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RIFM fragrance ingredient safety assessment, 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene, CAS Registry Number 14374-92-6



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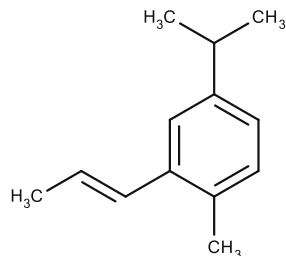
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Abbreviation/Definition List:

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., 2015a, 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, 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

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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.

4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene was evaluated for genotoxicity, repeated dose toxicity, reproductive toxicity, local respiratory toxicity, phototoxicity/photoallergenicity, skin sensitization, and environmental safety. Data show that 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene is not genotoxic. The repeated dose toxicity, reproductive toxicity, and local respiratory toxicity endpoints were evaluated using the threshold of toxicological concern (TTC) for a Cramer Class I material, and the exposure to 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene is below the TTC (0.03 mg/kg/day, 0.03 mg/kg/day, and 1.4 mg/day, respectively). The skin sensitization endpoint was completed using the dermal sensitization threshold (DST) for non-reactive materials (900 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$); exposure is below the DST. The phototoxicity/photoallergenicity endpoints were evaluated based on ultraviolet/visible (UV) spectra; 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene is not expected to be phototoxic/photoallergenic. The environmental endpoints were evaluated; 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene was found not to be Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) as per the International Fragrance Association (IFRA) Environmental Standards, and its risk quotients, based on its current volume of use in Europe and North America (i.e., Predicted Environmental Concentration/Predicted No Effect Concentration [PEC/PNEC]), are <1 .

Human Health Safety Assessment

Genotoxicity: Not genotoxic. (RIFM, 2017a; RIFM, 1979)

Repeated Dose Toxicity: No NOAEL was determined. Material was cleared using TTC.

Reproductive Toxicity: No NOAEL was determined. Material was cleared using TTC.

Skin Sensitization: No safety concerns at current, declared use levels; the exposure is below the DST.

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

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

Environmental Safety Assessment

Hazard Assessment:

Persistence:Critical Measured Value: 6.0% (OECD 301 B) RIFM (1994)

Bioaccumulation: Screening-level: 1483 L/kg (EPI Suite v4.11; US EPA, 2012a)

Ecotoxicity: Screening-level: 48-h *Daphnia* LC50: 0.117 mg/L (ECOSAR; US EPA, 2012b)

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: 48-h *Daphnia* LC50: 0.117 mg/L (ECOSAR; US EPA, 2012b)

RIFM PNEC is: 0.0117 $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$

• **Revised PEC/PNECs (2015 IFRA VoU):** North America and Europe: <1

1. Identification

- Chemical Name:** 4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene
- CAS Registry Number:** 14374-92-6
- Synonyms:** Benzene, 1-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-2-(1-propenyl)-; 2-Prop-1-enyl-p-cymene; Verdoracine; 1 - メチル - 2 - プロペンニル - 4 - イソプロピルベンゼン; 4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-prop-1-en-1-ylbenzene; 4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene
- Molecular Formula:** $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}$
- Molecular Weight:** 174.28
- RIFM Number:** 1148

7. **Stereochemistry:** No isomer specified. One stereocenter and 2 total stereoisomers possible.

2. Physical data

1. **Boiling Point:** 242.43 °C (EPI Suite)
2. **Flash Point:** 97 °C (Globally Harmonized System)
3. **Log K_{ow}:** 5.31 (EPI Suite)
4. **Melting Point:** 11.19 °C (EPI Suite)
5. **Water Solubility:** 1.71 mg/L (EPI Suite)
6. **Specific Gravity:** 0.889 (RIFM)
7. **Vapor Pressure:** 0.026 mm Hg at 20 °C (EPI Suite v4.0), 0.0407 mm Hg at 25 °C (EPI Suite)
8. **UV Spectra:** Minor absorbance between 290 and 700 nm; molar absorption coefficient is below the benchmark (1000 L mol⁻¹ · cm⁻¹)
9. **Appearance/Organoleptic:** A clear liquid, very pale straw-colored green earthy odor, the green being almost root-like with vegetable and dry undertones, reminiscent of Galbanum, Vetiver, Asparagus, Tomato leaves, etc. Pleasant and somewhat sweeter, pine savin-like balsamic terminate note.

3. Volume of use (worldwide band)

1. 0.1–1 metric ton per year (IFRA, 2015).

4. Exposure to fragrance ingredient (Creme RIFM Aggregate Exposure Model v1.0)

1. **95th Percentile Concentration in Hydroalcoholics:** 0.04% (RIFM, 2017b)
2. **Inhalation Exposure*:** 0.000029 mg/kg/day or 0.0021 mg/day (RIFM, 2017b)
3. **Total Systemic Exposure**:** 0.00087 mg/kg/day (RIFM, 2017b)

*95th percentile calculated exposure derived from concentration survey data in the Creme RIFM Aggregate Exposure Model (Comiskey, 2015; Safford et al., 2015a; 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 5. 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, 2015; Safford et al., 2015a; Safford et al., 2017; and Comiskey et al., 2017).

5. Derivation of systemic absorption

1. **Dermal:** Assumed 100%
2. **Oral:** Assumed 100%
3. **Inhalation:** 100%

6. Computational toxicology evaluation

1. Cramer Classification: Class I, Low

Expert Judgment	Toxtree v 2.6	OECD QSAR Toolbox v 3.2
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2. Analogs Selected:

- a. **Genotoxicity:** None
- b. **Repeated Dose Toxicity:** None
- c. **Reproductive Toxicity:** None

- d. **Skin Sensitization:** None
 - e. **Phototoxicity/Photoallergenicity:** None
 - f. **Local Respiratory Toxicity:** None
 - g. **Environmental Toxicity:** None
3. Read-across Justification: None

7. Metabolism

No relevant data available for inclusion in this safety assessment.

7.1. Additional references

None.

8. Natural occurrence

4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene is not reported to occur in foods 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.

9. REACH dossier

Pre-registered; no dossier available as of 07/12/19.

10. Conclusion

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

11. Summary

11.1. Human health endpoint summaries

11.1.1. Genotoxicity

Based on the current existing data, 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene does not present a concern for genotoxicity.

11.1.1.1. Risk assessment. 4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene was assessed in the BlueScreen assay and found positive for cytotoxicity (positive: <80% relative cell density) and negative for genotoxicity, with and without metabolic activation (RIFM, 2013). BlueScreen is a screening assay that assesses genotoxic stress through human-derived gene expression. Additional assays were considered to fully assess the potential mutagenic or clastogenic effects of the target material.

The mutagenic activity of 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene has been evaluated in a bacterial reverse mutation assay conducted in compliance with GLP regulations and equivalent to OECD TG 471 using the standard plate incorporation method. *Salmonella typhimurium* strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, TA1537, and TA1538 were treated with 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) at concentrations up to 5000 µg/plate. No increases in the mean number of revertant colonies were observed at any tested concentration in the presence or absence of S9 (RIFM, 1979). Under the conditions of the study, 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene was not mutagenic in the Ames test.

The clastogenic activity of 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene was evaluated in an *in vitro* micronucleus test conducted in compliance with GLP regulations and in accordance with OECD TG 487. Human peripheral blood lymphocytes were treated with 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene in DMSO at concentrations up to 1743 µg/mL in

the dose range finding (DRF) study and micronuclei analysis was conducted at concentrations up to 90.3 µg/mL in the presence and absence of metabolic activation (S9) for 3 h and in the absence of metabolic activation for 24 h 4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene did not induce binucleated cells with micronuclei when tested up to cytotoxic levels in either the presence or absence of an S9 activation system (RIFM, 2017a). Under the conditions of the study, 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene was considered to be non-clastogenic in the *in vitro* micronucleus test.

Based on the data available, 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene does not present a concern for genotoxic potential.

Additional References: None.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 08/15/19.

11.1.2. Repeated dose toxicity

There are no repeated dose toxicity data on 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene or any read-across materials. The total systemic exposure to 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene is below the TTC for the repeated dose toxicity endpoint of a Cramer Class I material at the current level of use.

11.1.2.1. Risk assessment. There are no repeated dose toxicity data on 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene or on any read-across materials that can be used to support the repeated dose toxicity endpoint. The total systemic exposure to 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene (0.87 µg/kg/day) is below the TTC (30 µg/kg/day; Kroes et al., 2007) for the repeated dose toxicity endpoint of a Cramer Class I material at the current level of use.

Additional References: None.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 11/12/19.

11.1.3. Reproductive toxicity

There are no reproductive toxicity data on 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene or any read-across materials. The total systemic exposure to 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene is below the TTC for the reproductive toxicity endpoint of a Cramer Class I material at the current level of use.

11.1.3.1. Risk assessment. There are no reproductive toxicity data on 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene or on any read-across materials that can be used to support the reproductive toxicity endpoint. The total systemic exposure to 4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene (0.87 µg/kg/day) is below the TTC (30 µg/kg/day; Kroes et al., 2007; Lauferweiler et al., 2012) for the reproductive toxicity endpoint of a Cramer Class I material at the current level of use.

Additional References: None.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 11/12/19.

11.1.4. Skin sensitization

Based on existing data and the application of DST, 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene does not present a safety concern for skin sensitization under the current, declared levels of use.

11.1.4.1. Risk assessment. Insufficient skin sensitization data are available for 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene. In a guinea pigs maximization test, no reactions indicative of sensitization were observed at 2% (RIFM, 1980b). Additionally, in a human maximization

test, no skin sensitization reactions were observed up to 6% or 4140 µg/cm² (RIFM, 1980a). Due to the limited data, the reported exposure was benchmarked utilizing the DST (Safford, 2008; Safford et al., 2011; Roberts et al., 2015; Safford et al., 2015b). While the target material is predicted to react with skin proteins according to one *in silico* tool, another tool predicts otherwise (Roberts et al., 2007; Toxtree v3.1.0; OECD toolbox v4.2). Upon assessing the chemical structure, Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety concluded that 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene is not expected to react with skin proteins, as there is no reactive substructure and the possible metabolism (epoxide formation)

Table 1

Maximum acceptable concentrations for 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene that present no appreciable risk for skin sensitization based on non-reactive DST.

IFRA Category ^a	Description of Product Type	Maximum Acceptable Concentrations in Finished Products Based on Non-Reactive DST	Reported 95th Percentile Use Concentrations in Finished Products
1	Products applied to the lips	0.069%	NRU ^b
2	Products applied to the axillae	0.021%	0.010%
3	Products applied to the face using fingertips	0.41%	0.0015%
4	Fine fragrance products	0.39%	0.036%
5	Products applied to the face and body using the hands (palms), primarily leave-on	0.10%	0.015%
6	Products with oral and lip exposure	0.23%	NRU ^b
7	Products applied to the hair with some hand contact	0.79%	0.0024%
8	Products with significant anogenital exposure	0.041%	No Data ^c
9	Products with body and hand exposure, primarily rinse-off	0.75%	0.0029%
10	Household care products with mostly hand contact	2.7%	0.011%
11	Products with intended skin contact but minimal transfer of fragrance to skin from inert substrate	1.5%	No Data ^c
12	Products not intended for direct skin contact, minimal or insignificant transfer to skin	Not Restricted	0.18%

Note.

^a For a description of the categories, refer to the IFRA/RIFM Information Booklet.

^b No reported use.

^c Fragrance exposure from these products is very low. These products are not currently in the Creme RIFM Aggregate Exposure Model.

is unlikely in the skin. Therefore, the non-reactive DST of 900 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ was applied for the risk assessment. The current exposure from the 95th percentile concentration is below the DST for non-reactive materials when evaluated in all QRA categories. Table 1 provides the maximum acceptable concentrations for 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene that present no appreciable risk for skin sensitization based on the non-reactive DST. These levels represent maximum acceptable concentrations based on the DST approach. However, additional studies may show it could be used at higher levels.

Additional References: None.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 07/23/19.

11.1.5. Phototoxicity/photoallergenicity

Based on the available UV/Vis spectra, 4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene would not be expected to present a concern for phototoxicity or photoallergenicity.

11.1.5.1. Risk assessment. There are no phototoxicity studies available for 4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene in experimental models. UV/Vis absorption spectra indicate minor absorption between 290 and 700 nm. The corresponding molar absorption coefficient is below the benchmark of concern for phototoxicity and photoallergenicity (Henry et al., 2009). Based on the lack of absorbance, 4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene does not present a concern for phototoxicity or photoallergenicity.

11.1.5.2. UV spectra analysis. UV/Vis absorption spectra (OECD TG 101) were obtained. The spectra indicate minor 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: 07/23/19.

11.1.6. Local Respiratory Toxicity

The margin of exposure could not be calculated due to lack of appropriate data. The exposure level for 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene is below the Cramer Class I TTC value for inhalation exposure local effects.

11.1.6.1. Risk assessment. There are no inhalation data available on 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene. Based on the Creme RIFM Model, the inhalation exposure is 0.0021 mg/day. This exposure is 667 times lower than the Cramer Class I TTC value of 1.4 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.

Additional References: None.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 08/07/19.

11.2. Environmental endpoint summary

11.2.1. Screening-level assessment

A screening-level risk assessment of 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene was performed following the RIFM Environmental Framework (Salvito, 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 UF 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 UF 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, 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene was identified as a fragrance material with the 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) identified 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene as possibly persistent but not 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, 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 ≥ 2000 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.

11.2.1.1. Risk assessment. Based on the current Volume of Use (2015), 4-isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene presents a risk to the aquatic compartment in the screening-level assessment.

11.2.2. Biodegradation

RIFM, 1994: The ready and ultimate biodegradability of the test material was evaluated using a sealed vessel test according to the OECD 301B guideline. Biodegradation of 6.0% was observed after 28 days.

RIFM, 1993: The ready and ultimate biodegradability of the test material was evaluated using a modified sealed vessel test according to the OECD 301B guideline. Biodegradation of -7.2% was observed after 56 days.

RIFM, 1997: The inherent biodegradability of the test material was evaluated using a sealed vessel test according to the OECD 301B guideline. Biodegradation of 0.2% was observed after 28 days.

11.2.3. Ecotoxicity

No data available.

11.2.3.1. Other available data. 4-Isopropyl-1-methyl-2-propenylbenzene has been pre-registered for REACH with no additional data

available at this time.

11.2.3.2. *Risk assessment refinement.* Ecotoxicological data and PNEC derivation (all endpoints reported in mg/L; PNECs in µg/L).

Endpoints used to calculate PNEC are underlined.

	LC50 (Fish) (mg/L)	EC50 (<i>Daphnia</i>) (mg/L)	EC50 (Algae) (mg/L)	AF	PNEC (µg/L)	Chemical Class
RIFM Framework Screening-level (Tier 1)	<u>0.310</u>			1,000,000	0.00031	
ECOSAR Acute Endpoints (Tier 2) <i>Ver 1.11</i>	0.152	<u>0.117</u>	0.309	1000	0.0117	Neutral organics SAR (Baseline toxicity)

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

Exposure	Europe	North America
Log K _{OW} used	5.31	5.31
Biodegradation Factor Used	0	0
Dilution Factor	3	3
Regional Volume of Use Tonnage Band	<1	<1
Risk Characterization: PEC/PNEC	<1	<1

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

The RIFM PNEC is 0.0117 µg/L. The revised PEC/PNECs for EU and NA <1; therefore, the material presents a risk to the aquatic environment at the current reported volumes of use.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 08/19/19.

12. 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:** <https://www.oecd.org/chemicalsafety/risk-assessment/oecd-qsar-toolbox.htm>
- **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://hvpchemicals.oecd.org/ui/Default.aspx>
- **EPA ACToR:** <https://actor.epa.gov/actor/home.xhtml>
- **US EPA HPVIS:** 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

- **Japan Existing Chemical Data Base (JECDB):** 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 09/30/20.

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