



**1. Identification of Substance & Company**

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| <b>Product</b>              |  |
| <b>Product name</b>         | Permawet   |
| <b>Product code</b>         | NA   |
| <b>HSNO approval</b>        | HSR2503  |
| <b>Approval description</b> | Additives, Process Chemicals and Raw Materials (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2017 |
| <b>UN number</b>            | NA   |
| <b>Proper Shipping Name</b> | NA   |
| <b>Packaging group</b>      | NA   |
| <b>Hazchem code</b>         | NA   |
| <b>Uses</b>                 | wetting agent for potting media and soils  |
| <b>Company Details</b>      |  |
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**2. Hazard Identification**

**Approval**  
This product is an approved substance under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO, Approval HSR2503, Additives, Process Chemicals and Raw Materials (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2017). The substance has been classified as hazardous according to the criteria in the Hazardous substances (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Notice 2017.

| <b>Classes</b> | <b>Hazard Statements</b>       |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 6.3A           | H315 - Causes skin irritation. |
| 6.4A           | H320 - Causes eye irritation.  |

**SYMBOLS**

**WARNING**



**Other Classifications**

This substance may contain crystalline silica. The following classification ONLY applies to this substance if it is in the form of a fine respirable dust in an occupational (chronic exposure) setting.:

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| 6.7A | May cause cancer   |
| 6.9A | Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure |

**Australian GHS classification**

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| Skin irritation Cat 2   | H315 Causes skin irritation.   |
| Eye irritation Cat 2B   | H320 – Causes eye irritation.  |
| This substance may contain crystalline silica. The following classification ONLY applies to this substance if it is in the form of a fine respirable dust in an occupational (chronic exposure) setting.: |  |
| Carcinogenicity, Cat 1A   | H350 May cause cancer through inhalation of dust.  |
| Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Cat 1 H372  | Causes damage to lungs and respiratory system through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation of dusts. |



**Precautionary Statements**

P103 - Read label before use.  
 P264 - Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
 P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing.  
 P280 - Wear eye/face protection.  
 P302+P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
 P332+P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.  
 P362 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use.  
 P305+P351+P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
 P337+P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.  
 P501 - Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulation.

**3. Composition / Information on Ingredients**

| Component  | CAS/ Identification | Conc (w/w %) |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| Hydrated Ca-Na-K Aluminosilicates/mordenite and clinoptilolite zeolite | 1318-02-1           | 80%          |
| oxyethylene-oxypropylene block co polymer                              | 9003-11-6           | 20%          |

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary. Trace quantities of impurities are also likely. The zeolite may contain traces of crystalline silica.

**4. First Aid**

**General Information**

If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. You should call the National Poisons Centre if you feel that you may have been harmed or irritated by this product. The number is 0800 764 766 (0800 POISON) (24 hr emergency service).

**Recommended first aid facilities** Ready access to running water is recommended.

**Exposure**

**Swallowed** Do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water to drink. Contact a doctor.  
**Eye contact** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Apply continuous irrigation with water for at least 15 minutes holding eyelids apart. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice.  
**Skin contact** IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use.  
**Inhaled** If coughing, dizziness or shortness of breath is experienced, remove the patient to fresh air immediately. If patient is unconscious, place in the recovery position (on the side) for transport and contact a doctor.

**Advice to Doctor**

Material is non-toxic but highly absorbent and may have dehydrating effects if large amounts ingested. Treat symptomatically.

**5. Firefighting Measures**

**Fire and explosion hazards:** There are no specific risks for fire/explosion for this chemical. It is non-flammable.  
**Suitable extinguishing substances:** Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water jet. Fight larger fires with water jet or alcohol resistant foam.  
**Unsuitable extinguishing substances:** Unknown.  
**Products of combustion:** Product does not burn. Dust may form irritating atmosphere.  
**Protective equipment:** No special measures are required.  
**Hazchem code:** NA

**6. Accidental Release Measures**

**Containment** There is no current legal requirement for containment of this product.  
**Emergency procedures** In the event of large spillage alert the fire brigade to location and give brief description of hazard. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin, eye and respiratory exposure. Clear area of any unprotected personnel. Sweep up the solid. Avoid creating dust. If appropriate, use a gentle water spray to wet material to minimise dust generation. Sweep up and collect recoverable material into labelled containers for recycling or

**Disposal**



salvage. This material may be suitable for approved landfill. Dispose of only in accord with all regulations.

**Precautions** Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contamination and the inhalation of dusts. Work up wind or increase ventilation.

## 7. Storage & Handling

**Storage** Store in a cool dry well ventilated place. Keep out of direct sunlight. Keep away from food and feed. Keep away from reach of children and pets. Keep containers and packages closed after use and well away from water, strong acids and oxidising agents.

**Handling** Avoid dust formation. Keep exposure to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. See section 8 with regard to personal protective equipment requirements. Do not breathe dust.

## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protective Equipment

### Workplace Exposure Standards

A workplace exposure standard (WES) has not been established by WorkSafe NZ for this product. There is a general limit of 3mg/m<sup>3</sup> for respirable particulates and 10mg/m<sup>3</sup> for inhalable particulates when limits have not otherwise been established.

| NZ Workplace Exposure Stds | Ingredient                    | WES-TWA                    | WES-STEL         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
|                            | Silicon dioxide               | see crystalline silica     | data unavailable |
|                            | Aluminium oxide               | 10mg/m <sup>3</sup>        | data unavailable |
|                            | Iron (II) Oxide               | 5mg/m <sup>3</sup> (as Fe) | data unavailable |
|                            | Magnesium oxide               | 10mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fume) | data unavailable |
|                            | Calcium oxide                 | 2mg/m <sup>3</sup>         | data unavailable |
|                            | Titanium dioxide              | 10mg/m <sup>3</sup>        | data unavailable |
|                            | Quartz (SiO <sub>2</sub> ):   |                            |                  |
|                            | quartz, respirable dust       | 0.05mg/m <sup>3</sup>      | data unavailable |
|                            | cristobalite, respirable dust | 0.05mg/m <sup>3</sup>      | data unavailable |

### Engineering Controls

In industrial situations, it is expected that employee exposure to hazardous substances will be controlled to a level as far below the WES as practicable by applying the hierarchy of control required by the Health and Safety at Work Act (2015) and the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016. Exposure can be reduced by process modification, use of local exhaust ventilation, capturing substances at the source, or other methods. If you believe air borne concentrations of mists, dusts or vapours are high, you are advised to modify processes or increase ventilation.

### Personal Protective Equipment

**Eyes** Protective eyewear is not normally necessary when using this product. However, it always prudent to use protective eyewear if dust is likely.

**Skin** Avoid repeated or prolonged skin contact. Wear overalls, rubber boots and impervious gloves. Replace frequently. Gloves should be checked for tears or holes before use. Remove protective clothing and wash exposed areas with soap and water prior to eating, drinking or smoking. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

**Respiratory** To prevent irritation a well fitted dust mask should be used (this is not recommended when exposure is close to the WES). Use of a P2 dust mask or fine particulate half or full face respirator with an effective seal is recommended when airborne concentrations approach the WES (section 8). Fit testing and clear guidelines and training for use and maintenance of PPE are necessary.

### WES Additional Information

Not applicable

## 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

**Appearance** solid, granular, mixture of light brown and white chips

**Odour** mild odour

**pH** 5-7

**Vapour pressure** no data

**Viscosity** no data

**Boiling point** no data

**Volatile materials** no data

**Freezing / melting point** no data

**Solubility** not soluble in water

**Specific gravity / density** ~0.65g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**Flash point** no data

**Danger of explosion** no data



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| <b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>          | no data       |
| <b>Upper &amp; lower flammable limits</b> | no data       |
| <b>Corrosiveness</b>                      | non corrosive |

## 10. Stability & Reactivity

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| <b>Stability</b>                        | This mixture is hygroscopic, it may absorb moisture from the surrounding air.  |
| <b>Conditions to be avoided</b>         | Containers should be kept closed in order to avoid contamination. Avoid the creation of dust. Avoid exposure to moisture, unless during use. |
| <b>Incompatible groups</b>              | Avoid contact with strong oxidising agents and hydrogen fluoride.  |
| <b>Hazardous decomposition products</b> | None known   |
| <b>Hazardous reactions</b>              | Zeolites will react with hydrogen fluoride (HF) acid. Avoid contact with strong oxidising agents.  |

## 11. Toxicological Information

### Summary

IF IN EYES: Fine dust may cause irritation when in direct contact.

IF ON SKIN: Material may cause drying out of skin.

IF INHALED: May cause respiratory irritation. Also see chronic effects.

IF SWALLOWED: No adverse effects anticipated under normal use conditions.

CHRONIC EFFECTS: The adverse health effects from respirable crystalline silica exposure-silicosis, cancer, scleroderma, tuberculosis, and nephrotoxicity- are chronic effects. This product is granular, but may become a respirable dust through sanding/grinding.

### Supporting Data

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| <b>Acute</b>                              | <b>Oral</b>                                  | Not considered acutely toxic if swallowed.  |
|   | <b>Dermal</b>                                | Not considered acutely toxic by dermal contact.   |
| <b>Chronic</b>                            | <b>Inhaled</b>                               | The substance is not considered acutely toxic if inhaled, however there may be irritation of the respiratory tract if dust is inhaled. Short term (acute) silicosis (see "systemic" below) can also occur with one-off exposures to extremely high levels of fine crystalline silica dust. Other short term effects include irritation, choking and difficulty breathing.   |
|   | <b>Eye</b>                                   | The mixture is not considered to be an eye irritant. Dust may be an eye irritant (mechanical irritation).   |
|   | <b>Skin</b>                                  | The mixture is considered to be a mild skin irritant.   |
|   | <b>Sensitisation</b>                         | No ingredient present at concentrations > 0.1% is considered a sensitizer.  |
|   | <b>Mutagenicity</b>                          | No ingredient present at concentrations > 0.1% is considered a mutagen.   |
|   | <b>Carcinogenicity</b>                       | Zeolites have been classed by IARC as group 3 – cannot be evaluated as to their carcinogenicity to humans. However, there is evidence that this material does contain quartz and cristobalite. Crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1). Crystalline Silica triggers 6.7A classification (confirmed carcinogen). The carcinogenicity of silica is related to long term (e.g., 10 years) inhalation of very fine particulate (e.g., from sand blasting or dry cutting of quartz containing substrates). Carcinogenicity of silica appears linked to development of silicosis (see systematic below) followed by complications and, eventually lung cancer   |
|   | <b>Reproductive / Developmental Systemic</b> | No ingredient present at concentrations > 0.1% is considered a reproductive or developmental toxicant or have any effects on or via lactation.<br>The respirable fraction of the dust of this product is considered to be a target organ toxicant, because of the presence of crystalline silica at greater than 1%. Crystalline silica triggers 6.9A classification if it is in the form of a fine respirable dust in an occupational (chronic exposure) setting. This is due to the development of silicosis which can occur following exposure to extremely high levels of fine silica dust. Silicosis is a type of pneumoconiosis – a disease of the lung that causes inflammation, scar tissue, lesions and fibrosis in the lung (alveolar). Symptoms include shortness of breath, cough, fever, loss of appetite and cyanosis (bluish skin). Silicosis can occur following prolonged exposure (e.g., 10 years) to relatively high levels of fine crystalline silica dust.<br>Based on limited animal research, it is possible that repeated inhalation of cellulose fibre dust may lead to inflammation and scarring of the lung. |
| <b>Aggravation of existing conditions</b> | None known                                   |   |

## 12. Ecological Data

### Summary

This product is not considered ecotoxic.



#### Supporting Data

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|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Aquatic</b>                     | Not ecotoxic in the aquatic environment.              |
| <b>Bioaccumulation</b>             | No data   |
| <b>Degradability</b>               | No data   |
| <b>Soil</b>                        | No considered ecotoxic in the soil environment.       |
| <b>Terrestrial vertebrate</b>      | Not toxic towards terrestrial vertebrates             |
| <b>Terrestrial invertebrate</b>    | Not toxic towards terrestrial invertebrates           |
| <b>Biocidal</b>                    | Not biocidal  |
| <b>Environmental effect levels</b> | No EELs are available for this mixture or ingredients |

### 13. Disposal Considerations

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| <b>Restrictions</b>           | There are no product-specific restrictions, however, local council and resource consent conditions may apply, including requirements of trade waste consents.   |
| <b>Disposal method</b>        | Disposal of this product must comply with the requirements of the Resource Management Act for which approval should be sought from the Regional Authority. The substance must be treated and therefore rendered non-hazardous before discharge to the environment.  |
| <b>Contaminated packaging</b> | There are no product-specific restrictions, however, local council and resource consent conditions may apply, including requirements of trade waste consents. Disposal of this product must comply with the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017 and the requirements of the Resource Management Act for which approval should be sought from the Regional Authority. The substance must be treated and therefore rendered non-hazardous before discharge to the environment. Disposal of contaminated packaging must comply with the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017 clause 12. Ensure that the package is rendered incapable of containing any substance and is disposed in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of the substance it contained and the material of the package. If possible reuse or recycle packaging. |

### 14. Transport Information

#### Land Transport Rule: Dangerous Goods 2005 - NZS 5433:2007

There are no specific restrictions for this product (not a dangerous good).

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| <b>UN number:</b>   | NA | <b>Proper shipping name:</b> | NA |
| <b>Class(es)</b>    | NA | <b>Packing group:</b>        | NA |
| <b>Precautions:</b> | NA | <b>Hazchem code:</b>         | NA |

### 15. Regulatory Information

This product is an approved substance under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO). Approval code: HSR002503, Additives, Process Chemicals and Raw Materials (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2017.

All ingredients appear on the NZIoC.

#### Specific Controls

Key workplace requirements are:

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| SDS                             | To be available within 10 minutes in workplaces storing any quantity.   |
| Inventory                       | An inventory of all hazardous substances must be prepared and maintained.   |
| Packaging                       | All hazardous substances should be appropriately packaged including substances that have been decanted, transferred or manufactured for own use or have been supplied |
| Labelling                       | Must comply with the Hazardous Substances (Labelling) Notice 2017.  |
| Emergency plan                  | Not required.   |
| Certified handler               | Not required.   |
| Tracking                        | Not required.   |
| Bunding & secondary containment | Not required.   |
| Signage                         | Not required.   |
| Location compliance certificate | Not required.   |
| Flammable zone                  | Not required.   |
| Fire extinguisher               | Not required.   |

Note: The above workplace requirements apply if only this particular substance is present. The complete set of controls for a location will depend on the classification and total quantities of other substances present in that location.



**Other Legislation**

In New Zealand, the use of this product may come under the Resource Management Act and Regulations, the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016, local Council Rules and Regional Council Plans.

**16. Other Information**

**Abbreviations**

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| <b>Approval Code</b>   | Approval HSR002503, Additives, Process Chemicals and Raw Materials (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2017, Controls, EPA. <a href="http://www.epa.govt.nz">www.epa.govt.nz</a>  |
| <b>CAS Number</b>      | Unique Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number  |
| <b>EC<sub>50</sub></b> | Ecotoxic Concentration 50% – concentration in water which is fatal to 50% of a test population (e.g. daphnia, fish species)  |
| <b>EPA</b>             | Environmental Protection Authority (New Zealand)   |
| <b>HAZCHEM Code</b>    | Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services, especially fire fighters  |
| <b>HSNO</b>            | Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Act and Regulations)   |
| <b>IARC</b>            | International Agency for Research on Cancer  |
| <b>LEL</b>             | Lower Explosive Limit  |
| <b>LD<sub>50</sub></b> | Lethal Dose 50% – dose which is fatal to 50% of a test population (usually rats).  |
| <b>LC<sub>50</sub></b> | Lethal Concentration 50% – concentration in air which is fatal to 50% of a test population (usually rats)  |
| <b>MSDS (SDS)</b>      | Material Safety Data Sheet (or Safety Data Sheet)  |
| <b>NZIoC</b>           | New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals   |
| <b>STEL</b>            | Short Term Exposure Limit - The maximum airborne concentration of a chemical or biological agent to which a worker may be exposed in any 15 minute period, provided the TWA is not exceeded  |
| <b>TWA</b>             | Time Weighted Average – generally referred to WES averaged over typical work day (usually 8 hours)   |
| <b>UEL</b>             | Upper Explosive Limit  |
| <b>UN Number</b>       | United Nations Number  |
| <b>WES</b>             | Workplace Exposure Standard - The airborne concentration of a biological or chemical agent to which a worker may be exposed during work hours (usually 8 hours, 5 days a week). The WES relates to exposure that has been measured by personal monitoring using procedures that gather air samples in the worker's breathing zone. |

**References**

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| <b>Data</b>              | Unless otherwise stated comes from the EPA HSNO chemical classification information database (CCID).  |
| <b>Controls</b>          | EPA notices, <a href="http://www.epa.govt.nz">www.epa.govt.nz</a> , Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017, <a href="http://www.legislation.govt.nz">www.legislation.govt.nz</a> |
| <b>WES</b>               | The latest NZ Workplace Exposure Standards, published by WorkSafe NZ and available on their web site – <a href="http://www.worksafe.govt.nz">www.worksafe.govt.nz</a> .                                     |
| <b>Other References:</b> | EU ECHA, ingredients SDS's, ChemIDplus  |

**Review**

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Reason for review</b> |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| August 2018    | New SDS.                 |
| September 2020 | Logo change              |

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