



## Short Review

## RIFM fragrance ingredient safety assessment, methyl 2-octynoate, CAS Registry Number 111-12-6



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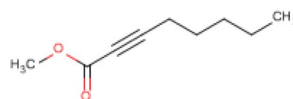
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## A B S T R A C T

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**2-Box Model** - A RIFM, Inc. proprietary *in silico* tool used to calculate fragrance air exposure concentration

**AF** - Assessment Factor

**BCF** - Bioconcentration Factor

**Creme RIFM Model** - The Creme RIFM Model uses probabilistic (Monte Carlo) simulations to allow full distributions of data sets, providing a more realistic estimate of aggregate exposure to individuals across a population (Comiskey et al., 2015, 2017; Safford et al., 2015, 2017) compared to a deterministic aggregate approach

**DEREK** - Derek Nexus is an *in silico* tool used to identify structural alerts

**DST** - Dermal Sensitization Threshold

**ECHA** - European Chemicals Agency

**ECOSAR** - Ecological Structure-Activity Relationships Predictive Model

**EU** - Europe/European Union

**GLP** - Good Laboratory Practice

**IFRA** - The International Fragrance Association

**LOEL** - Lowest Observable Effect Level

**MOE** - Margin of Exposure

**MPPD** - Multiple-Path Particle Dosimetry. An *in silico* model for inhaled vapors used to simulate fragrance lung deposition

**NA** - North America

**NESIL** - No Expected Sensitization Induction Level

**NOAEC** - No Observed Adverse Effect Concentration

**NOAEL** - No Observed Adverse Effect Level

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**NOEL** - No Observed Effect Level

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**OECD TG** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Testing Guidelines

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic

**PEC/PNEC** - Predicted Environmental Concentration/Predicted No Effect Concentration

**QRA** - Quantitative Risk Assessment

**QSAR** - Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship

**REACH** - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals

**RfD** - Reference Dose

**RIFM** - Research Institute for Fragrance Materials

**RQ** - Risk Quotient

**Statistically Significant** - Statistically significant difference in reported results as compared to controls with a  $p < 0.05$  using appropriate statistical test

**TTC** - Threshold of Toxicological Concern

**UV/Vis spectra** - Ultraviolet/Visible spectra

**VCF** - Volatile Compounds in Food

**VoU** - Volume of Use

**vPvB** - (very) Persistent, (very) Bioaccumulative

**WoE** - Weight of Evidence

**The Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety\* concludes that this material is safe as described in this safety assessment.**

This safety assessment is based on the RIFM Criteria Document (Api et al., 2015), which should be referred to for clarifications.

Each endpoint discussed in this safety assessment includes the relevant data that were available at the time of writing (version number in the top box is indicative of the date of approval based on a 2-digit month/day/year), both in the RIFM Database (consisting of publicly available and proprietary data) and through publicly available information sources (e.g., SciFinder and PubMed). Studies selected for this safety assessment were based on appropriate test criteria, such as acceptable guidelines, sample size, study duration, route of exposure, relevant animal species, most relevant testing endpoints, etc. A key study for each endpoint was selected based on the most conservative endpoint value (e.g., PNEC, NOAEL, LOEL, and NESIL).

\*The Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety is an independent body that selects its own members and establishes its own operating procedures. The Expert Panel is comprised of internationally known scientists that provide RIFM with guidance relevant to human health and environmental protection.

**Summary: The existing information supports the use of this material as described in this safety assessment.**

Methyl 2-octynoate was evaluated for genotoxicity, repeated dose toxicity, developmental and reproductive toxicity, local respiratory toxicity, phototoxicity/photoallergenicity, skin sensitization, and environmental safety. Data show that methyl 2-octynoate is not genotoxic. Data provided methyl 2-octynoate a NESIL of 110  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  for the skin sensitization endpoint. The repeated dose, developmental and reproductive, and local respiratory toxicity endpoints were evaluated using the TTC for a Cramer Class II material, and the exposure to methyl 2-octynoate is below the TTC (0.009 mg/kg/day, 0.009 mg/kg/day, and 0.47 mg/day, respectively). The phototoxicity/photoallergenicity endpoints were evaluated based on UV spectra; methyl 2-octynoate is not expected to be phototoxic/photoallergenic. The environmental endpoints were evaluated; methyl 2-octynoate was found not to be PBT as per the IFRA Environmental Standards, and its risk quotients, based on its current volume of use in Europe and North America (i.e., PEC/PNEC), are  $< 1$ .

#### **Human Health Safety Assessment**

**Genotoxicity:** Not genotoxic. (Wild et al., 1983)

**Repeated Dose Toxicity:** No NOAEL Available. Exposure is below the TTC.

**Developmental and Reproductive Toxicity:** No NOAEL Available. Exposure is below the TTC.

**Skin Sensitization:** NESIL = 110  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ . (RIFM, 1989; RIFM, 1990)

**Phototoxicity/Photoallergenicity:** Not expected to be phototoxic/photoallergenic. (UV Spectra, RIFM Database)

**Local Respiratory Toxicity:** No NOAEC available. Exposure is below the TTC.

#### **Environmental Safety Assessment**

**Hazard Assessment:**

**Persistence:** Critical Measured Value: 85% (OECD 302C) RIFM (2001)

**Bioaccumulation:** Screening-level: 24.28 L/kg (EPI Suite v4.11; US EPA, 2012a)

**Ecotoxicity:** Screening-level: Fish LC50: 62.53 mg/L (RIFM Framework; Salvito et al., 2002)

**Conclusion:** Not PBT or vPvB as per IFRA Environmental Standards

**Risk Assessment:**

**Screening-level:** PEC/PNEC (North America and Europe)  $< 1$  (RIFM Framework; Salvito et al., 2002)

**Critical Ecotoxicity Endpoint:** 62.53 mg/L (RIFM Framework; Salvito et al., 2002)

RIFM PNEC is: 0.06253  $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$

• Revised PEC/PNECs (2015 IFRA VoU): North America and Europe: Not applicable; cleared at screening-level

## 1. Identification

- Chemical Name:** Methyl 2-octynoate
- CAS Registry Number:** 111-12-6
- Synonyms:** Folione; Methyl heptyne carbonate; Methyl heptyne carbonate; MHC; 2-Octynoic acid, methyl ester; AB 565; アルキン (C = 7 ~ 8) カルボン酸メチル; 1-ヘプティン-1-カルボン酸メチル; Methyl oct-2-ynoate; Methyl 2-octynoate
- Molecular Formula:** C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
- Molecular Weight:** 154.2
- RIFM Number:** 274

## 2. Physical data

- Boiling Point:** 217 °C (FMA database), 205.31 °C (EPI Suite)
- Flash Point:** 88 °C (GHS), 190 °F; CC (FMA database)
- Log K<sub>ow</sub>:** 2.6 (EPI Suite)
- Melting Point:** 26.3 °C (EPI Suite)
- Water Solubility:** 433.9 mg/L (EPI Suite)
- Specific Gravity:** 0.921 (FMA database)
- Vapor Pressure:** 0.0829 mm Hg @ 20 °C (EPI Suite v4.0), 0.07 mm Hg @ 20 °C (FMA database), 0.138 mm Hg @ 25 °C (EPI Suite)
- UV Spectra:** No significant absorption between 290 and 700 nm; molar absorption coefficient is below the benchmark (1000 L mol<sup>-1</sup> · cm<sup>-1</sup>)
- Appearance/Organoleptic:** Colorless to yellow liquid with powerful, unpleasant odor; very powerful, penetrating vegetable green foliage type odor (Arctander, 1969)

## 3. Volume of use (worldwide band)

- Volume of Use (worldwide band):** 1–10 metric tons per year (IFRA, 2015)
- 95th Percentile Concentration in Hydroalcohols:** 0.0070% (RIFM, 2015b)
- Inhalation Exposure\*:** 0.000041 mg/kg/day or 0.0030 mg/day (RIFM, 2015b)
- Total Systemic Exposure\*\*:** 0.00023 mg/kg/day (RIFM, 2015b)

\*95th percentile calculated exposure derived from concentration survey data in the Creme RIFM Aggregate Exposure Model (Comiskey et al., 2015; Safford et al., 2015; Safford et al., 2017; and Comiskey et al., 2017).

\*\*95th percentile calculated exposure; assumes 100% absorption unless modified by dermal absorption data as reported in Section IV. It is derived from concentration survey data in the Creme RIFM Aggregate Exposure Model and includes exposure via dermal, oral, and inhalation routes whenever the fragrance ingredient is used in products that include these routes of exposure (Comiskey et al., 2015; Safford et al., 2015; Safford et al., 2017; and Comiskey et al., 2017).

## 4. Derivation of systemic absorption

- Dermal:** Assumed 100%
- Oral:** Assumed 100%
- Inhalation:** Assumed 100%

## 5. Computational toxicology evaluation

- Cramer Classification\*:** Class II, Intermediate (Expert Judgment)

Expert Judgment	Toxtree v 2.6	OECD QSAR Toolbox v 3.2
II	III	III

\*Due to potential discrepancies with the current *in silico* tools (Bhatia et al., 2015), the Cramer Class of the target material was determined using expert judgment based on the Cramer decision tree (Cramer et al., 1978). See Appendix below for further details.

## 2. Analogs Selected:

- Genotoxicity:** None
  - Repeated Dose Toxicity:** None
  - Developmental and Reproductive Toxicity:** None
  - Skin Sensitization:** None
  - Phototoxicity/Photoallergenicity:** None
  - Local Respiratory Toxicity:** None
  - Environmental Toxicity:** none
- Read-across Justification:** None

## 6. Metabolism

Not considered for this risk assessment and therefore not reviewed except where it may pertain in specific endpoint sections as discussed below.

## 7. Natural occurrence (discrete chemical) or Composition (NCS)

Methyl 2-octynoate is not reported to occur in food by the VCF\*. VCF Volatile Compounds in Food: Database/Nijssen, L.M.; Ingen-Visscher, C.A. van; Donders, J.J.H. (eds). – Version 15.1 – Zeist (The Netherlands): TNO Triskelion, 1963–2014. A continually updated database containing information on published volatile compounds that have been found in natural (processed) food products. Includes FEMA GRAS and EU-Flavis data.

## 8. REACH dossier

Available; accessed on 06/03/19.

## 9. Conclusion

The maximum acceptable concentrations<sup>a</sup> in finished products for methyl 2-octynoate are detailed below.

IFRA Category <sup>b</sup>	Description of Product Type	Maximum Acceptable Concentrations <sup>a</sup> in Finished Products (%)
1	Products applied to the lips (lipstick)	0.0085
2	Products applied to the axillae	0.0025
3	Products applied to the face/body using fingertips	0.051
4	Products related to fine fragrances	0.047
5A	Body lotion products applied to the face and body using the hands (palms), primarily leave-on	0.012
5B	Face moisturizer products applied to the face and body using the hands (palms), primarily leave-on	0.012
5C	Hand cream products applied to the face and body using the hands (palms), primarily leave-on	0.012
5D	Baby cream, oil, talc	0.012
6	Products with oral and lip exposure	0.028
7	Products applied to the hair with some hand contact	0.096
8	Products with significant ano-genital exposure (tampon)	0.0050
9	Products with body and hand exposure, primarily rinse-off (bar soap)	0.092
10A	Household care products with mostly hand contact (hand dishwashing detergent)	0.33
10B	Aerosol air freshener	0.33

11	Products with intended skin contact but minimal transfer of fragrance to skin from inert substrate (feminine hygiene pad)	0.18
12	Other air care products not intended for direct skin contact, minimal or insignificant transfer to skin	Not Restricted

Note: <sup>a</sup>Maximum acceptable concentrations for each product category are based on the lowest maximum acceptable concentrations (based on systemic toxicity, skin sensitization, or any other endpoint evaluated in this safety assessment). For methyl 2-octynoate, the basis was a predicted skin absorption value of 80% and a skin sensitization NESIL of 110 µg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>b</sup>For a description of the categories, refer to the IFRA RIFM Information Booklet. ([www.rifm.org/doc](http://www.rifm.org/doc)).

## 10. Summary

### 10.1. Human health endpoint summaries

#### 10.1.1. Genotoxicity

Based on the current existing data, methyl 2-octynoate does not present a concern for genotoxicity.

**10.1.1.1. Risk assessment.** Methyl 2-octynoate was assessed in an Ames assay conducted similar to OECD TG 471 using the standard plate incorporation method. *Salmonella typhimurium* strains TA1535, TA1537, TA1538, TA98, and TA100 were treated with methyl 2-octynoate in dimethyl sulfoxide at concentrations up to 3.6 mg/plate in the presence and absence of exogenous metabolically-active microsomal mix (S9 mix). No increase in the number of revertant colonies was observed in the tester strains at any concentration (Wild et al., 1983). Under the conditions of the study, methyl 2-octynoate was considered not mutagenic in the Ames test.

The clastogenic potential of methyl 2-octynoate was assessed in an *in vivo* micronucleus test conducted equivalent to OECD TG 474. Groups of male and female NMRI mice were treated with methyl 2-octynoate in olive oil via a single intraperitoneal injection at the concentrations of 168, 336, and 505 mg/kg. After 30 h, the bone marrow of each animal was removed and samples prepared. Compared to vehicle controls, no significant increase in the number of micronucleated polychromatic erythrocytes was observed (Wild et al., 1983). Under the conditions of the study, methyl 2-octynoate was considered not clastogenic in the *in vivo* micronucleus test.

Based on the available data, methyl 2-octynoate does not present a concern for genotoxic potential.

**Additional References:** None.

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On:** 05/15/16.

#### 10.1.2. Repeated dose toxicity

There are insufficient repeated dose toxicity data on methyl-2-octynoate or on any read-across materials. The total systemic exposure to methyl-2-octynoate is below the TTC for the repeated dose toxicity endpoint of a Cramer Class II material at the current level of use.

**Table 1**

Data summary for methyl 2-nonynoate.

LLNA Weighted Mean EC3 Value µg/cm <sup>b</sup> [No. Studies]	Potency Classification Based on Animal Data <sup>a</sup>	Human Data			
		NOEL-HRIPT (induction) µg/cm <sup>b</sup>	NOEL-HMT (induction) µg/cm <sup>b</sup>	LOEL <sup>b</sup> (induction) µg/cm <sup>b</sup>	WoE NESIL <sup>c</sup> µg/cm <sup>b</sup>
112.5 [1]	Strong	118	NA	194	110

NOEL = No observed effect level; HRIPT = Human Repeat Insult Patch Test; HMT = Human Maximization Test; LOEL = lowest observed effect level; NA = Not Available.

<sup>a</sup> Based on animal data using classification defined in ECETOC, Technical Report No. 87, 2003.

<sup>b</sup> Data derived from HRIPT or HMT.

<sup>c</sup> WoE NESIL limited to 3 significant figures.

**10.1.2.1. Risk assessment.** There are insufficient repeated dose toxicity data on methyl-2-octynoate or on any read-across materials that can be used to support the repeated dose toxicity endpoint. The total systemic exposure to methyl-2-octynoate (0.23 µg/kg bw/day) is below the TTC (9 µg/kg bw/day; Kroes et al., 2007) for the repeated dose toxicity endpoint of a Cramer Class II material at the current level of use.

**Additional References:** None.

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On:** 01/25/18.

#### 10.1.3. Developmental and reproductive toxicity

There are insufficient developmental and reproductive toxicity data on methyl-2-octynoate or on any read-across materials. The total systemic exposure to methyl-2-octynoate is below the TTC for the developmental and reproductive toxicity endpoints of a Cramer Class II material at the current level of use.

**10.1.3.1. Risk assessment.** There are insufficient developmental and reproductive toxicity data on methyl-2-octynoate or on any read-across materials that can be used to support the developmental and reproductive toxicity endpoints. The total systemic exposure to methyl-2-octynoate (0.23 µg/kg bw/day) is below the TTC (9 µg/kg bw/day; Kroes et al., 2007; Laufersweiler et al., 2012) for the developmental and reproductive toxicity endpoints of a Cramer Class II material at the current level of use.

**Additional References:** None.

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On:** 01/25/18.

#### 10.1.4. Skin sensitization

Based on the existing data, methyl 2-octynoate is considered a strong skin sensitizer with a defined NESIL of 110 µg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

**10.1.4.1. Risk assessment.** The chemical structure of methyl 2-octynoate indicates that it is expected to react with skin proteins directly via the Michael addition mechanism (Roberts et al., 2007; Toxtree 2.6.6; OECD Toolbox v3.3, 2018). In non-animal alternative assays representing key biological events of the Adverse Outcome Pathway (AOP) for skin sensitization, methyl 2-octynoate was found to be positive (Urbisch et al., 2015). Methyl 2-octynoate was found to be positive in an *in vitro* direct peptide reactivity assay (DPRA), KeratinoSens, and human cell line activation test (h-CLAT) (RIFM, 2015a; Urbisch et al., 2015). In 2 murine local lymph node assays (LLNAs), methyl 2-octynoate was found to be sensitizing with an EC3 value of 0.45% (112.5 µg/cm<sup>2</sup>) (RIFM, 2005; RIFM, 2006). Additionally, in a confirmatory human repeat insult patch test (HRIPT) with 118 µg/cm<sup>2</sup> of methyl 2-octynoate in 3:1 ethanol:diethyl phthalate (EtOH:DEP), no reactions indicative of sensitization were observed in any of the 104 volunteers (RIFM, 1989; RIFM, 1990).

Based on weight of evidence (WoE) from structural analysis and animal and human studies, methyl 2-octynoate is a strong sensitizer with a Weight of Evidence No Expected Sensitization Induction Level (WoE NESIL) of 110 µg/cm<sup>2</sup> (Table 1). Section IX provides the maximum acceptable concentrations in finished products, which take into account skin sensitization and application of the Quantitative Risk

Assessment (QRA2) described by Api et al. (RIFM, 2008; IDEA [International Dialogue for the Evaluation of Allergens] project Final Report on the QRA2: Skin Sensitization Quantitative Risk Assessment for Fragrance Ingredients, September 30, 2016, <http://www.ideaproject.info/uploads/Modules/Documents/qra2-dossier-final-september-2016.pdf>).

**Additional References:** RIFM, 1980; RIFM, 1979a; RIFM, 1979b; RIFM, 1979c; RIFM, 1983; Sharp (1978); Klecak et al., 1977; RIFM, 1973; RIFM, 1985a; RIFM, 1985b; RIFM, 1985c; RIFM, 1986; Klecak (1979); RIFM, 1979d; RIFM, 1976a; RIFM, 1976b; RIFM, 1976c; RIFM, 1976d; RIFM, 1977a; Johnson and Goodwin, 1985; RIFM, 1985d; Griepentrog (1959); RIFM, 1965; RIFM, 1972; RIFM, 1977b; RIFM, 1974; RIFM, 1975a; RIFM, 1975b; RIFM, 1976e.

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On:** 09/21/15.

#### 10.1.5. Phototoxicity/Photoallergenicity

Based on UV/Vis absorption spectra, methyl 2-octynoate would not be expected to present a concern for phototoxicity or photoallergenicity.

**10.1.5.1. Risk assessment.** There are no phototoxicity studies available for methyl 2-octynoate in experimental models. UV/Vis absorption spectra indicate no significant absorption between 290 and 700 nm. The corresponding molar absorption coefficient is well below the benchmark of concern for phototoxicity and photoallergenicity (Henry et al., 2009). Based on the lack of absorbance, methyl 2-octynoate does not present a concern for phototoxicity or photoallergenicity.

**10.1.5.2. UV spectra analysis.** UV/Vis absorption spectra (OECD TG 101) were obtained. The spectra indicate no significant absorbance in the range of 290–700 nm. The molar absorption coefficient is below the benchmark of concern for phototoxic effects,  $1000 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$  (Henry et al., 2009).

**Additional References:** None.

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On:** 06/29/16.

#### 10.1.6. Local Respiratory Toxicity

The MOE could not be calculated due to a lack of appropriate data. The exposure level for methyl 2-octynoate is below the Cramer Class III\* TTC value for inhalation exposure local effects.

**10.1.6.1. Risk assessment.** There are limited data available on methyl 2-octynoate. Based on the Creme RIFM Model, the inhalation exposure is 0.0030 mg/day. This exposure is 156.7 times lower than the Cramer Class III\* TTC value of 0.47 mg/day (based on human lung weight of 650 g; Carthew et al., 2009); therefore, the exposure at the current level of use is deemed safe.

\*As per Carthew et al., 2009, Cramer Class II materials default to Cramer Class III.

**Additional References:** Troy (1977); Gilbert and Kemp, 1996

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On:** 03/28/19.

### 10.2. Environmental endpoint summary

#### 10.2.1. Screening-level assessment

A screening-level risk assessment of methyl 2-octynoate was performed following the RIFM Environmental Framework (Salvito et al., 2002), which provides 3 tiered levels of screening for aquatic risk. In Tier 1, only the material's regional VoU, its log  $K_{OW}$ , and its molecular weight are needed to estimate a conservative risk quotient (RQ), expressed as the ratio Predicted Environmental Concentration/Predicted No Effect Concentration (PEC/PNEC). A general QSAR with a high uncertainty factor applied is used to predict fish toxicity, as discussed in Salvito et al. (2002). In Tier 2, the RQ is refined by applying a lower uncertainty factor to the PNEC using the ECOSAR model (US EPA, 2012b), which provides chemical class-specific ecotoxicity estimates. Finally, if necessary, Tier 3 is conducted using measured biodegradation and ecotoxicity data to

refine the RQ, thus allowing for lower PNEC uncertainty factors. The data for calculating the PEC and PNEC for this safety assessment are provided in the table below. For the PEC, the range from the most recent IFRA Volume of Use Survey is reviewed. The PEC is then calculated using the actual regional tonnage, not the extremes of the range. Following the RIFM Environmental Framework, methyl 2-octynoate was identified as a fragrance material with no potential to present a possible risk to the aquatic environment (i.e., its screening-level PEC/PNEC < 1).

A screening-level hazard assessment using EPI Suite v4.11 (US EPA, 2012a) did not identify methyl 2-octynoate as possibly being persistent nor bioaccumulative based on its structure and physical-chemical properties. This screening-level hazard assessment considers the potential for a material to be persistent *and* bioaccumulative *and* toxic, or very persistent *and* very bioaccumulative as defined in the Criteria Document (Api et al., 2015). As noted in the Criteria Document, the screening criteria applied are the same as those used in the EU for REACH (ECHA, 2012). For persistence, if the EPI Suite model BIOWIN 3 predicts a value < 2.2 and either BIOWIN 2 or BIOWIN 6 predicts a value < 0.5, then the material is considered potentially persistent. A material would be considered potentially bioaccumulative if the EPI Suite model BCFBAF predicts a fish BCF  $\geq 2000 \text{ L/kg}$ . Ecotoxicity is determined in the above screening-level risk assessment. If, based on these model outputs (Step 1), additional assessment is required, a WoE-based review is then performed (Step 2). This review considers available data on the material's physical-chemical properties, environmental fate (e.g., OECD Guideline biodegradation studies or die-away studies), fish bioaccumulation, and higher-tier model outputs (e.g., US EPA's BIOWIN and BCFBAF found in EPI Suite v4.11). Data on persistence and bioaccumulation are reported below and summarized in the Environmental Safety Assessment section prior to Section 1.

**10.2.1.1. Risk assessment.** Based on current VoU (2015), methyl 2-octynoate does not present a risk to the aquatic compartment in the screening-level assessment.

#### 10.2.2. Key studies

**10.2.2.1. Biodegradation.** RIFM, 2001: The inherent biodegradability of the test material was evaluated by the manometric respirometry test according to the OECD 302C method. Biodegradation of 85% was observed after 28 days.

RIFM, 2000: The ready biodegradability of the test material was evaluated by the manometric respirometry test following the OECD 301F method. Under the conditions of this study, biodegradation of 59% was observed after 28 days.

RIFM, 2013: The ready biodegradability of the test material was evaluated using the manometric respirometry test according to the OECD 301F method. Biodegradation of 80% was observed after 28 days.

**10.2.2.2. Ecotoxicity.** RIFM, 2017a: A *Daphnia magna* immobilization test was conducted according to the OECD 202 method under semi-static conditions. The 48-h EC50, based on the mean measured concentration, was reported to be 0.62 mg/L.

RIFM, 2017b: An algae growth inhibition study was conducted according to the OECD 201 method. The 72-h  $\text{ErC}_{10}$ ,  $\text{ErC}_{50}$ , and  $\text{NOEC}_y$ , based on the measured time-weighted mean concentration, were 0.12 mg/L, 0.32 mg/L, and 0.012 mg/L, respectively. The 72-h  $\text{ErC}_{10}$ ,  $\text{ErC}_{50}$ , and  $\text{NOEC}_r$  were 0.2 mg/L, 0.33 mg/L, and 0.063 mg/L, respectively.

**10.2.2.3. Other available data.** Methyl 2-octynoate has been registered for REACH with no additional data at this time.

#### 10.2.3. Risk assessment refinement

Ecotoxicological data and PNEC derivation (all endpoints reported in mg/L; PNECs in  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ).

Endpoints used to calculate PNEC are underlined.

	LC50 (Fish) (mg/L)	EC50 (Daphnia)	EC50 (Algae)	AF	PNEC (µg/L)	Chemical Class
RIFM Framework Screening-level (Tier 1)	62.53			1000000	0.06253	

Exposure information and PEC calculation (following RIFM Environmental Framework: [Salvito et al., 2002](#)).

Exposure	Europe (EU)	North America (NA)
Log K <sub>ow</sub> Used	2.6	2.6
Biodegradation Factor Used	0	0
Dilution Factor	3	3
Regional Volume of Use Tonnage Band	1–10	1–10
<b>Risk Characterization: PEC/PNEC</b>	<b>&lt; 1</b>	<b>&lt; 1</b>

Based on available data, the RQ for this material is < 1. No further assessment is necessary.

The RIFM PNEC is 0.06253 µg/L. The revised PEC/PNECs for EU and NA are not applicable and cleared at screening-level; therefore, the material does not present a risk to the aquatic environment at the current reported volumes of use.

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 04/02/19.**

## 11. Literature Search\*

- **RIFM Database:** Target, Fragrance Structure-Activity Group materials, other references, JECFA, CIR, SIDS
- **ECHA:** <https://echa.europa.eu/>
- **NTP:** <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/>
- **OECD Toolbox**
- **SciFinder:** <https://scifinder.cas.org/scifinder/view/scifinder/scifinderExplore.jsf>
- **PubMed:** <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>
- **TOXNET:** <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/>
- **IARC:** <https://monographs.iarc.fr>
- **OECD SIDS:** <https://hpvchemicals.oecd.org/ui/Default.aspx>
- **EPA ACToR:** <https://actor.epa.gov/actor/home.xhtml>
- **US EPA HPVVIS:** [https://ofmpub.epa.gov/opthpv/public\\_search\\_publicdetails?submission\\_id=24959241&ShowComments=Yes&sqlstr=null&recordcount=0&User\\_title=DetailQuery%20Results&EndPointRpt=Y#submission](https://ofmpub.epa.gov/opthpv/public_search_publicdetails?submission_id=24959241&ShowComments=Yes&sqlstr=null&recordcount=0&User_title=DetailQuery%20Results&EndPointRpt=Y#submission)
- **Japanese NITE:** [https://www.nite.go.jp/en/chem/chrip/chrip\\_search/systemTop](https://www.nite.go.jp/en/chem/chrip/chrip_search/systemTop)
- **Japan Existing Chemical Data Base (JECDB):** [http://dra4.nihs.go.jp/mhlw\\_data/jsp/SearchPageENG.jsp](http://dra4.nihs.go.jp/mhlw_data/jsp/SearchPageENG.jsp)
- **Google:** <https://www.google.com>
- **ChemIDplus:** <https://chem.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/>

Search keywords: CAS number and/or material names.

\*Information sources outside of RIFM's database are noted as appropriate in the safety assessment. This is not an exhaustive list. The links listed above were active as of 05/03/19.

## Declaration of competing interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

## Appendix

### Explanation of Cramer Classification

Due to potential discrepancies between the current *in silico* tools ([Bhatia et al., 2015](#)), the Cramer Class of the target material was determined using expert judgment, based on the Cramer decision tree.

- Q1. Normal constituent of the body? No  
 Q2. Contains functional groups associated with enhanced toxicity? No  
 Q3. Contains elements other than C, H, O, N, and divalent S? No  
 Q5. Simply branched aliphatic hydrocarbon or a common carbohydrate? No  
 Q7. Heterocyclic? No  
 Q16. Common terpene (see [Cramer et al., 1978](#) for detailed explanation)? No  
 Q17. Readily hydrolyzed to a common terpene? No  
 Q19. Open chain? No  
 Q20. Aliphatic with some functional groups (see [Cramer et al., 1978](#) for detailed explanation)? No  
 Q22. Common component of food? No, Class II (Class intermediate)

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