

Safety Data Sheet

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) with its amendment Regulation (EU) 2020/878
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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

Product form	: Substance
Trade name	: ORLEvera ^{VITA}
IUPAC name	: Glycerol
EC-No.	: 200-289-5
CAS-No.	: 56-81-5
REACH registration No.	: Exempted Annex V
Formula	: C ₃ H ₈ O ₃
Product group	: Trade product
Other means of identification	: Glycerol (glycerin, glycerine)

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

Relevant identified uses

Use of the substance/mixture : Feed production, Feed Industry

Uses advised against

Restrictions on use : Other uses

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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32-540 Trzebinia
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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : +48 24 201 00 00
Emergency number 112

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Not classified

Adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects

To our knowledge, this product does not present any particular risk, provided it is handled in accordance with good occupational hygiene and safety practice.

2.2. Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

No labelling applicable

2.3. Other hazards

This substance/mixture does not meet the PBT criteria of REACH regulation, annex XIII
This substance/mixture does not meet the vPvB criteria of REACH regulation, annex XIII
Contains no PBT and/or vPvB substances $\geq 0.1\%$ assessed in accordance with REACH Annex XIII

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The substance is not included in the list established in accordance with Article 59(1) of REACH for having endocrine disrupting properties, or is not identified as having endocrine disrupting properties in accordance with the criteria set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Substance type : Mono-constituent
 Name : ORLEvera^{VITA}
 CAS-No. : 56-81-5
 EC-No. : 200-289-5

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]
Glycerol	CAS-No.: 56-81-5	≥ 99.7	Not classified

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
 First-aid measures after skin contact : Wash skin with plenty of water. Take off contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
 First-aid measures after eye contact : Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Obtain medical attention if pain, blinking or redness persists.
 First-aid measures after ingestion : Call a poison center or a doctor if you feel unwell.

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

Symptoms/effects after inhalation : None under normal use.
 Symptoms/effects after skin contact : None under normal use.
 Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Direct contact with the eyes is likely to be irritating. redness, itching, tears.
 Symptoms/effects after ingestion : None under normal use.

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

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Dry powder. Foam. Carbon dioxide. Water fog.
 Unsuitable extinguishing media : Strong water jet.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire : Toxic fumes may be released. Thermal decomposition generates : Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide.

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5.3. Advice for firefighters

- Firefighting instructions : Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire. Evacuate area. Fight fire from safe distance and protected location. Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection. Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Prevent fire fighting water from entering the environment. In case of fire: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.
- Protection during firefighting : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- General measures : If spilled, may cause the floor to be slippery.

For non-emergency personnel

- Protective equipment : Wear recommended personal protective equipment.
- Emergency procedures : Ventilate spillage area. Act in accordance with local emergency plan. Only qualified personnel equipped with suitable protective equipment may intervene. Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses. No open flames, no sparks, and no smoking.

For emergency responders

- Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- Methods for cleaning up : Take up liquid spill into absorbent material.
- Other information : Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

6.4. Reference to other sections

For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection". For further information refer to section 13. Section 15: Regulatory information.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Additional hazards when processed : No flames, no sparks. Eliminate all sources of ignition.
- Precautions for safe handling : Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Wear personal protective equipment.
- Hygiene measures : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- Storage conditions : Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
- Incompatible products : Oxidizing agent.
- Incompatible materials : combustible materials.
- Heat and ignition sources : Keep away from any flames or sparking source.
- Storage area : Store away from heat.
- Special rules on packaging : Store in a closed container.
- Packaging materials : Keep only in the original container in a cool, well-ventilated place away from combustible materials.

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Germany

Storage class (LGK, TRGS 510)

Joint storage table

: LGK 10 - Combustible liquids

LGK 1	LGK 2A	LGK 2B	LGK 3	LGK 4.1A
LGK 4.1B	LGK 4.2	LGK 4.3	LGK 5.1A	LGK 5.1B
LGK 5.1C	LGK 5.2	LGK 6.1A	LGK 6.1B	LGK 6.1C
LGK 6.1D	LGK 6.2	LGK 7	LGK 8A	LGK 8B
LGK 10	LGK 11	LGK 12	LGK 13	LGK 10-13

Joint storage not permitted for

Joint storage with restrictions permitted for

Joint storage permitted for

: LGK 1, LGK 2A, LGK 5.1A, LGK 6.2, LGK 7

: LGK 4.1A, LGK 4.2, LGK 4.3, LGK 5.1B, LGK 5.1C, LGK 5.2

: LGK 2B, LGK 3, LGK 4.1B, LGK 6.1A, LGK 6.1B, LGK 6.1C, LGK 6.1D, LGK 8A, LGK 8B, LGK 10, LGK 11, LGK 12, LGK 13, LGK 10-13

7.3. Specific end use(s)

No additional information.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

National occupational exposure and biological limit values

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Czech Republic - Occupational Exposure Limits

Local name	Glycerol, mlha
PEL (OEL TWA)	10 mg/m ³
	2.6 ppm
NPK-P (OEL C)	15 mg/m ³
	3.9 ppm
Regulatory reference	Nařízení vlády č. 361/2007 Sb. (Předpis 20/2025 Sb.)

Germany - Occupational Exposure Limits (TRGS 900)

Local name	Glycerin
AGW (OEL TWA)	200 mg/m ³ (E)
Peak exposure limitation factor	2(I)
Remark	DFG - Senatskommission zur Prüfung gesundheitsschädlicher Arbeitsstoffe der DFG (MAK-Kommission); Y - Ein Risiko der Fruchtschädigung braucht bei Einhaltung des Arbeitsplatzgrenzwertes und des biologischen Grenzwertes (BGW) nicht befürchtet zu werden
Regulatory reference	TRGS900

Poland - Occupational Exposure Limits

Local name	Glicerol
NDS (OEL TWA)	10 mg/m ³ frakcja wdychalna
Remark	Frakcja wdychalna – frakcja aerozolu wnikaająca przez nos i usta, która stwarza zagrożenie dla zdrowia po zdeponowaniu w drogach oddechowych.
OEL chemical category	E (Inhalable fraction)
Regulatory reference	Dz. U. 2024 poz. 1017 wraz z późn. zm.

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Slovakia - Occupational Exposure Limits

Local name	Glycerín
NPHV (OEL TWA)	10 mg/m ³
Regulatory reference	Nariadenie vlády č. 355/2006 Z. z. (122/2024 Z. z.)

DNEL and PNEC

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DNEL/DMEL (Workers)

Long-term - local effects, inhalation	220 mg/m ³
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DNEL/DMEL (General population)

Long-term - local effects, inhalation	132 mg/m ³
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PNEC (Water)

PNEC aqua (freshwater)	0.885 mg/l
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PNEC aqua (marine water)	0.088 mg/l
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PNEC (Sediment)

PNEC sediment (freshwater)	3.3 mg/kg bw/day
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PNEC (Soil)

PNEC soil	0.141 mg/kg dwt
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PNEC (STP)

PNEC sewage treatment plant	1000 mg/l
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8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls:

Ensure good ventilation of the work station.

Personal protection equipment

Personal protective equipment symbol(s):



Eye and face protection

Eye protection:

Safety glasses

Skin protection

Skin and body protection:

Wear suitable protective clothing

Hand protection:

Protective gloves

Respiratory protection

Respiratory protection:

In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment

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Environmental exposure controls

Environmental exposure controls:

Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Liquid
Colour	: Clear to light yellow.
Odour	: Practically odourless.
Odour threshold	: Not available
Melting point	: ≈ 18 °C Atm. press.: 101,3 kPa Decomposition: 'no' Sublimation: 'no'
Freezing point	: Not available
Boiling point	: 290 °C Atm. press.: 760 mm Hg
Flammability	: Non flammable.
Lower explosion limit	: Not available
Upper explosion limit	: Not available
Flash point	: 177 °C
Auto-ignition temperature	: 429 °C
Decomposition temperature	: > 290 °C
pH	: ≈ 5
Viscosity, kinematic	: 1.5 mm ² /s
Solubility	: Material highly soluble in water.
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)	: 2.66
Vapour pressure	: 0.01 mbar
Vapour pressure at 50°C	: Not available
Density	: 1.26 g/ml
Relative density	: Not available
Relative vapour density at 20°C	: Not available
Particle characteristics	: Not applicable

9.2. Other information

No additional information available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts with nitric acid. glycerol trinitrate; nitroglycerine.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents. Nitric acid. Phosphorus oxides. chromium (VI) trioxide. Hydrogen chloride and chlorine inorganic compounds (as HCl).

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Acrolein.

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SECTION 11: Toxicological information

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

Acute toxicity (oral) : Not classified
 Acute toxicity (dermal) : Not classified
 Acute toxicity (inhalation) : Not classified

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LD50 oral rat	27200 mg/kg bodyweight Animal: rat, Animal sex: female
LD50 dermal	45 ml/kg LD50 dermal guinea pig
LC50 Inhalation - Rat	5.85 mg/l air Animal: rat

Skin corrosion/irritation : Not classified
 pH: ≈ 5
 Serious eye damage/irritation : Not classified
 pH: ≈ 5
 Respiratory or skin sensitisation : Not classified
 Germ cell mutagenicity : Not classified
 Carcinogenicity : Not classified
 Reproductive toxicity : Not classified

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NOAEL (animal/male, F0/P)	> 2000 mg/kg bodyweight Reproductive toxicity
NOAEL (animal/male, F1)	> 1310 mg/kg bodyweight Developmental toxicity

STOT-single exposure : Not classified
 STOT-repeated exposure : Not classified

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NOAEL (oral, rat, 90 days)	10000 mg/kg bodyweight/day Repeated dose toxicity
NOAEC (inhalation, rat, gas, 90 days)	662 mg/l Repeated dose toxicity

Aspiration hazard : Not classified

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Viscosity, kinematic	1.5 mm ² /s
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11.2. Information on other hazards

Endocrine disrupting properties

Adverse health effects caused by endocrine disrupting properties : The substance is not included in the list established in accordance with Article 59(1) of REACH for having endocrine disrupting properties, or is not identified as having endocrine disrupting properties in accordance with the criteria set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general : The product is not considered harmful to aquatic organisms nor to cause long-term adverse effects in the environment.
 Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute) : Not classified
 Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic) : Not classified

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LC50 - Fish [1]	54000 mg/l Test organisms (species): Oncorhynchus mykiss (previous name: Salmo gairdneri)
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12.2. Persistence and degradability

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Persistence and degradability	rapidly degradable
Biodegradation	c.a. 100% in 24 h

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)	2.66
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12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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This substance/mixture does not meet the PBT criteria of REACH regulation, annex XIII

This substance/mixture does not meet the vPvB criteria of REACH regulation, annex XIII

12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

Adverse effects on the environment caused by endocrine disrupting properties : The substance is not included in the list established in accordance with Article 59(1) of REACH for having endocrine disrupting properties, or is not identified as having endocrine disrupting properties in accordance with the criteria set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605.

12.7. Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects : No data available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

Regional waste regulation : Disposal must be done according to official regulations.
 Waste treatment methods : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.
 Sewage disposal recommendations : Do not empty into drains. Do not allow to enter into surface water or drains.
 Product/Packaging disposal recommendations : Do not dispose of the packaging without first carrying out the necessary cleaning. Recycle or dispose of in compliance with current legislation.

SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with ADR / IMDG / RID

ADR	IMDG	RID
NOT SUBJECT	NOT SUBJECT	
14.1. UN number or ID number		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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ADR	IMDG	RID
14.2. UN proper shipping name		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.4. Packing group		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.5. Environmental hazards		
Dangerous for the environment: No	Dangerous for the environment: No Marine pollutant: No	Dangerous for the environment: No
No supplementary information available		

14.6. Special precautions for user

Overland transport

No data available

Transport by sea

No data available

Rail transport

No data available

14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

EU-Regulations

REACH Annex XVII (Restriction List)

Not listed on REACH Annex XVII

REACH Annex XIV (Authorisation List)

Not listed on REACH Annex XIV (Authorisation List)

REACH Candidate List (SVHC)

Contains no substance(s) listed on the REACH Candidate List

PIC Regulation (Prior Informed Consent)

Not listed on the PIC list (Regulation EU 649/2012)

POP Regulation (Persistent Organic Pollutants)

Not listed on the POP list (Regulation EU 2019/1021)

Ozone Regulation (2024/590)

Not listed on the Ozone Depletion list (Regulation EU 2024/590)

Council Regulation (EC) for the control of dual-use items

Contains no substance subject to the COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) for the control of dual-use items

Explosives Precursors Regulation (EU 2019/1148)

Contains no substance(s) listed on the Explosives Precursors list (Regulation EU 2019/1148 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors)

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Drug Precursors Regulation (EC 273/2004)

Contains no substance(s) listed on the Drug Precursors list (Regulation EC 273/2004 on the manufacture and the placing on market of certain substances used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances)

National regulations

Germany

VOC ordinance (ChemVOCFarbV) :

Employment restrictions

: Observe restrictions according Act on the Protection of Working Mothers (MuSchG).
Observe restrictions according Act on the Protection of Young People in Employment (JArbSchG).

Water hazard class (WGK)

: WGK 1, Slightly hazardous to water (Classification according to AwSV; ID No. 116).

Major Accidents Ordinance (12. BImSchV)

: Is not subject to the Major Accidents Ordinance (12. BImSchV)

Poland

Polish National Regulations

: Regulation of the Minister of Economy of 21 December 2005 on the essential requirements for personal protective equipment (J. o L. No. 259, item 2173).
Decree of the Minister of Environment of 14 December 2014 on the catalogue of waste (J. o L. 2014, item 1923).
Regulation of the Minister of Family, Labour and Social Policy of 12 June 2018 on the highest permissible concentration and intensity of noxious agents for health at work environment (J. o L. item 1286 as amended).
Regulation of the Minister of Health of 10 August 2012 on the criteria and classification method of chemical substances and their mixtures (consolidated text: J. o L. 2015, item 208).
Regulation of the Minister of Health of 2 February 2011 on tests and measurements of the noxious agents for health at work environment (J. o L. No. 33, item 166 as amended).
Regulation of the Minister of Health of 20 April 2012 on labelling of hazardous substances and hazardous mixtures and certain mixtures (consolidated text: J. o L. 2015, item 450)
The announcement of Minister of Health dated 9 September 2016 concerning the consolidated text announcement of the decree of the Minister of Health of 30 December 2004 on health and safety at work related to exposure to chemical agents at work (J. o L. of 16 September 2016, item 1488)
Regulation of the Minister of Environment of 3 September 2014 on designs of packaging labelling (J. o L. 2014 item 1298)
Regulation of the Minister of Environment of 9 December 2003 on particularly hazardous substances to the environment (J. o L. No. 217, item 2141).
Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
The ADR Agreement - Annex to the J. o L. of 26 April 2019 Government Statement of 18 February 2019 on the entry into force of the amendments to Annex A and B to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), signed in Geneva on 30 September 1957 (J. o L. 2019, item 769)
The announcement of Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland dated 19 October 2016 concerning the consolidated text announcement of the decree on the management of packaging and packaging waste (J. o L. 2016, item 1863 as amended).
Act of 14 December 2012 on waste (J. o L. 2013, item 322 as amended; consolidated text J. o L. 2020, item 797).
Act of 19 August 2011 on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods (J. o L. 2011 No. 227, item 1367 as amended; consolidated text J. o L. 2020, item 154).
Act of 25 February 2011 on chemical substances and their mixtures (J. o L. No. 63, item 322 as amended; consolidated text J. o L. 2019, item 1225).
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15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out

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SECTION 16: Other information

Indication of changes:

Not applicable.

Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADN	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways
ADR	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
BCF	Bioconcentration factor
BLV	Biological limit value
BOD	Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)
COD	Chemical oxygen demand (COD)
DMEL	Derived Minimal Effect level
DNEL	Derived-No Effect Level
EC-No.	European Community number
EC50	Median effective concentration
EN	European Standard
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods
LC50	Median lethal concentration
LD50	Median lethal dose
LOAEL	Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOAEC	No-Observed Adverse Effect Concentration
NOAEL	No-Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOEC	No-Observed Effect Concentration
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
PBT	Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
RID	Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
STP	Sewage treatment plant
ThOD	Theoretical oxygen demand (ThOD)
TLM	Median Tolerance Limit
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
CAS-No.	Chemical Abstract Service number
N.O.S.	Not Otherwise Specified
vPvB	Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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Abbreviations and acronyms:

ED	Endocrine disruptor
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Data sources : REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

Training advice : Personal monitoring. As from 24 August 2023 adequate training is required before industrial or professional use.

The classification complies with : ATP 12

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