



## ERAPOL OC80A PART B

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### Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### PRODUCT NAME

ERAPOL OC80A PART B

#### PRODUCT USE

Used according to manufacturer's directions.  
Polyurethane elastomer curative

#### SUPPLIER

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### Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### GHS Classification

Acute Toxicity (Oral) Category 4



#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**HAZARD**  
WARNING

Determined by Chemwatch using GHS criteria  
H302 Harmful if swallowed.

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Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

### Prevention

Code	Phrase
P264	Wash ... thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

### Response

Code	Phrase
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P330	Rinse mouth.

### Disposal

Code	Phrase
P501	Dispose of contents/container to ...

## Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
bis(phenylmercury) dodeceny succinate	27236-65-3	<1
dibutyltin dilaurate	77-58-7	<1
All other ingredients non- hazardous		>60

## Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

### SWALLOWED

- IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY.
- For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.
- Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.
- In the mean time, qualified first-aid personnel should treat the patient following observation and employing supportive measures as indicated by the patient's condition.
- If the services of a medical officer or medical doctor are readily available, the patient should be placed in his/her care and a copy of the MSDS should be provided. Further action will be the responsibility of the medical specialist.
- If medical attention is not available on the worksite or surroundings send the patient to a hospital together with a copy of the MSDS.

Where medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:

- INDUCE vomiting with fingers down the back of the throat, ONLY IF CONSCIOUS. Lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

NOTE: Wear a protective glove when inducing vomiting by mechanical means.

### EYE

- If this product comes in contact with the eyes:
  - Wash out immediately with fresh running water.
  - Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
  - Seek medical attention without delay; if pain persists or recurs seek medical attention.
  - Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

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## SKIN

- If skin or hair contact occurs:
- Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
- Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

## INHALED

- If fumes, aerosols or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
- Other measures are usually unnecessary.

## NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

Treat symptomatically.

For acute and short term repeated exposures to aryl and alkylmethoxy compounds of mercury: Absorption proceeds more rapidly than its inorganic counterpart but once inside the body biotransformation releases inorganic mercury. [Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology].

- Moderate adsorption of inorganic mercury compounds through the gastro-intestinal tract (7-15%) is the principal cause of poisoning. These compounds are highly concentrated (as the mercuric (Hg (2+) form) in the kidney; acute ingestion may lead to oliguric renal failure. Severe mucosal necrosis may also result from ingestion.
- Chronic effects range from proteinuria to nephrotic syndrome. Chronic presentation also involves dermatitis, gingivitis, stomatitis, tremor and neuropsychiatric symptoms of erethism.
- Absorbed inorganic mercury does not significantly cross the blood-brain barrier.
- Emesis and lavage should be initiated following acute ingestion.
- Activated charcoal interrupts absorption; cathartics should be administered when charcoal is given.
- The use of British Anti-Lewisite is indicated in severe inorganic poisoning. Newer derivatives of BAL (e.g. dimercaptosuccinic acid, [DMSA] and 2,3-dimercapto-1-propanesulfate [DMPS]) may prove more effective. [Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

## BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX - BEI

These represent the determinants observed in specimens from a healthy worker exposed at the Exposure Standard (ES or TLV).

Determinant	Index	Sampling Time	Comments
1. Total inorganic mercury in urine	35 ug/gm creatinine	Preshift	B
2. Total inorganic mercury in blood	15 ug/L	End of shift at end of workweek	B

B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed.

## Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- There is no restriction on the type of extinguisher which may be used.
- Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding area.

### FIRE FIGHTING

- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves in the event of a fire.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
- Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.
- DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

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## Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### FIRE/EXPLOSION HAZARD

- Non combustible.
  - Not considered a significant fire risk, however containers may burn.
- May emit poisonous fumes.

### FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

- None known.

## Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### MINOR SPILLS

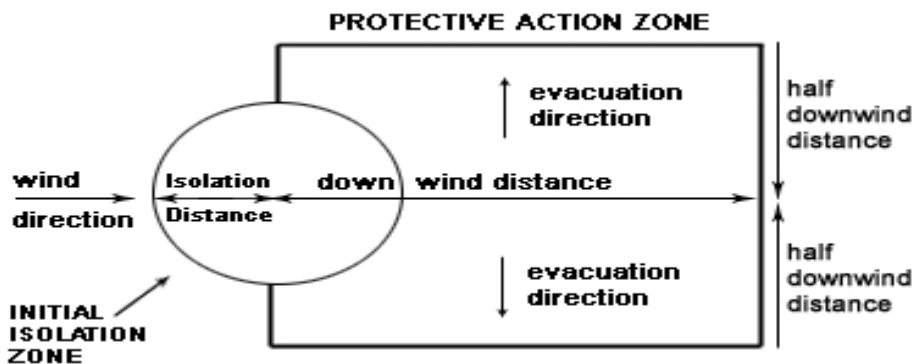
- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid breathing vapours and contact with skin and eyes.
- Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.
- Contain and absorb spill with sand, earth, inert material or vermiculite.
- Wipe up.
- Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.

### MAJOR SPILLS

Moderate hazard.

- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Stop leak if safe to do so.
- Contain spill with sand, earth or vermiculite.
- Collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling.
- Neutralise/decontaminate residue (see Section 13 for specific agent).
- Collect solid residues and seal in labelled drums for disposal.
- Wash area and prevent runoff into drains.
- After clean up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and re-using.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

### PROTECTIVE ACTIONS FOR SPILL



From US Emergency Response Guide 2000  
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Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

## SMALL SPILLS

Name	Isolation Distance ft ( m)	Downwind Day mile ( km)	Protection Night mile ( km)
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## LARGE SPILLS

Name	Isolation Distance ft ( m)	Downwind Day mile ( km)	Protection Night mile ( km)
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From IERG (Canada/Australia)

Isolation Distance -

Downwind Protection Distance -

IERG Number None

## FOOTNOTES

1 PROTECTIVE ACTION ZONE is defined as the area in which people are at risk of harmful exposure. This zone assumes that random changes in wind direction confines the vapour plume to an area within 30 degrees on either side of the predominant wind direction, resulting in a crosswind protective action distance equal to the downwind protective action distance.

2 PROTECTIVE ACTIONS should be initiated to the extent possible, beginning with those closest to the spill and working away from the site in the downwind direction. Within the protective action zone a level of vapour concentration may exist resulting in nearly all unprotected persons becoming incapacitated and unable to take protective action and/or incurring serious or irreversible health effects.

3 INITIAL ISOLATION ZONE is determined as an area, including upwind of the incident, within which a high probability of localised wind reversal may expose nearly all persons without appropriate protection to life-threatening concentrations of the material.

4 SMALL SPILLS involve a leaking package of 200 litres (55 US gallons) or less, such as a drum (jerrican or box with inner containers). Larger packages leaking less than 200 litres and compressed gas leaking from a small cylinder are also considered "small spills".

LARGE SPILLS involve many small leaking packages or a leaking package of greater than 200 litres, such as a cargo tank, portable tank or a "one-tonne" compressed gas cylinder.

5 Guide is taken from the US DOT emergency response guide book.

6 IERG information is derived from CANUTEC - Transport Canada.

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

## Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.
- Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Work clothes should be laundered separately. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Use good occupational work practice.
- Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this MSDS.

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- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

## SUITABLE CONTAINER

- Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.
- Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

## STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

- **WARNING:** Avoid or control reaction with peroxides. All transition metal peroxides should be considered as potentially explosive. For example transition metal complexes of alkyl hydroperoxides may decompose explosively.
- The pi-complexes formed between chromium(0), vanadium(0) and other transition metals (haloarene-metal complexes) and mono-or poly-fluorobenzene show extreme sensitivity to heat and are explosive.
- Avoid reaction with borohydrides or cyanoborohydrides.

None known.

## SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



+: *May be stored together*

O: *May be stored together with specific preventions*

X: *Must not be stored together*

## Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### EXPOSURE CONTROLS

The following materials had no OELs on our records

- bis(phenylmercury) dodeceny succinate: CAS:27236- 65- 3
- dibutyltin dilaurate: CAS:77- 58- 7

### EMERGENCY EXPOSURE LIMITS

Material	Revised IDLH Value (mg/m3)	Revised IDLH Value (ppm)
bis(phenylmercury) dodeceny succinate 35331	10	
dibutyltin dilaurate 22577	25	

### MATERIAL DATA

BIS(PHENYLMERCURY) DODECENYLSUCCINATE:

DIBUTYLTIN DILAURATE:

Exposure limits with "skin" notation indicate that vapour and liquid may be absorbed through intact skin. Absorption by skin may readily exceed vapour inhalation exposure. Symptoms for skin absorption are the same as for inhalation. Contact with eyes and mucous membranes may also contribute to overall exposure and may also invalidate the exposure standard.

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BIS(PHENYLMERCURY) DODECENYLSUCCINATE:

It is the goal of the ACGIH (and other Agencies) to recommend TLVs (or their equivalent) for all substances for which there is evidence of health effects at airborne concentrations encountered in the workplace.

At this time no TLV has been established, even though this material may produce adverse health effects (as evidenced in animal experiments or clinical experience). Airborne concentrations must be maintained as low as is practically possible and occupational exposure must be kept to a minimum.

NOTE: The ACGIH occupational exposure standard for Particles Not Otherwise Specified (P.N.O.S) does NOT apply.

DIBUTYLTIN DILAURATE:

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The no/lowest-observed-adverse-effect levels (NOAELs or LOAELs) in inhalation studies involving tri-n-butyltin chloride and bromide are 0.3-0.4 ppm (2-4 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) based on changes in the lungs, heart, liver, kidneys, nervous system and reproductive system in rodents. Oral administration of organotin compounds has induced toxicity in a number of differing organ systems, organs and lungs. The LOAEL for triethyltin bromide was 0.4 mg triethyltin/kg/day as 5 ppm in drinking water. The LOAELs for the most critical organ sites in rats (i.e. the cellular immune response and CNS effects) are 0.15 and 0.23 mg/tin/kg body weight/day. Experience with ingested tri- and diethyltins in the treatment of staphylococcal infections, osteomyelitis, anthrax and acne suggests that humans react in a manner similar to rodents, but that the human is more sensitive to absorbed organic tin. The recommended TLV-TWA is thought to minimise the potential for adverse effects on immune function and the central nervous system. A STEL is also recommended to minimise acute symptoms such as eye and respiratory tract irritation, headaches and/or nausea. Based on an exposure to 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, a 70-kg worker breathing 10 m<sup>3</sup> of air/8hr workday and assuming complete retention of the inhaled dose, would receive a daily exposure of 14.3 ug tin/kg body weight of an organotin compound. A skin notation was recommended based on animal data and the potential danger of enhanced absorption due to damaged skin present in many exposed workers.

### PERSONAL PROTECTION



#### EYE

- Safety glasses with side shields
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the

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first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1336 or national equivalent].

### HANDS/FEET

■ The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.

The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and

has to be observed when making a final choice.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).

- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.
- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.
- Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly.

Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

WARNING: Do NOT use latex or PVC gloves

- In 1997, a researcher (Dr. Karen E. Wetterhahn) died from organic mercury poisoning, resulting from a single exposure to dimethylmercury almost a year before.
- Heavy metals and organic metal compounds, in particular, have posed special hazards in worker protection. At the time of diagnosis and before she lapsed into a vegetative state, Dr. Wetterhahn asked that her case be made known to others.

Permeation testing of the potential of transdermal exposure to dimethylmercury produced the following results\*.

Glove material	Thickness in mm*	Breakthrough Time
Nitrile	0.2	0.25 minutes
Neoprene	0.8	<10 mins.
Butyl	0.33	<15 mins.
Viton	0.28	<15 mins.
Silver Shield	0.13	>240 mins.
Silver Shield & Neoprene Pair	0.7	>240 mins.

\*Michael B Blayney:

Applied Occupational and Environmental Hygiene: 16, pp 233-236, 2001

\* Originally quoted as mil (one mil = 0.001 inches).

### OTHER

- Overalls.
- P.V.C. apron.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.

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- Eye wash unit.

### RESPIRATOR

- Type A-P Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required. For further information consult site specific CHEMWATCH data (if available), or your Occupational Health and Safety Advisor.

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

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

The basic types of engineering controls are:

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

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

Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.

General exhaust is adequate under normal operating conditions. If risk of overexposure exists, wear SAA approved respirator. Correct fit is essential to obtain adequate protection. Provide adequate ventilation in warehouse or closed storage areas.

## Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### APPEARANCE

Clear/Colourless

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Liquid.

State	Liquid	Molecular Weight	Not Available
Melting Range (°C)	Not Available	Viscosity	Not Available
Boiling Range (°C)	Not Available	Solubility in water (g/L)	Not Available
Flash Point (°C)	Not Available	pH (1% solution)	Not Available
Decomposition Temp (°C)	Not Available	pH (as supplied)	Not Available
Autoignition Temp (°C)	Not Available	Vapour Pressure (kPa)	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Specific Gravity (water=1)	1.05
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Relative Vapour Density (air=1)	Not Available
Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Available	Evaporation Rate	Not Available

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## Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

*For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.*

## Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Health hazard summary table:

Acute toxicity	Acute Tox. (oral) 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Not applicable
Serious eye damage/irritation	Not applicable
Respiratory or skin sensitization	Not applicable
Germ cell mutagenicity	Not applicable
Carcinogenicity	Not applicable
Reproductive toxicity	Not applicable
STOT- single exposure	Not applicable
STOT- repeated exposure	Not applicable
Aspiration hazard	Not applicable

### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

#### ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

#### SWALLOWED

■ Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.

#### EYE

■ Although the liquid is not thought to be an irritant (as classified by EC Directives), direct contact with the eye may produce transient discomfort characterised by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn).

#### SKIN

■ Skin contact is not thought to produce harmful health effects (as classified under EC Directives using animal models). Systemic harm, however, has been identified following exposure of animals by at least one other route and the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions. Good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting.

■ Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.

■ Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

#### INHALED

■ The material is not thought to produce either adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract following inhalation (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, adverse systemic effects have been produced following exposure of animals by at least one other route and good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting.

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## CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

Long-term exposure to the product is not thought to produce chronic effects adverse to health (as classified by EC Directives using animal models); nevertheless exposure by all routes should be minimised as a matter of course.

## TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

BIS(PHENYLMERCURY) DODECENYLSUCCINATE:

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- No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

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-OTHER

DIBUTYLTIN DILAURATE:

- unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

TOXICITY

Oral (rat) LD50:175 mg/kg

IRRITATION

Skin (rabbit):500 mg/24h - Mild

Eye (rabbit):100 mg/24h - Moderate

## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

DIBUTYLTIN DILAURATE:

BIS(PHENYLMERCURY) DODECENYLSUCCINATE:

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

Do NOT allow product to come in contact with surface waters or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment wash-waters.

Wastes resulting from use of the product must be disposed of on site or at approved waste sites.

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

BIS(PHENYLMERCURY) DODECENYLSUCCINATE:

Marine Pollutant

Yes

Mercury may occur in the environment as free mercury, Hg(0), mercury ions in salts and complexes, Hg<sup>+</sup> and (Hg<sup>2+</sup>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> and as organic mercury compounds. Each species has its own set of physical, chemical and toxicologic properties.

In natural systems a dynamic equilibrium between soil and water mercury occurs determined largely by the physicochemical and biological conditions which pertain. Mercury ion is transported to aquatic ecosystems via surface run-off and from the atmosphere. It is complexed or tightly bound to both inorganic and organic particles, particularly sediments with high sulfur content. Organic acids such as fulvic and humic acids are often associated with mercury not bound to particles. Methyl mercury is produced by sediment micro-organisms, nonbiologically in sediments and by certain species of fish. The methylation of mercury by micro-organisms is the detoxification response that allows the organism to dispose of the heavy metal ions as small organometallic complexes. Methylation occurs only within a narrow pH range in which the micro-organism might exist and the rate of synthesis depends on the redox potential, composition of the microbial population, availability of Hg<sup>2+</sup> and temperature. Vitamin B12 derivatives are thought to be the methylating agents, because they are the only methyl carbanion- or methyl radical-donating coenzymes known. In addition it has been demonstrated that the livers of yellow-fin tuna and albacore produce methyl mercury results in its

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## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

desorption at relatively high rates thus little methyl mercury is found in sediments. Demethylation by sediment micro-organisms also occurs at a rapid rate compared with methylation. The best conversion rate for inorganic mercury to methyl mercury under ideal conditions is less than 1.5% per month. Methyl mercury released into surface waters may also undergo photodecomposition into mercury.

Methyl mercury can be bioaccumulated by planktonic algae and fish. In fish, the rate of absorption of methyl mercury is faster than that of inorganic mercury and the clearance rate is slower resulting in high concentrations of methyl mercury in muscle tissue. The ratio of organic mercury to total mercury is generally high in fish compared with other aquatic organisms. Selenium which is also present in seawater and other seafoods readily complexes with methyl mercury and is thought to have a protective effect against the toxic action of methyl mercury. The danger of methyl mercury poisoning has been illustrated in Minimata, Japan in the late 1950s following industrial release of mercury into the bay which subsequently resulted in at least 1200 cases of poisoning, some fatal.

### DIBUTYLTIN DILAURATE:

Marine Pollutant

Yes

Organotin compounds are characterized by a Sn<sup>4+</sup> ion to which one to four organic ligands are attached. They are classified according to the type of organic ligand and the most common are butyltins, octyltins and phenyltins.

A large number of organotin substances are used in the society, and some of these are well-known environmental pollutants. The butyltins comprise one such group. Eco toxicity increases dramatically in the order methylbutyltin (MBT, RSn) < dibutyltin (DBT, R<sub>2</sub>Sn) < tributyltin (TBT, R<sub>3</sub>Sn) for certain endpoints.

Degradation of organotin compounds involves the breaking of the tin-carbon bond, which may occur by UV irradiation, or by biological or chemical cleavage. In water, for example, tributyltin can be degraded by photochemical and biological processes relatively rapidly; however, adsorption onto suspended particulate material in water followed by sedimentation is a key removal process. The adsorption behavior of Sn<sup>4+</sup> ion and eight organotin species (tri-, di-, and monobutyltin; tri-, di-, and monomethyltin; and tri- and diphenyltin) were studied in a water-sediment system using artificial seawater and estuarine sediment.

Adsorption coefficients varied from 100.5 to 104.5 and showed the trend of Sn<sup>4+</sup> > mono > di > tri in the same substituent series. Larger absorption coefficients were found for aromatic compounds than for aliphatic compounds. Releases of organotin compounds to air from various surfaces are, in general, not significant due to their low vapor pressures and rapid photodegradation at surfaces.

The speciation of organotin compounds is pH-dependent. At lower pHs, the cationic form will be the primary form, and as the pH is increased, the neutral hydroxide compounds will be the predominant species. In the environmentally relevant pH range (pH 5–9), the predominant organotin species will be the neutral hydroxide compounds (i.e., R<sub>3</sub>SnOH, R<sub>2</sub>Sn(OH)<sub>2</sub>, and RSn(OH)<sub>3</sub>). High concentrations of chloride favor the formation of chloro species. The pK<sub>a</sub> values for trimethyltin, triethyltin, tributyltin, and triphenyltin cations are approximately 6.60, 6.81, 6.25, and 5.2, respectively. Degradation of organotin compounds in sediments is much slower than in water, and half-lives have been estimated to be several years. In addition to dealkylation of organotin compounds, methylation of tin and organotin compounds by chemical and/or biological means may occur. The contribution of methylation by biotic and abiotic mechanisms is not clear. This pathway may result in fully substituted and volatile tin compounds.

At ambient temperatures, the solubilities of organotin compounds range from 0.0001 to about 50 mg/L. Organotin compounds may partition from water to aquatic organisms. The bioavailability of organotin compounds via the food chain appears to be of minor importance for tributyltin and triphenyltin when compared to uptake via the water phase. Seven-day BCF values were derived for dibutyltin dichloride, dibutyltin dilaurate, tributyltin chloride, bis(tributyltin) oxide, and triphenyltin chloride for muscle, liver, kidney, and vertebra tissue of round crucian carp. The BCF values ranged from 12 in muscle to 5,012 in liver. For all organotin compounds, liver had the highest BCF values. The highest BCFs were found for the tributyltin compounds.

The use of tributyltin (TBT) in antifouling paints on ships has caused significant harm to the marine environment worldwide. Female molluscs are masculinized by TBT at levels as low as ca 1 ng/l, and this effect has severe consequences for their ability to reproduce.

Most investigations on the environmental occurrence of organotin substances have focused on TBT. However, other substances such as dibutyltin (DBT), dioctyltin and monobutyltin (MBT) are used in the society for

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## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

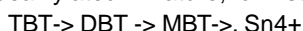
other reasons and are found in other applications.

Most industrial organotin chemicals (OTCs) are composed of an organotin cation and one or several ligands, and most of these chemicals are reconverted to the organotin cation compounds in natural waters. The cation may form dissolved complexes with e.g. chloride in seawater.

Therefore, their environmental partitioning properties such as  $K_d$  and  $K_h$  depend in part on the balancing anion in the environment. Hydrophobicity increases with increasing number of alkyl groups, and with increasing length of the alkyl chain. Organotins are moderately hydrophobic and associate strongly to particles in natural waters. In harbour sediments,  $\log K_d$  in the range 3-4.3 have been measured for various OTCs, and the particle affinity increased in the order  $MBT < DBT < TBT$ . In various soils, however, the reverse pattern of  $K_d$  was observed. In organic soils,  $\log K_d$  exceeded 4.0, whereas adsorption was less strong in mineral soils. In contrast to hydrophobic pollutants such as PCBs or PAHs (that partition to lipids in organic matter), OTCs are adsorbed to the functional groups of organic matter, e.g. phenolic and carboxylic groups.

Because organotins are generally cations, long-range atmospheric transport has generally not been considered as important. It has though been demonstrated that TBT forms highly volatile chloride species in seawater. One study has actually demonstrated the presence of organotins in air from rural sites, showing that long-range atmospheric transport of butyltins and octyltins do occur. MBT was the major species in precipitation and deposition. TBT mainly occurred in the gas phase and it is speculated that the source of butyltins may have been volatile TBT species. Subsequent dealkylation in the atmosphere may convert TBT to DBT and MBT.

Organotins are progressively dealkylated in nature, for instance:



Dealkylation proceeds both by photolysis and through enzymatical reactions. This is important to consider when monitoring data are evaluated, since the occurrence of, e.g., DBT may be due to direct release of DBT or to release of TBT that is subsequently dealkylated. Half-lives in soils and sediments are commonly one or a few years, but may be longer under reducing conditions, whereas half-lives in natural waters may range from a few days to several weeks.

Organotin compounds have been detected in various marine organisms, from evertebrates to mammals. In fish and marine mammals, TBT and TPT bioaccumulate more strongly in liver than in muscle. Bioaccumulation is often stronger in bivalves than in fish, a consequence of lower metabolic capacity in bivalves. Trisubstituted OTCs are more strongly bioaccumulated than the less lipophilic disubstituted OTCs. Because TBT is dealkylated in many organisms, DBT may be a major species in biota but not necessarily the organotin species that was assimilated. Most studies do not suggest that TBT is biomagnified in aquatic food-chain. However, TPT appears to be biomagnified fairly strongly in the aquatic food chain. The trisubstituted substances, TPT and in particular TBT, are widely held as the most toxic organotin substances. Numerous field studies have demonstrated a direct link between TBT and imposex in certain marine organisms, mainly molluscs. Imposex means that females are masculinized and this effect is severe because it directly influences the ability for organisms to reproduce. Imposex has been demonstrated in many coastal areas. These effects occur at very low levels (ca 1 ng/l) for certain organisms. It has been shown in laboratory that TBT causes masculinization also in fish. DBT and MBT does not cause imposex, but both TBT and DBT have negative effects on the reproductive system in mammals. In line with these facts, TBT and TPT were given the highest category in a European review of endocrine disrupting chemicals: "Evidence for endocrine disruption in living organisms". TBT was also classified as "Evidence of potential to cause endocrine disruption in humans".

Fish: LC50 (48 h): 58 mg/L

Bioaccumulation: not sig

### Ecotoxicity

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air	Bioaccumulation	Mobility
bis(phenylmercury)	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
dodeceny succinate	Available	Available	Available	Available
dibutyltin dilaurate	HIGH	No Data Available	LOW	LOW

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## Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.
- Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible.

Otherwise:

- If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.
- Where possible retain label warnings and MSDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- Reduction
- Reuse
- Recycling
- Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. If it has been contaminated, it may be possible to reclaim the product by filtration, distillation or some other means. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

- DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.
- It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
- In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.
- Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.
- Recycle wherever possible.
- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult local or regional waste management authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
- Dispose of by: burial in a land-fill specifically licenced to accept chemical and / or pharmaceutical wastes or incineration in a licenced apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material).
- Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

## Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

HAZCHEM:

None

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS: UN, IATA, IMDG

## Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

REGULATIONS

POISON SCHEDULE:

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Regulations for ingredients

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Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

**bis(phenylmercury) dodecenylsuccinate (CAS: 27236-65-3) is found on the following regulatory lists;**

"OSPAR List of Chemicals for Priority Action", "United Nations Consolidated List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale Have Been Banned, Withdrawn, Severely Restricted or Not Approved by Governments"

**dibutyltin dilaurate (CAS: 77-58-7) is found on the following regulatory lists;**

"International Chemical Secretariat (ChemSec) SIN List (\*Substitute It Now!)", "International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) - High Production Volume List", "OECD List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals", "OSPAR List of Chemicals for Priority Action", "United Nations Consolidated List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale Have Been Banned, Withdrawn, Severely Restricted or Not Approved by Governments"

**No data for ERAPOL OC80A PART B (CW: 9-44830)**

## Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

- Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources using available literature references.
- The (M)SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

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