

Safety data sheet

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1 Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** *VACOMAX 240; 225; 262*
- **Chemical Identification** *Cobalt rare earth permanent magnet alloy*
- **Material Safety Data Sheet No.:** *SDS 61*
- **Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**
Uses advised against: mechanical processing of coated permanent magnets and bonded magnet systems.
- **Application of the substance / the mixture**
For industrial and commercial applications:
 1. *permanent magnets (uncoated and coated as well as non-magnetic or magnetised) for use e.g. in systems, motors, generators, sensors, e-mobility. Available coatings: see section 3.*
 2. *permanent magnet blocks for the production of permanent magnets (by mechanical processing).*
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
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- **Further information obtainable from:** *Department Development Chemical Technology Permanent Magnets*
- **Emergency telephone number:** *+49-6181-38-2250 available Mon-Fri. 8: 00-17: 00*

2 Hazards identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**
- **Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**



GHS08 health hazard

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| <i>Resp. Sens. 1</i> | <i>H334</i> | <i>May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.</i> |
| <i>Muta. 2</i> | <i>H341</i> | <i>Suspected of causing genetic defects.</i> |
| <i>Carc. 1B</i> | <i>H350</i> | <i>May cause cancer.</i> |
| <i>Repr. 1B</i> | <i>H360F</i> | <i>May damage fertility.</i> |



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| <i>Skin Sens. 1</i> | <i>H317</i> | <i>May cause an allergic skin reaction.</i> |
| <i>Aquatic Chronic 3</i> | <i>H412</i> | <i>Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.</i> |

- **Label elements**
- **Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**
The product is classified and labelled according to the CLP regulation.
- **Hazard pictograms**



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- **Signal word** *Danger*

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· **Hazard-determining components of labelling:**

cobalt

nickel (as coating)

· **Hazard statements**

H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.

H350 May cause cancer.

H360F May damage fertility.

H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

· **Precautionary statements**

P101 If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

P102 Keep out of reach of children.

P103 Read carefully and follow all instructions.

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection.

P284 [In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.

P342+P311 If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

· **Additional information:** For professional and industrial users only.

· **Other hazards**

The samarium used in its natural isotopic composition exhibits a natural radioactivity mainly due to the isotope samarium 147 as an alpha emitter. This does not result in any hazards for use as a permanent magnet. There are no possible hazards due to respirable dust containing samarium during the processing of samarium-cobalt permanent magnet alloys if the cobalt limit values are complied with. For the valid cobalt limit values, see Chapter 8 of this safety data sheet. A samarium limit derived by the manufacturer is also specified there.

Additional hazards resulting from the uses:

1. Use as supplied, for assembly, for example, in technical systems.

a) Magnetized parts generate magnetic fields and can exert forces of attraction on other magnetizable parts / substances. Electronic devices and measuring instruments can have their calibration changed or damaged by high field strengths. In particular, magnetized parts must be kept at a safe distance from computers, monitors and magnetic data carriers, as well as from active and passive implants (for example, heart pacemakers or artificial joints).

People with implants should be particularly careful when handling magnets and / or magnet systems. Safety distances must be observed, otherwise the implant may malfunction.

There is a risk of injury when handling magnetized parts. This can result in severe crushing injuries if they are handled improperly.

Magnets must not be used in potentially explosive atmospheres because sparks may be generated in the event of a collision.

b) Parts delivered magnetized are subject to the IATA transport guidelines relating to the external magnetic field of the packaging, for this, see Point 14 SIDA.

c) Skin contact with the magnet surfaces may cause allergic reactions due to the cobalt content or in the case of nickel-plated magnets.

d) Dusty abraded material generated during assembly work, for example, in feed lines, can, due to the cobalt content, be carcinogenic when inhaled and / or cause allergies which must be assessed on a workplace-specific basis.

Respirable fine cobalt metal powder (grain size $\leq 10\mu\text{m}$) is also "Acutely toxic by inhalation Category 1".

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2. Aqueous mechanical processing, for example, with the use of cooling lubricants:

a) Due to the rare earth content, the resulting abraded material reacts with the aqueous processing agents to form hydrogen. **ATTENTION: Formation of hazardous explosive (EX) atmospheres possible!**
Part of the hydrogen produced is stored in the material. The resulting processing slurries must be kept under protective liquid because the slurries that dry out can react in a self-heating or pyrophoric manner. When the temperature rises, the stored hydrogen is released and ex-atmospheres can form or the hydrogen burns off including the organics with flame / soot formation (in contrast to pure metal fires).

b) Abraded metal and metal ions such as cobalt are introduced during aqueous mechanical machining using cooling lubricants. This can lead to sensitization and allergic reactions of the skin in the event of prolonged and repeated skin contact. In addition, aerosols containing cobalt, which must be assessed on a workplace-specific basis, can be generated. This can be partly prevented by using cobalt-inhibited cooling lubricants.

Additional hazard statements:

Aqueous abraded metal material / aqueous grinding sludge develop hydrogen.

EUH 018: In use may form flammable / explosive vapour - air mixtures.

On drying out:

Pyrophoric and / or self-heating materials may be present.

H 260: In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.

H 250: Catches fire spontaneously if exposed to air.

H 251: Self-heating; may catch fire.

Additional information about machining residues / waste (grinding sludge and used cooling lubricants):

In Section 13: European List of Waste: In addition to the phrases listed there, HP3 and HP4 still apply to them.

In Section 15: Self-classification of machining residues in water hazard Class 3 (highly hazardous to water).

Additional information:

Only use cooling lubricants that are inhibited against the dissolution of cobalt as the metallic cobalt is dissolved out in ionic form on contact with the magnet and enriched in the cooling lubricant. This effect can cause increased exposure of the processor to cobalt salts which can cause allergies through skin contact or be absorbed into the body through inhalation of the cooling lubricant aerosol.

On drying out:

P210: Keep away from heat / sparks / open flames / hot surfaces – No smoking.

P222: Do not allow contact with air.

P280: Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection.

P332+P313: If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice / attention.

P337+P313: If eye irritation persists, get medical advice / attention.

3. Dust-forming mechanical processing (for example, dry-blasting process):

a) Such processes are not recommended. As it produces self-heating or pyrophoric dusts with a tendency to explode, the dry mechanical processing of rare earth permanent magnet alloys is only permissible under special safety precautions. The dust arising containing cobalt is carcinogenic and can cause allergies. Respirable fine cobalt metal powder (grain size $\leq 10\mu\text{m}$) is also "Acutely toxic by inhalation Category 1".

Additional hazard statements:

H 250: Catches fire spontaneously if exposed to air.

H 251: Self-heating; may catch fire.

EUH 018: In use may form flammable / explosive vapour - air mixtures.

H 315: Causes skin irritation.

H 319: Causes serious eye irritation.

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Additional information regarding machining residues / waste (grinding sludge):
 Self-classification in water hazard Class 3 (highly hazardous to water).
 European List of Waste: Additionally, HP3 and HP4.

Additional safety statements:

P210: Keep away from heat / sparks / open flames / hot surfaces – No smoking.

P222: Do not allow contact with air.

P280: Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection.

P332+P313: If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice / attention.

P337+P313: If eye irritation persists, get medical advice / attention.

· Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

· **PBT:** Not applicable.

· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

· Chemical characterisation: Mixtures

· **Description:** Mixture of substances listed below with nonhazardous additions.

· Dangerous components:

CAS: 7440-48-4 EINECS: 231-158-0	cobalt ⚠ Resp. Sens. 1, H334; Muta. 2, H341; Carc. 1B, H350; Repr. 1B, H360F; ⚠ Skin Sens. 1, H317; Aquatic Chronic 4, H413	45–55%
CAS: 7440-50-8 EINECS: 231-159-6	copper ⚠ Aquatic Chronic 2, H411	3–6%
CAS: 7440-02-0 EINECS: 231-111-4	nickel (as coating) ⚠ Carc. 2, H351; STOT RE 1, H372; ⚠ Skin Sens. 1, H317	<9%

· Non-hazardous components

(*) The proportion of rare earths (samarium and gadolinium) is 23-27% in total

CAS: 7439-89-6 EINECS: 231-096-4	iron	13–23%
CAS: 7440-19-9 EINECS: 231-128-7	samarium	
CAS: 7440-54-2 EINECS: 231-162-2	gadolinium	
CAS: 7440-67-7 EINECS: 231-176-9	zirconium	1–4%
CAS: 7429-90-5 EINECS: 231-072-3	aluminium (as coating)	<9%
CAS: 7440-31-5 EINECS: 231-141-8	tin (as coating)	<9%
CAS: 7440-57-5	gold (as coating)	<5%
CAS: 25583-20-4 EINECS: 247-117-5	titanium nitride (as coating)	<3%

· Additional information:

For the wording of the listed hazard phrases refer to section 16.

Alloys containing nickel are classified as skin sensitizing if the release exceeds 0.5 µg Ni/cm²/week measured using the European Standard Reference Method EN 1811.

Details of the possible coatings and bonded magnet systems:

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Coating: *IVD aluminium*
Application: *Ion Vapour Deposition*
Composition: *Aluminium, passivated*
Type. Coating thickness: *< 10µm*

Coating: *PVD titanium nitride*
Application: *Physical Vapour Deposition*
Composition: *Titanium nitride*
Type. Coating thickness: *< 10µm*

Coating: *VACCOAT 10047*
Application: *Aluminium spray painting*
Composition: *Cured phenolic resin base with aluminium content*
Type. Coating thickness: *< 20µm*

Coating: *VACCOAT 20011, 20021 und 30033*
Application: *Spray painting*
Composition: *Cured phenolic resin base*
Type. Coating thickness: *< 20µm*

Coating: *Nickel*
Application: *Galvanic*
Composition: *Nickel*
Type. Coating thickness: *< 30µm*

Coating: *Tin*
Application: *Galvanic*
Composition: *Tin*
Type. Coating thickness: *< 30µm*

Coating: *Tin / nickel and nickel / tin*
Application: *Galvanic*
Composition: *Nickel / tin*
Type. Coating thickness: *< 30µm (total)*

Coating: *Nickel / gold*
Application: *Galvanic*
Composition: *Nickel / gold*
Type. Coating thickness: *< 30µm (total)*

Bonding: *Bonded magnets, bonded coated magnets*
Application: *Bonding*
Composition: *Epoxy resin based / acrylic cured adhesives*
Type. Coating thickness: *Adhesive joint application-related*

In the cured and /or delivered form, the organic coatings and adhesives do not contain any substances hazardous to health or the environment (in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 - Annex VI).

The metallic coatings – with the exception of the nickel coating - are not classified in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 - Annex VI). The classification of the nickel coating has been made under Point 3. Furthermore, Point 2 of the safety data sheet must be observed.

Dust formation of the coating materials is not foreseen in the application. The general dust limit values and / or substance limit values of the coating materials and their ingredients must be used for dusts generated in the event

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of improper use.

REACH - SVHC

Substances of very high concern (Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern), in accordance with REACH; Article 57:

Magnets and coatings contain none or less than 0.1% of the listed substances.

RoHS

"Restriction of (the use of certain) Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment"-

Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment:

Magnets and coated magnets are RoHS compliant.

4 First aid measures

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **General information:** Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
- **After inhalation:**
Supply fresh air and to be sure call for a doctor.
In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.
- **After skin contact:** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
- **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water.
- **After swallowing:** If symptoms persist consult doctor.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No further relevant information available.

5 Firefighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:** Use fire extinguishing methods suitable to surrounding conditions.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** No further relevant information available.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** No special measures required.

6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** Not required.
- **Environmental precautions:**
Do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course.
Inform respective authorities in case of seepage into water course or sewage system.
Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **Reference to other sections**
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

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See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
Open and handle receptacle with care.
- **Information about fire - and explosion protection:** Keep respiratory protective device available.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:** Keep container tightly sealed.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical facilities:** No further data; see item 7.
- **Control parameters**

- **Ingredients with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

7440-48-4 cobalt

WEL	Long-term value: 0.1 mg/m ³ as Co; Carc, Sen
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7440-50-8 copper

WEL	Short-term value: 2** mg/m ³ Long-term value: 0.2* I** mg/m ³ *fume **dusts and mists (as Cu)
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- **DNELs**
Cobalt
Long-term inhalation exposure-local effect: 0.04 mg/m³ (industry) 0.0063 mg/m³ (consumer) in the inhalable dust fraction (E)

- **Additional information:**
The lists valid during the making were used as basis.

With regard to its natural radioactivity, for samarium, a workplace related dust limit of 340 µg/m³ in total dust, derived on the basis of worst-case assumptions, is recommended by the magnet manufacturer.

German limit value - cobalt:

ERB: 0,5 µg/m³ (1),(3) resp. 5 µg/m³ (1),(2)

(1) Respirable fraction (2) Workplace exposure concentration corresponding to the proposed tolerable cancer risk. (see background document: Germany AGS) (3) Workplace exposure concentration corresponding to the proposed preliminary acceptable cancer risk. (see background document: Germany AGS)

- **Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Store protective clothing separately.

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· **Respiratory protection:**



In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use self-contained respiratory protective device.

· **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation. Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

· **Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer. As the product 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.

· **Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

· **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

9 Physical and chemical properties

· **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

· **General Information**

· **Appearance:**

Form:	Solid in various forms
Colour:	Various (depending on the coating)
Odour:	Characteristic
Odour threshold:	Not determined.

· **pH-value:** Not applicable.

· **Change in condition**

Melting point/freezing point:	1,220–1,320 °C
Initial boiling point and boiling range:	Undetermined.

· **Flash point:** Not applicable.

· **Flammability (solid, gas):** Not determined.

· **Decomposition temperature:** Not determined.

· **Auto-ignition temperature:** Product is not selfigniting.

· **Explosive properties:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

· **Explosion limits:**

Lower:	Not determined.
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Upper:	Not determined.
· Vapour pressure:	Not applicable.
· Density at 20 °C:	8.5 g/cm ³
· Relative density	Not determined.
· Vapour density	Not applicable.
· Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
· Solubility in / Miscibility with water:	Insoluble.
· Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:	Not determined.
· Viscosity:	
Dynamic:	Not applicable.
Kinematic:	Not applicable.
· Solvent content:	
Solids content:	100.0 %
· Other information	No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

- **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

· **LD/LC50 values relevant for classification:**

7440-48-4 cobalt

Oral LD50 6,170 mg/kg (rat)

- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **Skin corrosion/irritation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Serious eye damage/irritation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Respiratory or skin sensitisation**
May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- **Additional toxicological information:**
- **CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and toxicity for reproduction)**
- **Germ cell mutagenicity**
Suspected of causing genetic defects.
- **Carcinogenicity**
May cause cancer.

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- **Reproductive toxicity**
May damage fertility.
- **STOT-single exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT-repeated exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Aspiration hazard** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

12 Ecological information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behaviour in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Ecotoxicological effects:**
- **Remark:** Harmful to fish
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**
Water hazard class 1 (German Regulation) (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water
Harmful to aquatic organisms
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**
Must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
Send for proper recycling.

· European waste catalogue

HP7	Carcinogenic
HP10	Toxic for reproduction
HP11	Mutagenic
HP13	Sensitising
HP14	Ecotoxic

- **Uncleaned packaging:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

14 Transport information

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| · UN-Number | |
| · ADR, IMDG, IATA | not regulated |
| · UN proper shipping name | |
| · ADR, IMDG, IATA | not regulated |

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· Transport hazard class(es)	
· ADR, ADN, IMDG	
· Class	not regulated
· IATA	Air transport ICAO TI and IATA DGR: -Non-magnetized parts: Not hazardous goods within the meaning of the aforementioned regulation. -Magnetized parts in packaging units: Under certain circumstances, magnets can be classified as dangerous goods in air freight in accordance with the packing instruction IATA 953. Carry out the test for classification in accordance with the IATA regulation. If the test is positive, applicable is: UN Number: 2807 Transport hazard classes: 9 UN proper shipping name: Magnetized substances.
· Class	not regulated
· Packing group	
· ADR, IMDG, IATA	not regulated
· Environmental hazards:	Not applicable.
· Special precautions for user	Not applicable.
· Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
· UN "Model Regulation":	not regulated

15 Regulatory information

- **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **Directive 2012/18/EU**
- **Named dangerous substances - ANNEX I** None of the ingredients is listed.

· **DIRECTIVE 2011/65/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment – Annex II**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **National regulations:**
- **Information about limitation of use:**
The relevant employment restrictions for carcinogenic hazardous substances must be observed.
- **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

- **Relevant phrases**
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

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*H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.**H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.**H350 May cause cancer.**H351 Suspected of causing cancer.**H360F May damage fertility.**H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.**H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.**H413 May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.***Contact:****Abbreviations and acronyms:***ADR: Accord relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route (European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)**IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods**IATA: International Air Transport Association**GHS: Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances**ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances**CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)**DNEL: Derived No-Effect Level (REACH)**LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent**LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent**PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic**vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative**Resp. Sens. 1: Respiratory sensitisation – Category 1**Skin Sens. 1: Skin sensitisation – Category 1**Muta. 2: Germ cell mutagenicity – Category 2**Carc. 1B: Carcinogenicity – Category 1B**Carc. 2: Carcinogenicity – Category 2**Repr. 1B: Reproductive toxicity – Category 1B**STOT RE 1: Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) – Category 1**Aquatic Chronic 2: Hazardous to the aquatic environment - long-term aquatic hazard – Category 2**Aquatic Chronic 3: Hazardous to the aquatic environment - long-term aquatic hazard – Category 3**Aquatic Chronic 4: Hazardous to the aquatic environment - long-term aquatic hazard – Category 4*