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## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

PRODUCT

IDENTIFICATION

Description:

Resin-impregnated paper product. Poses no unique hazard. Free formaldehyde can be emitted from the product in trace

amounts.

HAZARDOUS

Components:

Condensed urea-formaldehyde based polymeric resin which when fully polymerized is essentially innocuous. Free formaldehyde can be emitted in trace amount.

CAS Number:

9011-05-6 for urea-formaldehyde

resin.

50-00-0 for free formaldehyde

gas.

Percentage:

Formaldehyde is present in trace

amounts, less than 0.1% by

weight.

Exposure:

No Permissible Exposure Limit has been established by OSHA for urea-formaldehyde resin.

OSHA PEL:

1 ppm 8-hr TWA

2 ppm 8 STEL

ACGIH TLV:

1 ppm 8-hr TWA

2 ppm 8 STEL

HEALTH EFFECTS INFORMATION Eye Contact:

Irritant, may cause tearing at concentrations above 1 ppm. Effect is immediately reversible when exposure is terminated. Hypersensitive individuals may experience symptoms at concentrations lower that 1 ppm.

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Inhalation: Exposures of 1 ppm and above may cause upper respiratory tract irritation. Irritation is reversible when exposure is terminated. Hypersensitive individuals may experience symptoms at concentrations below 1 ppm. Formaldehyde is listed by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as an animal carcinogen and the National Toxicology Program Annual Report on Carcinogens (NTP) as a potential human carcinogen.

EMERGERCY AND

FIRST AID

Eye:

Remove affected individual to fresh air.

Inhalation:
Ingestion:

Remove affected individual to

-19.5°C

fresh air.

Not applicable.

PHYSICAL DATA Boiling Point:
Specific Gravity:
Vapor Density:
% Volatiles by Volume:
Melting Point:
Vapor Pressure:
Solubility in H<sub>2</sub>0 (%/wt):
Evap Rate (Butyl Acetate=1):
pH:

Not Applicable
1.067 (air=1)
Not Applicable
-92°C
Not Applicable
Very Soluble
Not Applicable
Neutral to slightly

Appearance & Odor:

acidic.
Clear gas with
characteristic

odor that can be sensed by irritation of the mucous membranes and eyes at concentrations above 1 ppm.

FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA The fire hazards associated with this product are those known to exist for normally combustible paper products. The formaldehyde constituent of this product should not increase the fire or explosive hazard or alter firefighting procedures.

Extinguishing Media:

Water, fog, CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical

Special Fire Fighting Methods: None

Unusual Fire/Explosion Hazard: None

REACTIVITY

Conditions Contributing to Instability:

Heat and Moisture can result in increased rates of formaldehyde off-gassing.

Incompatibility:

None

Hazardous Decomposition

Products:

None

Conditions Contributing to Hazardous Polymerization:

Heat and Moisture will affect the polymerization

process and potentially increase the rate of formaldehyde off-gassing.

PRECAUTIONS/

SAFE HANDLING Store in well ventilated area.

If workers experience irritation during unloading, allow shipping vehicles to ventilate before unloading. Keep the vent holes of vehicles open during transit. If a hot and humid environment is involved, ensure that the storage area is kept well ventilated. Boxes should not be stored in unventilated confined areas.

CONTROL MEASURES

General ventilation is normally all that is required unless the product is subjected to hot and humid conditions.

If the environment is hot and humid, local exhaust ventilation is the most effective means of controlling vapor buildup. Normally, general ventialtion should provide adequate protection.

A few excessively sensitive individuals may experience irritation of the eyes and upper respiratory tract at very low levels in which case a NIOSH approved full face piece chemical cartridge respirator for formaldehyded may be needed.

SPILL AND LEAK CLEAN-UP PROCEDURES Not Applicable.