

## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product Description: Poly(ethylene oxide), M.W. 250000 to 400000  
Cat No. : 178600000; 178600050; 178602500  
Synonyms PEO  
CAS No 25322-68-3

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

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals  
Uses advised against REACH Annex XVII Restriction - refer to SECTION 15

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

#### Company

**UK entity/business name**  
Fisher Scientific UK  
Bishop Meadow Road,  
Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 5RG, United Kingdom

**EU entity/business name**  
Thermo Fisher Scientific  
Janssen Pharmaceuticaaan 3a, 2440 Geel, Belgium

E-mail address begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567

##### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### Health hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### Environmental hazards

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Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## 2.2. Label elements

None required

### Additional EU labelling

This product contains microplastics

The synthetic polymer microparticles supplied is subject to conditions laid down by entry 78 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council

## 2.3. Other hazards

Substance is not considered persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) / very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB)

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1. Substances

| Component           | CAS No     | EC No | Weight % | GHS Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567 |
|---------------------|------------|-------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Polyethylene glycol | 25322-68-3 |       | 100      | -                                                                                       |

### Statements of hazard

This product contains one or more synthetic polymer microparticles as defined by entry 78 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

| Component                        | Weight % | Synthetic polymer microparticles |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Polyethylene glycol - 25322-68-3 | 100      | Yes                              |

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

|                     |                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Eye Contact</b>  | Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention. |
| <b>Skin Contact</b> | Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.                       |
| <b>Ingestion</b>    | Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.                                                                  |

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**Inhalation** Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Self-Protection of the First Aider** No special precautions required.

## **4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

No information available.

## **4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## **SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

### **5.1. Extinguishing media**

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

#### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

### **5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### **5.3. Advice for firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.

### **6.2. Environmental precautions**

Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

### **6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

### **6.4. Reference to other sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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## 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

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

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510 Class 11  
Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)

## 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

List source(s):

#### Biological limit values

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)

See table for values

| Component                              | Acute effects local (Dermal) | Acute effects systemic (Dermal) | Chronic effects local (Dermal) | Chronic effects systemic (Dermal) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Polyethylene glycol 25322-68-3 ( 100 ) |                              |                                 |                                | DNEL = 112mg/kg bw/day            |

| Component                              | Acute effects local (Inhalation) | Acute effects systemic (Inhalation) | Chronic effects local (Inhalation) | Chronic effects systemic (Inhalation) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Polyethylene glycol 25322-68-3 ( 100 ) |                                  |                                     |                                    | DNEL = 40.2mg/m <sup>3</sup>          |

#### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

See values below.

| Component                              | Fresh water     | Fresh water sediment         | Water Intermittent | Microorganisms in sewage treatment | Soil (Agriculture)       |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Polyethylene glycol 25322-68-3 ( 100 ) | PNEC = 0.273g/L | PNEC = 1030mg/kg sediment dw | PNEC = 1mg/L       |                                    | PNEC = 46.4mg/kg soil dw |

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| Component                              | Marine water    | Marine water sediment       | Marine water intermittent | Food chain | Air |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----|
| Polyethylene glycol 25322-68-3 ( 100 ) | PNEC = 27.3mg/L | PNEC = 103mg/kg sediment dw | PNEC = 0.1mg/L            |            |     |

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering Measures

None under normal use conditions.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye Protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (European standard - EN 166)

#### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

| Glove material | Breakthrough time | Glove thickness | EU standard | Glove comments        |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Nitrile rubber | See manufacturers | -               | EN 374      | (minimum requirement) |
| Neoprene       | recommendations   |                 |             |                       |
| Natural rubber |                   |                 |             |                       |
| PVC            |                   |                 |             |                       |

#### Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Respiratory Protection

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

#### Large scale/emergency use

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

**Recommended Filter type:** Particle filter

#### Small scale/Laboratory use

Maintain adequate ventilation

#### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

|                          |                           |       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Physical State           | Powder Solid              |       |
| Appearance               | Off-white                 |       |
| Odor                     | Odorless                  |       |
| Odor Threshold           | No data available         |       |
| Melting Point/Range      | 65 - 67 °C / 149 - 153 °F |       |
| Softening Point          | No data available         |       |
| Boiling Point/Range      | No information available  |       |
| Flammability (liquid)    | Not applicable            | Solid |
| Flammability (solid,gas) | No information available  |       |
| Explosion Limits         | No data available         |       |

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|                                         |                          |          |                          |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Flash Point                             | No information available | Method - | No information available |
| Autoignition Temperature                | No data available        |          |                          |
| Decomposition Temperature               | No data available        |          |                          |
| pH                                      | No information available |          |                          |
| Viscosity                               | Not applicable           | Solid    |                          |
| Water Solubility                        | Soluble                  |          |                          |
| Solubility in other solvents            | No information available |          |                          |
| Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water) |                          |          |                          |
| Vapor Pressure                          | No information available |          |                          |
| Density / Specific Gravity              | No data available        |          |                          |
| Bulk Density                            | No data available        |          |                          |
| Vapor Density                           | Not applicable           | Solid    |                          |
| Particle characteristics                | No data available        |          |                          |

## 9.2. Other information

Evaporation Rate Not applicable - Solid

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Reactivity

None known, based on information available

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.  
Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Product Information

#### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Dermal

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Inhalation

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

| Component           | LD50 Oral              | LD50 Dermal               | LC50 Inhalation |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Polyethylene glycol | LD50 = 22 g/kg ( Rat ) | LD50 > 20 g/kg ( Rabbit ) | -               |

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(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; No data available

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory No data available

Skin No data available

| Component                                 | Test method                                            | Test species | Study result    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Polyethylene glycol<br>25322-68-3 ( 100 ) | in vivo: Test method Human<br>Repeat Insult Patch Test | Man          | non-sensitising |

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

| Component                                 | Test method             | Test species | Study result |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Polyethylene glycol<br>25322-68-3 ( 100 ) | OECD Test Guideline 471 | in vivo      | negative     |

(f) carcinogenicity; No data available

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable  
Solid

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed No information available.

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

Endocrine Disrupting Properties Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

Ecotoxicity effects Do not empty into drains.

| Component           | Freshwater Fish                                               | Water Flea                                              | Freshwater Algae                                                  |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Polyethylene glycol | LC50 > 100 mg/L 96h, (Poecilia reticulata) OECD Guideline 203 | EC50 > 100 mg/L 48h, (Daphnia magna) OECD Guideline 202 | EC50 > 100 mg/L 96h, (Scenedesmus subspicatus) OECD Guideline 201 |

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## 12.2. Persistence and degradability

### **Persistence**

Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

## 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

## 12.4. Mobility in soil

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils

## 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Substance is not considered persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) / very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB).

## 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

### **Endocrine Disruptor Information**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## 12.7. Other adverse effects **Persistent Organic Pollutant** **Ozone Depletion Potential**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

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## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

#### **Waste from Residues/Unused Products**

Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Should not be released into the environment. Should be incinerated, contained or reclaimed.

#### **Contaminated Packaging**

Empty remaining contents. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not re-use empty containers.

#### **European Waste Catalogue (EWC)**

According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

#### **Other Information**

Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### IMDG/IMO

Not regulated

#### 14.1. UN number

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

#### 14.4. Packing group

### ADR

Not regulated

#### 14.1. UN number

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14.2. UN proper shipping name  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)  
14.4. Packing group

IATA Not regulated

14.1. UN number  
14.2. UN proper shipping name  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)  
14.4. Packing group

14.5. Environmental hazards No hazards identified

14.6. Special precautions for user No special precautions required.

14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### International Inventories

Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Korea (KECL), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Australia (AICS), New Zealand (NZIoC), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

| Component           | CAS No     | EINECS | ELINCS | NLP       | IECSC | TCSI | KECL     | ENCS | ISHL |
|---------------------|------------|--------|--------|-----------|-------|------|----------|------|------|
| Polyethylene glycol | 25322-68-3 | -      | -      | 500-038-2 | X     | X    | KE-20228 | X    | X    |

| Component           | CAS No     | TSCA | TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive | DSL | NDSL | AICS | NZIoC | PICCS |
|---------------------|------------|------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|
| Polyethylene glycol | 25322-68-3 | X    | ACTIVE                                        | X   | -    | X    | X     | X     |

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH** Not applicable

| Component           | CAS No     | REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization | REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances | REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Polyethylene glycol | 25322-68-3 | -                                                                   | Use restricted. See entry 78. (see link for restriction details)              | -                                                                                                     |

#### **REACH links**

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

Entry 78 - Restricting synthetic polymer microparticles (commonly known as "the microplastics restriction").

The supplied synthetic polymer microparticles must comply with the conditions set out in Article 78 of Annex XVII of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council

#### **Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)**

| Component           | CAS No     | Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification | Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Polyethylene glycol | 25322-68-3 | Not applicable                                                                            | Not applicable                                                                           |

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Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals

Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work .

## National Regulations

UK - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

WGK Classification Water endangering class = 1 (self classification)

| Component           | Germany - Water Classification (AwSV) | Germany - TA-Luft Class |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Polyethylene glycol | WGK1                                  |                         |

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has not been conducted

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

#### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

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

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

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

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

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## Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

## Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
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| Revision Date    | 07-Nov-2025     |
| Revision Summary | Not applicable. |

**This safety data sheet complies with Regulation UK SI 2019/758 and UK SI 2020/1577 as amended.**

## Disclaimer

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