilled material in clean, dry, sealable, labelled container.
Major Spills	Minor hazard.  Clear area of personnel.  Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.  Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment if risk of overexposure exists.  Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.  Contain spill/secure load if safe to do so.  Bundle/collect recoverable product and label for recycling.  Collect remaining product and place in appropriate containers for disposal.  Clean up/sweep up area. Water may be required.  If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

#### **SECTION 7 Handling and storage**

#### Precautions for safe handling

Safe handling	Earth all lines and equipment.  Limit all unnecessary personal contact.  Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.  Use in a well-ventilated area.  Avoid contact with incompatible materials.  When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.  Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.  Avoid physical damage to containers.  Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.  Work clothes should be laundered separately.  Use good occupational work practice.  Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.  Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.
Other information	<ul> <li>Store in original containers.</li> <li>Keep containers securely sealed.</li> <li>Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.</li> <li>Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.</li> <li>Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.</li> <li>Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.</li> </ul>

#### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable container	<ul> <li>Packaging as recommended by manufacturer.</li> <li>Check that containers are clearly labelled</li> <li>Multi-wall paper container NOTE: Bags should be stacked, blocked, interlocked, and limited in height so that they are stable and secure against sliding or collapse.</li> </ul>
Storage incompatibility	Keep dry Welding electrodes should not be allowed to come into contact with strong acids or other substances which are corrosive to metals.

#### **SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection**

#### **Control parameters**

#### Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

#### INGREDIENT DATA

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
Australia Exposure	welding fumes	Welding fumes (not otherwise	5 mg/m3	Not	Not Available	Not

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
Standards		classified)		Available		Available
Australia Exposure Standards	iron oxide fume	Iron oxide fume (Fe2O3) (as Fe)	5 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Australia Exposure Standards	manganese fume	Manganese, fume (as Mn)	1 mg/m3	3 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available
Australia Exposure Standards	magnesium oxide fume	Magnesium oxide (fume)	10 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Australia Exposure Standards	fluoride fume	Fluorides (as F)	2.5 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Australia Exposure Standards	ozone	Ozone	Not Available	Not Available	0.1 ppm / 0.2 mg/m3	Not Available

#### **Emergency Limits**

Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
iron oxide fume	15 mg/m3	360 mg/m3	2,200 mg/m3
manganese fume	3 mg/m3	5 mg/m3	1,800 mg/m3
magnesium oxide fume	30 mg/m3	120 mg/m3	730 mg/m3
silica welding fumes	45 mg/m3	500 mg/m3	3,000 mg/m3
fluoride fume	7.5 mg/m3	83 mg/m3	500 mg/m3
ozone	0.24 ppm	1 ppm	10 ppm

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
welding fumes	Not Available	Not Available
iron oxide fume	2,500 mg/m3	Not Available
manganese fume	500 mg/m3	Not Available
magnesium oxide fume	750 mg/m3	Not Available
silica welding fumes	Not Available	Not Available
fluoride fume	Not Available	Not Available
ozone	5 ppm	Not Available
nitrogen oxides	Not Available	Not Available

#### **Occupational Exposure Banding**

Ingredient	Occupational Exposure Band Rating	Occupational Exposure Band Limit		
nitrogen oxides	E	≤ 0.1 ppm		
Notes:	Occupational exposure banding is a process of assigning chemicals into specific categories or bands based on a chemical's potency and the adverse health outcomes associated with exposure. The output of this process is an occupational exposure band (OEB), which corresponds to a range of exposure concentrations that are expected to protect worker health.			

#### MATERIAL DATA

#### **Exposure controls**

Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection.

The basic types of engineering controls are:

Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.

Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use. Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.

## Appropriate engineering controls

For gas welding and cutting operations the nature of ventilation is determined by the location of the work.

- For outdoor work, natural ventilation is generally sufficient.
- For indoor work, conducted in either open or limited spaces, use mechanical (general exhaust or plenum) ventilation. (Open work spaces exceed 300 cubic metres per welder)
- For work conducted in confined spaces, mechanical ventilation, using local exhaust systems, is required. (In confined spaces always check that oxygen has not been depleted by excessive rusting of steel or snowflake corrosion of aluminium)

Mechanical or local exhaust ventilation may not be required where the process working time does not exceed 24 mins. (in an 8 hr. shift) provided the work is intermittent (a maximum of 5 mins. every hour). Local exhaust systems must be designed to provide a minimum capture velocity at the fume source, away from the worker, of 0.5 metre/sec. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air

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required to effectively remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:

Welding, brazinf fumes (released at relatively low velocity into moderately still air)

0.5-1.0 m/s (100-200 f/min.)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.) for extraction of gases discharged 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

If risk of inhalation or overexposure exists, wear SAA approved respirator or work in fume hood.

#### Personal protection

Eye and face protection









Welding helmet with suitable filter. Welding hand shield with suitable filter.

- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1336 or national equivalent]
- Goggles or other suitable eye protection shall be used during all gas welding or oxygen cutting operations. Spectacles without side shields, with suitable filter lenses are permitted for use during gas welding operations on light work, for torch brazing or for inspection.
- For most open welding/brazing operations, goggles, even with appropriate filters, will not afford sufficient facial protection for operators. Where possible use welding helmets or handshields corresponding to EN 175, ANSI Z49:12005, AS 1336 and AS 1338 which provide the maximum possible facial protection from flying particles and fragments. [WRIA-WTIA Technical Note 7]
- An approved face shield or welding helmet can also have filters for optical radiation protection, and offer additional protection against debris and sparks.
- UV blocking protective spectacles with side shields or welding goggles are considered primary protection, with the face shield or welding helmet considered secondary protection.
- The optical filter in welding goggles, face mask or helmet must be a type which is suitable for the sort of work being done. A filter suitable for gas welding, for instance, should not be used for arc welding.
- Face masks which are self dimming are available for arc welding, MIG, TIG and plasma cutting, and allow better vision before the arc is struck and after it is extinguished.

# Skin protection See Hand protection below Welding Gloves Safety footwear Body protection See Other protection below Overalls Eyewash unit. Aprons, sleeves, shoulder covers, leggings or spats of pliable flame resistant leather or other suitable materials may also be

#### Respiratory protection

Type NO Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Where the concentration of gas/particulates in the breathing zone, approaches or exceeds the "Exposure Standard" (or ES), respiratory protection is required. Degree of protection varies with both face-piece and Class of filter; the nature of protection varies with Type of filter.

required in positions where these areas of the body will encounter hot metal.

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 10 x ES	NO-AUS	-	NO-PAPR-AUS / Class 1
up to 50 x ES	-	NO-AUS / Class 1	-
up to 100 x ES	-	NO-2	NO-PAPR-2 ^

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#### ^ - Full-face

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO2), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH3), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

#### **SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties**

#### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Appearance

Twin flux coated, basic, low hydrogen welding rod. Flux coating coloured grey with bronze tip: imprint 4816. Cold electrodes are odourless. Insoluble in water. Weld metal composition: 0.06%C, 1.2%Mn, 0.4%Si, 0.010%S, 0.015%P, balance Fe. Tensile strength 560MPa; CVN impact values 110J @ -40°C.

Physical state	Manufactured	Relative density (Water = 1)	>4
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	Not Applicable
pH (as supplied)	Not Applicable	Decomposition temperature	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	>1500	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	Not Applicable	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Not Applicable
Flash point (°C)	Not Applicable	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Applicable	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	Not Applicable	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Applicable
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Applicable
Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Applicable	Gas group	Not Available
Solubility in water	Immiscible	pH as a solution (%)	Not Applicable
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Available	VOC g/L	Not Available

#### **SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity**

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	<ul> <li>Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>Product is considered stable.</li> <li>Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

#### **SECTION 11 Toxicological information**

#### Information on toxicological effects

#### Inhaled

Manganese fume is toxic and produces nervous system effects characterised by tiredness. Acute poisoning is rare although acute inflammation of the lungs may occur. A chemical pneumonia may also result from frequent exposure. Inhalation of freshly formed metal oxide particles sized below 1.5 microns and generally between 0.02 to 0.05 microns may result in "metal fume fever". Symptoms may be delayed for up to 12 hours and begin with the sudden onset of thirst, and a sweet, metallic or foul taste in the mouth. Other symptoms include upper respiratory tract irritation accompanied by coughing and a dryness of the mucous membranes, lassitude and a generalised feeling of malaise. Mild to severe headache, nausea, occasional vomiting, fever or chills, exaggerated mental activity, profuse sweating, diarrhoea, excessive urination and prostration may also occur. Tolerance to the fumes develops rapidly, but is quickly lost. All symptoms usually subside within 24-36 hours following removal from exposure. Fluoride vapours and thermally produced particulates (fume) of the calcium, sodium and potassium salts are potent mucous membrane irritants.

Harmful levels of ozone may be found when working in confined spaces. Symptoms of exposure include irritation of the upper

membranes of the respiratory tract and lungs as well as pulmonary (lung) changes including irritation, accumulation of fluid (congestion and oedema) and in some cases haemorrhage. Exposure may aggravate any pre-existing lung condition such as bronchitis, asthma or emphysema.

Shielding gases may act as simple asphyxiants if significant levels are allowed to accumulate. Oxygen monitoring may be necessary.

Effects on lungs are significantly enhanced in the presence of respirable particles. Overexposure to respirable dust may produce wheezing, coughing and breathing difficulties leading to or symptomatic of impaired respiratory function.

The material may produce respiratory tract irritation. Symptoms of pulmonary irritation may include coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea, and a burning sensation.

Unlike most organs, the lung can respond to a chemical insult or a chemical agent, by first removing or neutralising the irritant and then repairing the damage (inflammation of the lungs may be a consequence).

The repair process (which initially developed to protect mammalian lungs from foreign matter and antigens) may, however, cause further damage to the lungs (fibrosis for example) when activated by hazardous chemicals. Often, this results in an impairment of gas exchange, the primary function of the lungs. Therefore prolonged exposure to respiratory irritants may cause sustained breathing difficulties.

#### Ingestion

Not normally a hazard due to physical form of product.

Considered an unlikely route of entry in commercial/industrial environments

#### Skin Contact

Skin contact does **not** normally present a hazard, though it is always possible that occasionally individuals may be found who react to substances usually regarded as inert.

Arc rays can burn skin

#### Eye

Fumes from welding/brazing operations may be irritating to the eyes. Arc rays can injure eyes

### Chronic

Principal route of exposure is inhalation of welding fumes from electrodes and workpiece. Reaction products arising from electrode core and flux appear as welding fume depending on welding conditions, relative volatilities of metal oxides and any coatings on the workpiece. Studies of lung cancer among welders indicate that they may experience a 30-40% increased risk compared to the general population. Since smoking and exposure to other cancer-causing agents, such as asbestos fibre, may influence these results, it is not clear whether welding, in fact, represents a significant lung cancer risk. Whilst mild steel welding represents little risk, the stainless steel welder, exposed to chromium and nickel fume, may be at risk and it is this factor which may account for the overall increase in lung cancer incidence among welders. Cold isolated electrodes are relatively harmless. Welding fume with high levels of ferrous materials may lead to particle deposition in the lungs (siderosis) after long exposure. This clears up when exposure stops. Chronic exposure to iron dusts may lead to eye disorders.

severe disorders of the nervous system, has been reported in welders working on Mn steels in confined spaces.

Ozone is suspected to produce lung cancer in laboratory animals; no reports of this effect have been documented in exposed human populations.

Other welding process exposures can arise from radiant energy UV flash burns, thermal burns or electric shock
The welding arc emits ultraviolet radiation at wavelengths that have the potential to produce skin tumours in animals and in
over-exposed individuals, however, no confirmatory studies of this effect in welders have been reported.

	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
WIA Austarc 16 TC	Not Available	Not Available
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welding fumes	Not Available	Not Available
	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
iron oxide fume	Oral(Rat) LD50; >5000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>	Not Available
	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Inhalation(Rat) LC50; >5.14 mg/l4h <sup>[1]</sup>	Eye (rabbit) 500mg/24H Mild
manganese fume	Oral(Rat) LD50; >2000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>	Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
		Skin (rabbit) 500mg/24H Mild
		Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
magnesium oxide fume	Not Available	Not Available
	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
silica welding fumes	Dermal (rabbit) LD50: >5000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>	Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
	Oral(Rat) LD50; >5000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>	Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>

fluoride fume	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Not Available	Not Available
	тохісіту	IRRITATION
ozone	Inhalation(Rat) LC50; 3.6 ppm4h <sup>[1]</sup>	Eye: adverse effect observed (irreversible damage) <sup>[1]</sup>
		Skin: adverse effect observed (corrosive) <sup>[1]</sup>
	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
nitrogen oxides	Not Available Not Available	
	Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2.* Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS.     Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances	

Most welding is performed using electric arc processes - manual metal arc, metal inert gas (MIG) and tungsten inert gas welding (TIG) – and most welding is on mild steel.

In 2017, an IARC working group has determined that "sufficient evidence exists that welding fume is a human lung carcinogen (Group 1).

A complicating factor in classifying welding fumes is its complexity. Generally, welding fume is a mixture of metal fumes (i.e., iron, manganese, chromium, nickel, silicon, titanium) and gases (i.e., carbon monoxide, ozone, argon, carbon dioxide). Welding fume can contain varying concentrations of individual components that are classified as human carcinogens, including hexavalent chrome and nickel. However the presence of such metals and the intensity of exposure to each differ significantly according to a number of variables, including the type of welding technique used and the composition of the base metal and consumable. Nonetheless, IARC did not differentiate between these variables in its decision.

There has been considerable evidence over several decades regarding cancer risks in relation to welding activities. Several case-control studies reported excess risks of ocular melanoma in welders. This association may be due to the presence in some welding environments of fumes of thorium-232, which is used in tungsten welding rods

Different welding environments may present different and complex profiles of exposures. In one study to characterise welding fume aerosol nanoparticles in mild steel metal active gas welding showed a mass median diameter (MMMD) of 200-300 nm. A widespread consensus seems to have formed to the effect that some welding environments, notably in stainless steel welding, do carry risks of lung cancer. This widespread consensus is in part based on empirical evidence regarding risks among stainless steel welders and in part on the fact that stainless steel welding entails moderately high exposure to nickel and chromium VI compounds, which are recognised lung carcinogens. The corollary is that welding without the presence of nickel and chromium VI compounds, namely mild-steel welding, should not carry risk. But it appears that this line of reasoning in not supported by the accumulated body of epidemiologic evidence. While there remained some uncertainty about possible confounding by smoking and by asbestos, and some possible publication bias, the overwhelming evidence is that there has been an excess risk of lung cancer among welders as a whole in the order of 20%-40%. The most begrudging explanation is that there is an as-yet unexplained common reason for excess lung cancer risks that applies to all types of welders. It has been have proposed that iron fumes may play such a role, and some Finnish data appear to support this hypothesis, though not conclusively. This hypothesis would also imply that excess lung cancer risks among welders are not unique to welders, but rather may be shared among many types of metal working occupations.

#### WELDING FUMES

Welders are exposed to a range of fumes and gases (evaporated metal, metal oxides, hydrocarbons, nanoparticles, ozone, oxides of nitrogen (NOx)) depending on the electrodes, filler wire and flux materials used in the process, but also physical exposures such as electric and magnetic fields (EMF) and ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Fume particles contain a wide variety of oxides and salts of metals and other compounds, which are produced mainly from electrodes, filler wire and flux materials. Fumes from the welding of stainless-steel and other alloys contain nickel compounds and chromium[VI] and [III]. Ozone is formed during most electric arc welding, and exposures can be high in comparison to the exposure limit, particularly during metal inert gas welding of aluminium. Oxides of nitrogen are found during manual metal arc welding and particularly during gas welding. Welders who weld painted mild steel can also be exposed to a range of organic compounds produced by pyrolysis.

In one study particle elemental composition was mainly iron and manganese. Ni and Cr exposures were very low in the vicinity of mild steel welders, but much higher in the background in the workshop where there presumably was some stainless steel welding.

Personal exposures to manganese ranged from 0.01-4.93 mg/m3 and to iron ranged from 0.04-16.29 mg/m3 in eight Canadian welding companies. Types of welding identified were mostly (90%) MIG mild steel, MIG stainless steel, and TIG aluminum. Carbon monoxide levels were less than 5.0 ppm (at source) and ozone levels varied from 0.4-0.6 ppm (at source). Welders, especially in shipyards, may also be exposed to asbestos dust. Physical exposures such as electric and magnetic fields (EMF) and ultraviolet (UV) radiation are also common.

In all, the in vivo studies suggest that different welding fumes cause varied responses in rat lungs in vivo, and the toxic effects typically correlate with the metal composition of the fumes and their ability to produce free radicals. In many studies both soluble and insoluble fractions of the stainless steel welding fumes were required to produce most types of effects, indicating that the responses are not dependent exclusively on the soluble metals

Lung tumourigenicity of welding fumes was investigated in lung tumour susceptible (A/J) strain of mice. Male mice were exposed by pharyngeal aspiration four times (once every 3 days) to 85 ug of gas metal arc-mild steel (GMA-MS),

GMA-SS, or manual metal arc-SS (MMA-SS) fume. At 48 weeks post-exposure, GMA-SS caused the greatest increase in tumour multiplicity and incidence, but did not differ from sham exposure. Tumour incidence in the GMA-SS group versus sham control was close to significance at 78 weeks post exposure. Histopathological analysis of the lungs of these mice showed the GMA-SS group having an increase in preneoplasia/tumour multiplicity and incidence compared to the GMA-MS and sham groups at 48 weeks. The increase in incidence in the GMA-SS exposed mice was significant compared to the GMA-MS group but not to the sham-exposed animals, and the difference in incidence between the GMA-SS and MMA-SS groups was of border-line

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significance (p = 0.06). At 78 week s post-exposure, no statistically significant differences

A significantly higher frequency of micronuclei in peripheral blood lymphocytes (binucleated cell assay) and higher mean levels of both centromere-positive and centromere-negative micronuclei was observed in welders (n=27) who worked without protective device compared to controls (n=30). The rate of micronucleated cells did not correlate with the duration of exposure

**WARNING:** This substance has been classified by the IARC as Group 1: **CARCINOGENIC TO HUMANS**. Not available. Refer to individual constituents.

#### MAGNESIUM OXIDE FUME

Substance has been investigated as a tumorigen; found to be an equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria in rodents. The following information refers to contact allergens as a group and may not be specific to this product.

Contact allergies quickly manifest themselves as contact eczema, more rarely as urticaria or Quincke's oedema. The pathogenesis of contact eczema involves a cell-mediated (T lymphocytes) immune reaction of the delayed type. Other allergic skin reactions, e.g. contact urticaria, involve antibody-mediated immune reactions. The significance of the contact allergen is not simply determined by its sensitisation potential: the distribution of the substance and the opportunities for contact with it are equally important. A weakly sensitising substance which is widely distributed can be a more important allergen than one with stronger sensitising potential with which few individuals come into contact. From a clinical point of view, substances are noteworthy if they produce an allergic test reaction in more than 1% of the persons tested.

For silica amorphous:

Derived No Adverse Effects Level (NOAEL) in the range of 1000 mg/kg/d.

In humans, synthetic amorphous silica (SAS) is essentially non-toxic by mouth, skin or eyes, and by inhalation. Epidemiology studies show little evidence of adverse health effects due to SAS. Repeated exposure (without personal protection) may cause mechanical irritation of the eye and drying/cracking of the skin.

When experimental animals inhale synthetic amorphous silica (SAS) dust, it dissolves in the lung fluid and is rapidly eliminated. If swallowed, the vast majority of SAS is excreted in the faeces and there is little accumulation in the body. Following absorption across the gut, SAS is eliminated via urine without modification in animals and humans. SAS is not expected to be broken down (metabolised) in mammals.

After ingestion, there is limited accumulation of SAS in body tissues and rapid elimination occurs. Intestinal absorption has not been calculated, but appears to be insignificant in animals and humans. SASs injected subcutaneously are subjected to rapid dissolution and removal. There is no indication of metabolism of SAS in animals or humans based on chemical structure and available data. In contrast to crystalline silica, SAS is soluble in physiological media and the soluble chemical species that are formed are eliminated via the urinary tract without modification.

Both the mammalian and environmental toxicology of SASs are significantly influenced by the physical and chemical properties, particularly those of solubility and particle size. SAS has no acute intrinsic toxicity by inhalation. Adverse effects, including suffocation, that have been reported were caused by the presence of high numbers of respirable particles generated to meet the required test atmosphere. These results are not representative of exposure to commercial SASs and should not be used for human risk assessment. Though repeated exposure of the skin may cause dryness and cracking, SAS is not a skin or eye irritant, and it is not a sensitiser.

Repeated-dose and chronic toxicity studies confirm the absence of toxicity when SAS is swallowed or upon skin contact. Long-term inhalation of SAS caused some adverse effects in animals (increases in lung inflammation, cell injury and lung collagen content), all of which subsided after exposure.

#### SILICA WELDING FUMES

Numerous repeated-dose, subchronic and chronic inhalation toxicity studies have been conducted with SAS in a number of species, at airborne concentrations ranging from 0.5 mg/m3 to 150 mg/m3. Lowest-observed adverse effect levels (LOAELs) were typically in the range of 1 to 50 mg/m3. When available, the no-observed adverse effect levels (NOAELs) were between 0.5 and 10 mg/m3. The difference in values may be explained by different particle size, and therefore the number of particles administered per unit dose. In general, as particle size decreases so does the NOAEL/LOAEL.

Neither inhalation nor oral administration caused neoplasms (tumours). SAS is not mutagenic in vitro. No genotoxicity was detected in in vivo assays. SAS does not impair development of the foetus. Fertility was not specifically studied, but the reproductive organs in long-term studies were not affected.

For Synthetic Amorphous Silica (SAS)

Repeated dose toxicity

Oral (rat), 2 weeks to 6 months, no significant treatment-related adverse effects at doses of up to 8% silica in the diet. Inhalation (rat), 13 weeks, Lowest Observed Effect Level (LOEL) =1.3 mg/m3 based on mild reversible effects in the lungs. Inhalation (rat), 90 days, LOEL = 1 mg/m3 based on reversible effects in the lungs and effects in the nasal cavity. For silane treated synthetic amorphous silica:

Repeated dose toxicity: oral (rat), 28-d, diet, no significant treatment-related adverse effects at the doses tested.

There is no evidence of cancer or other long-term respiratory health effects (for example, silicosis) in workers employed in the manufacture of SAS. Respiratory symptoms in SAS workers have been shown to correlate with smoking but not with SAS exposure, while serial pulmonary function values and chest radiographs are not adversely affected by long-term exposure to SAS.

The substance is classified by IARC as Group 3:

**NOT** classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

Evidence of carcinogenicity may be inadequate or limited in animal testing.

Reports indicate high/prolonged exposures to amorphous silicas induced lung fibrosis in experimental animals; in some experiments these effects were reversible. [PATTYS]

#### OZONE

NOTE: Ozone aggravates chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases. Ozone is suspected also of increasing the risk of acute and chronic respiratory disease, mutagenesis and foetotoxicity. In animals short-term exposure to ambient concentrations of less than 1 ppm results in reduced capacity to kill intrapulmonary organisms and allows purulent bacteria to proliferate [Ellenhorn etal].

#### NITROGEN OXIDES

Data for nitrogen dioxide: Substance has been investigated as a mutagen and reproductive effector. NOTE: Interstitial edema, epithelial proliferation and, in high concentrations, fibrosis and emphysema develop after repeated exposure. No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

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#### MAGNESIUM OXIDE FUME & OZONE & NITROGEN **OXIDES**

Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.

Acute Toxicity	<b>~</b>	Carcinogenicity	<b>✓</b>
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	×	Reproductivity	×
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	×	STOT - Single Exposure	×
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	×	STOT - Repeated Exposure	×
Mutagenicity	×	Aspiration Hazard	×

Legend:

🗶 – Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification

Data available to make classification

#### **SECTION 12 Ecological information**

#### **Toxicity**

	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
WIA Austarc 16 TC	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
welding fumes	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	18mg/l	2
iron oxide fume	EC50	48h	Crustacea	>100mg/l	2
	LC50	96h	Fish	0.05mg/l	2
	NOEC(ECx)	504h	Fish	0.52mg/l	2
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Sourc
	NOEC(ECx)	504h	Algae or other aquatic plants	0.05-3.7mg/l	4
manganese fume	EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	2.8mg/l	2
	LC50	96h	Fish	>3.6mg/l	2
	EC50	48h	Crustacea	>1.6mg/l	2
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
nagnesium oxide fume	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Availabl
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Sourc
alliaaaldin n f. maa	NOEC(ECx)	504h	Crustacea	100mg/l	2
silica welding fumes	EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	~250mg/l	2
	LC50	96h	Fish	>100mg/l	2
fluorido from s	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Sourc
fluoride fume	EC50(ECx)	24.00h	Crustacea	155.4mg/L	5
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Sourc
ozone	LC50	96h	Fish	0.17mg/l	2

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	NOEC(ECx	) 2160h	Fish	0.002mg/L	5
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
nitrogen oxides	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Legend:	3. EPIWIN Su	m 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA F uite V3.12 (QSAR) - Aquatic Toxicity Data (Es uatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japa	stimated) 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aqu	atic Toxicity D	ata 5.

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

#### Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
fluoride fume	LOW	LOW

#### **Bioaccumulative potential**

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
fluoride fume	LOW (LogKOW = 0.2259)

#### Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
fluoride fume	LOW (KOC = 14.3)

#### **SECTION 13 Disposal considerations**

#### Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal

- ▶ Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.
- Consult State Land Waste Management Authority for disposal.
- Bury residue in an authorised landfill.
- Recycle containers if possible, or dispose of in an authorised landfill.

#### **SECTION 14 Transport information**

#### **Labels Required**

Marine Pollutant	NO
HAZCHEM	Not Applicable

Land transport (ADG): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code

Not Applicable

#### Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code

Product name	Group
welding fumes	Not Available
iron oxide fume	Not Available
manganese fume	Not Available
magnesium oxide fume	Not Available
silica welding fumes	Not Available
fluoride fume	Not Available
ozone	Not Available

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Product name	Group
nitrogen oxides	Not Available

#### Transport in bulk in accordance with the ICG Code

Product name	Ship Type
welding fumes	Not Available
iron oxide fume	Not Available
manganese fume	Not Available
magnesium oxide fume	Not Available
silica welding fumes	Not Available
fluoride fume	Not Available
ozone	Not Available
nitrogen oxides	Not Available

#### **SECTION 15 Regulatory information**

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

#### welding fumes is found on the following regulatory lists

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans

#### iron oxide fume is found on the following regulatory lists

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule 4

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule 5

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule 6

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs

#### manganese fume is found on the following regulatory lists

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

#### magnesium oxide fume is found on the following regulatory lists

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

#### silica welding fumes is found on the following regulatory lists

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

#### fluoride fume is found on the following regulatory lists

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs

#### ozone is found on the following regulatory lists

Not Applicable

#### nitrogen oxides is found on the following regulatory lists

Not Applicable

#### **National Inventory Status**

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National Inventory	Status	
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	No (fluoride fume; ozone)	
Canada - DSL	No (ozone)	
Canada - NDSL	No (iron oxide fume; manganese fume; magnesium oxide fume; silica welding fumes; fluoride fume)	
China - IECSC	Yes	
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	No (fluoride fume)	

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National Inventory	Status	
Japan - ENCS	No (manganese fume; fluoride fume; ozone)	
Korea - KECI	No (fluoride fume)	
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes	
Philippines - PICCS	No (ozone)	
USA - TSCA	No (fluoride fume)	
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes	
Mexico - INSQ	No (silica welding fumes)	
Vietnam - NCI	Yes	
Russia - FBEPH	No (fluoride fume)	
	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory	
Legend:	No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.	

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

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Initial Date	01/11/2009

#### **SDS Version Summary**

Version	Date of Update	Sections Updated
5.1.1.1	22/03/2018	Storage (storage incompatibility)
6.1.1.1	01/11/2019	One-off system update. NOTE: This may or may not change the GHS classification
6.1.2.1	26/04/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.3.1	03/05/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.4.1	06/05/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.5.1	10/05/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.5.2	30/05/2021	Template Change
6.1.5.3	04/06/2021	Template Change
6.1.5.4	05/06/2021	Template Change
6.1.6.4	07/06/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.6.5	09/06/2021	Template Change
6.1.6.6	11/06/2021	Template Change
6.1.6.7	15/06/2021	Template Change
6.1.7.7	17/06/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.8.7	21/06/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.8.8	05/07/2021	Template Change
6.1.9.8	14/07/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.10.8	19/07/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.10.9	01/08/2021	Template Change
6.1.11.9	02/08/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.12.9	05/08/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.13.9	09/08/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.14.9	23/08/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.15.9	26/08/2021	Regulation Change
6.1.15.10	29/08/2021	Template Change

#### Other information

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Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

#### **Definitions and abbreviations**

PC-TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average

PC-STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit。

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations

ES: Exposure Standard OSF: Odour Safety Factor

NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level

TLV: Threshold Limit Value LOD: Limit Of Detection OTV: Odour Threshold Value BCF: BioConcentration Factors BEI: Biological Exposure Index

AIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

DSL: Domestic Substances List NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List

IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China

EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

NLP: No-Longer Polymers

ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory

KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act
TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory
INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas

NCI: National Chemical Inventory

FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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