

# SAFETY DATA SHEET Polyethylene glycol 6000

According to the REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 No. 1577, as amended.

## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

## 1.1. Product identifier

Product name Polyethylene glycol 6000

 Product number
 90005004

 Synonyms; trade names
 PEG 6000

 CAS number
 25322-68-3

 EC number
 500-038-2

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

**Identified uses** For research purposes only.

Uses advised against Not suitable for human consumption or veterinary purposes.

## 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier Molekula Ltd.

Lingfield Way, Darlington, DL1 4XX, United Kingdom +44 (0) 3302000333 info@molekula.com

## 1.4. Emergency telephone number

+44 (0) 7769276927

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

# 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification (SI 2019 No. 720)

Physical hazards Not Classified

Health hazards Not Classified

Environmental hazards Not Classified

2.2. Label elements

**EC number** 500-038-2

Hazard statements NC Not Classified

## 2.3. Other hazards

This substance is not classified as PBT or vPvB according to current UK criteria.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1. Substances

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 Chemical formula
 (C2H4O)nH2O

## **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

## 4.1. Description of first aid measures

General information If in doubt, get medical attention promptly. Show this Safety Data Sheet to the medical

personnel.

**Inhalation** No specific recommendations. If throat irritation or coughing persists, proceed as follows.

Move affected person to fresh air and keep warm and at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Loosen tight clothing such as collar, tie or belt. Get medical attention if any

discomfort continues.

**Ingestion** No specific recommendations. If throat irritation or coughing persists, proceed as follows.

Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

Skin contact No specific recommendations. Rinse with water. Get medical attention if any discomfort

continues.

**Eye contact** Remove any contact lenses and open eyelids wide apart. Rinse with water. Get medical

attention if any discomfort continues.

**Protection of first aiders**Use protective equipment appropriate for surrounding materials.

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

General information The severity of the symptoms described will vary dependent on the concentration and the

length of exposure.

**Inhalation** A single exposure may cause the following adverse effects: Temporary irritation.

**Ingestion** May cause discomfort if swallowed.

**Skin contact** Prolonged contact may cause dryness of the skin.

**Eye contact** May be slightly irritating to eyes.

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

Notes for the doctor Treat symptomatically.

**Specific treatments** No special treatment required.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

## 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media Extinguish with alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder or water fog. Use fire-

extinguishing media suitable for the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

## 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards None known.

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Hazardous combustion

products

Thermal decomposition or combustion products may include the following substances:

Harmful gases or vapours. Carbon dioxide (CO2).

Carbon monoxide (CO).

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Protective actions during firefighting

Avoid breathing fire gases or vapours. Evacuate area. Cool containers exposed to heat with water spray and remove them from the fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool containers

exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.

Special protective equipment

for firefighters

Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and appropriate protective clothing. Firefighter's clothing will provide a basic level of protection for chemical incidents.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

#### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

**Personal precautions**No specific recommendations. For personal protection, see Section 8.

## 6.2. Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions Avoid discharge into drains or watercourses or onto the ground.

#### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up Reuse or recycle product

Reuse or recycle products wherever possible. Collect spillage with a shovel and broom, or similar and reuse, if possible. Collect and place in suitable waste disposal containers and seal securely. Flush contaminated area with plenty of water. Wash thoroughly after dealing with a spillage. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with national regulations.

## 6.4. Reference to other sections

**Reference to other sections** For personal protection, see Section 8. For waste disposal, see Section 13.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

## 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Usage precautions Read and follow manufacturer's recommendations. Wear protective clothing as described in

Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.

Keep container tightly sealed when not in use.

Advice on general occupational hygiene

Wash promptly if skin becomes contaminated. Take off contaminated clothing. Wash

contaminated clothing before reuse.

## 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage precautions Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). No specific recommendations.

Moisture sensitive. Store under inert gas.

Storage class Unspecified storage.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

**Specific end use(s)** The identified uses for this product are detailed in Section 1.2.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/Personal protection

## 8.1. Control parameters

#### 8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering

controls

No specific ventilation requirements.

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**Eye/face protection** No specific eye protection required during normal use. Large Spillages: Eyewear complying

with an approved standard should be worn if a risk assessment indicates eye contact is

possible.

Hand protection No specific hand protection recommended. Large Spillages: Wear protective gloves.

Hygiene measures Wash after use and before eating, smoking and using the toilet. Do not eat, drink or smoke

when using this product.

Respiratory protection No specific recommendations. Provide adequate ventilation. Large Spillages: If ventilation is

inadequate, suitable respiratory protection must be worn.

**Environmental exposure** 

controls

Not regarded as dangerous for the environment.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

## 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance Solid.

Colour White.

Odour Not known.

Odour threshold No information available.

pH (diluted solution): 5.0 - 7.0 , 10% in water

**Melting point** 60-63°C/140-145.4°F

Initial boiling point and rangeNo information available.Flash pointNo information available.Evaporation rateNo information available.Flammability (solid, gas)No information available.

Upper/lower flammability or

explosive limits

No information available.

Vapour pressure <0.01 mm Hg @ 20°C/68°F

Vapour density No information available.

Relative density 1.2

Solubility(ies) Soluble in water.

Partition coefficient

No information available.

Auto-ignition temperature

No information available.

Decomposition Temperature

No information available.

9.2. Other information

Molecular weight 6000

## **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

## 10.1. Reactivity

**Reactivity** See the other subsections of this section for further details.

## 10.2. Chemical stability

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Stable at normal ambient temperatures and when used as recommended. Stable under the

prescribed storage conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Possibility of hazardous

No potentially hazardous reactions known.

reactions

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Conditions to avoid There are no known conditions that are likely to result in a hazardous situation.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Materials to avoid Strong oxidising agents.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition

Does not decompose when used and stored as recommended.

products

Thermal decomposition or combustion products may include the following substances:

Harmful gases or vapours. Carbon dioxide (CO2). Carbon monoxide (CO).

## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

## 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity - oral

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Acute toxicity - dermal

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Acute toxicity - inhalation

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Skin corrosion/irritation

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Serious eye damage/irritation

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Respiratory sensitisation

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Skin sensitisation

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Germ cell mutagenicity

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Carcinogenicity

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

**IARC carcinogenicity**None of the ingredients are listed or exempt.

Reproductive toxicity

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

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Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Aspiration hazard

Summary Not relevant. Solid.

General information No specific health hazards known. The severity of the symptoms described will vary

dependent on the concentration and the length of exposure.

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**Ingestion** May cause discomfort if swallowed.

**Skin contact** Prolonged contact may cause dryness of the skin.

**Eye contact** May be slightly irritating to eyes.

Route of exposure Ingestion Inhalation Skin and/or eye contact

Target organs No specific target organs known.

## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**Ecotoxicity** Not regarded as dangerous for the environment. However, large or frequent spills may have

hazardous effects on the environment.

12.1. Toxicity

Acute aquatic toxicity

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Acute toxicity - fish LC<sub>50</sub>, 96 hours: > 100 mg/l, Poecilia reticulata (Guppy)

Acute toxicity - aquatic

invertebrates

EC<sub>50</sub>, 48 hours: > 100 mg/l, Daphnia magna

Chronic aquatic toxicity

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

## 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Persistence and degradability The degradability of the product is not known.

## 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulative potential No data available on bioaccumulation.

Partition coefficient No information available.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Mobility No data available.

## 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

12.6. Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects None known.

## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

## 13.1. Waste treatment methods

General information The generation of waste should be minimised or avoided wherever possible. Reuse or recycle

products wherever possible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe

way.

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## Disposal methods

Dispose of surplus products and those that cannot be recycled via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Waste packaging should be collected for reuse or recycling. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of the local water authority.

## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

#### General

The product is not covered by international regulations on the transport of dangerous goods (IMDG, IATA, ADR/RID).

## 14.1. UN number

Not applicable.

## 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Not applicable.

## 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

No transport warning sign required.

## 14.4. Packing group

Not applicable.

## 14.5. Environmental hazards

## Environmentally hazardous substance/marine pollutant

No.

## 14.6. Special precautions for user

Not applicable.

## 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC Code

**Transport in bulk according to** Not applicable. **Annex II of MARPOL 73/78** 

and the IBC Code

## **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

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

National regulations Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (as amended).

The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment

Regulations 2009 (SI 2009 No. 1348) (as amended) ["CDG 2009"].

EH40/2005 Workplace exposure limits.

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out.

## Inventories

## **EU - EINECS/ELINCS**

None of the ingredients are listed or exempt.

## SECTION 16: Other information

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Abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by

ADN: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by

Inland Waterways.

RID: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail.

IATA: International Air Transport Association.

ICAO: Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air.

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods.

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service. ATE: Acute Toxicity Estimate.

LC50: Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population.

LD50: Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose).

EC50: 50% of maximal Effective Concentration.

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance. vPvB: Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative.

**Training advice** Only trained personnel should use this material.

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