

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

### 1.1. Product identifier

**Product Description:** Polystyrene latex microsphere, 2 micron, 2.5 wt% dispersion in water  
**Cat No. :** 42744  
**Molecular Formula** [-CH<sub>2</sub> CH(C<sub>6</sub> H<sub>5</sub>)-]

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

<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals
<b>Sector of use</b>	SU3 - Industrial uses: Uses of substances as such or in preparations at industrial sites
<b>Product category</b>	PC21 - Laboratory chemicals
<b>Process categories</b>	PROC15 - Use as a laboratory reagent
<b>Environmental release category</b>	ERC6a - Industrial use resulting in manufacture of another substance (use of intermediates)
<b>Uses advised against</b>	REACH Annex XVII Restriction - refer to SECTION 15

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

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### 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

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## Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## 2.2. Label elements

None required

EUH210 - Safety data sheet available on request

## 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

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.2. Mixtures

Component	CAS No	EC No	Weight %	GHS Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567
Water	7732-18-5	231-791-2	97.4	-
Polystyrene < 0.05 micron	9003-53-6		2.5	-
Proprietary dispersant	N/A		0.1	-

### 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
Polystyrene < 0.05 micron - 9003-53-6	2.5	Yes

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

#### **General Advice**

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

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<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 immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	No special precautions required.

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

None reasonably foreseeable. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

## 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**

Not combustible. CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

#### **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. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. None reasonably foreseeable. Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon oxides.

### 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

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

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

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

## 6.4. Reference to other sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 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.

#### **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 refrigerated. Corrosives area. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.

**Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510**      Class 12  
**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): **EU** - Commission Directive (EU) 2019/1831 of 24 October 2019 establishing a fifth list of indicative occupational exposure limit values pursuant to Council Directive 98/24/EC and amending Commission Directive 2000/39/EC **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020. **IRE** - 2021 Code of Practice for the Chemical Agents Regulations, Schedule 1. Published by the Health and Safety Authority

#### **Biological limit values**

List source(s):

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

No information available

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## Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

No information available.

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

**Eye Protection** Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Nitrile rubber	480 minutes	0.11mm	EN 374	(minimum requirement)

**Skin and body protection** Long sleeved clothing.

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 compatibility, 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** When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.  
To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Large scale/emergency use** In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment  
**Recommended Filter type:** Multi-purpose/ABEK conforming to EN14387

**Small scale/Laboratory use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Environmental exposure controls** No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid dispersion
<b>Appearance</b>	
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	No data available
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	No data available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
	Liquid

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<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	No information available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Miscible	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	23 hPa @ 20 °C	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No data available	(Air = 1.0)
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	Not applicable (liquid)	

## 9.2. Other information

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	[-CH <sub>2</sub> CH(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )-]
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air

## 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

<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	No information available.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agent.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon oxides.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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

#### Product Information

##### (a) acute toxicity;

<b>Oral</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>Dermal</b>	No data available
<b>Inhalation</b>	No data available

#### Toxicology data for the components

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Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Water	-	-	-

(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

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(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; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

## 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

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability Persistence

Persistence is unlikely, Miscible with water, based on information available.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

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<b>12.4. Mobility in soil</b>	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.
<b>12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment</b>	No data available for assessment.
<b>12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties</b> <b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.
<b>12.7. Other adverse effects</b> <b>Persistent Organic Pollutant</b> <b>Ozone Depletion Potential</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance. This product does not contain any known or suspected substance.

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

<b>13.1. Waste treatment methods</b>	
<b>Waste from Residues/Unused Products</b>	Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Waste is classified as hazardous. Should not be released into the environment. Should be incinerated, contained or reclaimed.
<b>Contaminated Packaging</b>	Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point. Empty containers retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.
<b>European Waste Catalogue (EWC)</b>	According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.
<b>Other Information</b>	Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not flush to sewer. Can be landfilled or incinerated, when in compliance with local regulations. Do not empty into drains. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms.

## 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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**IATA** Not regulated

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**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
Water	7732-18-5	231-791-2	-	-	X	X	KE-35400	X	-
Polystyrene < 0.05 micron	9003-53-6	-	-	500-008-9	X	X	KE-13257	X	X
Proprietary dispersant	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Water	7732-18-5	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X
Polystyrene < 0.05 micron	9003-53-6	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X
Proprietary dispersant	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**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)
Water	7732-18-5	-	-	-
Polystyrene < 0.05 micron	9003-53-6	-	Use restricted. See entry 78.	-
Proprietary dispersant	N/A	-	-	-

**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
Water	7732-18-5	Not applicable	Not applicable
Polystyrene < 0.05 micron	9003-53-6	Not applicable	Not applicable
Proprietary dispersant	N/A	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 = non-hazardous to waters (self classification)

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

Chemical Safety Assessment/Reports (CSA/CSR) are not required for mixtures

## 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

**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

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

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

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

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**Key literature references and sources for data**

**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

**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

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

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

## Classification and procedure used to derive the classification for mixtures according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]:

Physical hazards	On basis of test data
Health Hazards	Calculation method
Environmental hazards	Calculation method

## Training Advice

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

Prepared By	Health, Safety and Environmental Department
Revision Date	30-Oct-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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**End of Safety Data Sheet**