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## Short Review

## RIFM fragrance ingredient safety assessment, 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol, CAS Registry Number 2785-87-7



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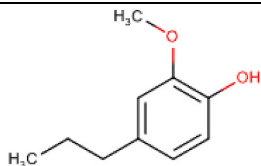
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**Abbreviation/Definition List:**

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

AF - Assessment Factor

BCF - Bioconcentration Factor

**Crema RIFM Model** - The Crema 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

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

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 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.**

2-Methoxy-4-propylphenol was evaluated for genotoxicity, repeated dose toxicity, developmental and reproductive toxicity, local respiratory toxicity, phototoxicity/photoallergenicity, skin sensitization, and environmental safety. Data from read-

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across analog guaiacol (CAS # 90-05-1) show that 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol is not expected to be genotoxic. Data on read-across material eugenol (CAS # 97-53-0) provide a calculated margin of exposure (MOE)  $> 100$  for the repeated dose toxicity endpoint. The developmental and reproductive toxicity and the local respiratory toxicity endpoints were evaluated using the threshold of toxicological concern (TTC) for a Cramer Class I material; the exposure to 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol is below the TTC (1.4 mg/day). Data provided 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol a No Expected Sensitization Induction Level (NESIL) of  $1700 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  for the skin sensitization endpoint. The phototoxicity/photoallergenicity endpoints were evaluated based on data and ultraviolet (UV) spectra; 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol is not expected to be phototoxic/photoallergenic. The environmental endpoints were evaluated; 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol 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 expected to be genotoxic. (Pool, 1982; Sekizawa, 1982; Shelby, 1993)

**Repeated Dose Toxicity:** NOAEL = 300 mg/kg/day. NTP (1983)

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

**Skin Sensitization:** NESIL =  $1700 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  (Gerberick, 2005; Roberts, 2007; RIFM, 2015)

**Phototoxicity/Photoallergenicity:** Not phototoxic/photoallergenic. (UV Spectra, RIFM DB; RIFM, 1988)

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

**Environmental Safety Assessment****Hazard Assessment:**

**Persistence:** Screening-level: 2.7 (EPI Suite v4.11; US EPA, 2012a) (BIOWIN 3)

**Bioaccumulation:** Screening-level: 36.21 L/kg (EPI Suite v4.11; US EPA, 2012a)

**Ecotoxicity:** Screening-level: 48-h (ECOSAR; US EPA, 2012b) *Daphnia magna* LC50: 2.804 mg/L

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

**Risk Assessment:**

**Screening-level:** PEC/PNEC (North America and Europe)  $> 1$  (RIFM Framework; Salviato, 2002)

**Critical Ecotoxicity Endpoint:** 48-h (ECOSAR; US EPA, 2012b) *Daphnia magna* LC50: 2.804 mg/L

RIFM PNEC is: 0.2804  $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$

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

**1. Identification**

- Chemical Name:** 2-Methoxy-4-propylphenol
- CAS Registry Number:** 2785-87-7
- Synonyms:** Dihydroeugenol; Phenol, 2-methoxy-4-propyl-; 4-Propylguaicol; 5-Propyl-ortho-hydroxyanisole; 4-Propyl-ortho-methoxyphenol; o-メキシアルキル(C1 ~ 3)7Iノール; 2-メトキシ-4-7ββββββ7Iノール; 2-メトキシ-4-ββββββ7Iノール; 2-Methoxy-4-propylphenol
- Molecular Formula:** C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
- Molecular Weight:** 166.22
- RIFM Number:** 1011
- Stereochemistry:** Isomer not specified. No isomerism center present and no isomers possible.

**2. Physical data**

- Boiling Point:** 250 °C (Fragrance Materials Association [FMA] Database) 265.51 °C (EPI Suite, calculated)
- Flash Point:**  $> 200$  °F; CC (FMA Database)
- Log K<sub>ow</sub>:** 2.88 (Smith, 2002), 2.87 (EPI Suite)
- Melting Point:** 61.64 °C (EPI Suite)
- Water Solubility:** 228 mg/L (EPI Suite)
- Specific Gravity:** 1.040 (FMA Database)

7. **Vapor Pressure:** 0.00114 mm Hg at 20 °C (EPI Suite v4.0), 0.003 mm Hg at 20 °C (FMA Database), 0.00213 mm Hg at 25 °C (EPI Suite)
8. **UV Spectra:** Minor absorbance between 290 and 700 nm; molar extinction coefficient is below the benchmark ( $1000 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$ ).
9. **Appearance/Organoleptic:** Colorless oily liquid with a warm, spicy, sweet, and slightly balsamic odor

### 3. Exposure

1. **Volume of Use (worldwide band):** 10–100 metric tons per year (IFRA, 2015)
2. **95th Percentile Concentration in Hydroalcohols:** 0.089% (RIFM, 2017)
3. **Inhalation Exposure\*:** 0.00043 mg/kg/day or 0.033 mg/day (RIFM, 2017)
4. **Total Systemic Exposure\*\*:** 0.00087 mg/kg/day (RIFM, 2017)

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

### 4. Derivation of systemic absorption

1. **Dermal:** 22.6%

Liu (1997a): A comparative skin absorption study was conducted. An *in vivo* skin absorption study was conducted in rats. A dose of  $2.6 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  of radiolabeled read-across material eugenol (CAS # 97-53-0; see Section V) was applied to the skin of 3 F344 rats for 24 h. The absorption through the skin was  $35.9 \pm 6.4$ – $39.4 \pm 9.0\%$  of the dose. Radioactive urinary metabolites recovered were  $27.2 \pm 6.8\%$ . An *in vitro* skin absorption study was conducted using human skin. Radiolabeled eugenol in ethanol was applied to freshly excised human skin at a dose  $48.2 \mu\text{g/cm}^2$  from 3 volunteers under unoccluded conditions for 72 h in diffusion cells. The mean absorption through the skin was  $18.5 \pm 1.5\%$  of the applied dose, while  $4.1 \pm 0.4\%$  remained in the skin. The total uptake was  $22.6 \pm 1.2\%$ , while the total recovery was  $34.5 \pm 7\%$ .

2. **Oral:** Assumed 100%

3. **Inhalation:** Assumed 100%

### 5. Computational toxicology evaluation

1. **Cramer Classification:** Class I, Low

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2. **Analogs Selected:**

- a. **Genotoxicity:** Guaiacol (CAS # 90-05-1)
- b. **Repeated Dose Toxicity:** Eugenol (CAS # 97-53-0)
- c. **Developmental and Reproductive Toxicity:** None
- d. **Skin Sensitization:** None
- e. **Phototoxicity/Photoallergenicity:** None
- f. **Local Respiratory Toxicity:** None

- g. **Environmental Toxicity:** None

3. **Read-across Justification:** See Appendix below

### 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)

2-Methoxy-4-propylphenol is reported to occur in the following foods by the VCF\*:

Acerola ( <i>Malpighia</i> )	Katsubushi (dried bonito)
Cuttlefish	Mate ( <i>Ilex paraguayensis</i> )
Fish	Mushroom
Grape brandy	Pear brandy
Pork	Tea
Rhubarb	Truffle
Rum	Whisky
Salami	Wine
Sugar molasses	

\*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 03/15/19 (ECHA, 2017).

### 9. Conclusion

The maximum acceptable concentrations<sup>a</sup> in finished products for 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol 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)	0.13
2	Products applied to the axillae	0.039
3	Products applied to the face/body using fingertips	0.78
4	Products related to fine fragrances	0.73
5A	Body lotion products applied to the face and body using the hands (palms), primarily leave-on	0.19
5B	Face moisturizer products applied to the face and body using the hands (palms), primarily leave-on	0.19
5C	Hand cream products applied to the face and body using the hands (palms), primarily leave-on	0.19
5D	Baby cream, oil, talc	0.062
6	Products with oral and lip exposure	0.43
7	Products applied to the hair with some hand contact	1.5
8	Products with significant anogenital exposure (tampon)	0.062
9	Products with body and hand exposure, primarily rinse-off (bar soap)	1.4
10A	Household care products with mostly hand contact (hand dishwashing detergent)	1.4
10B	Aerosol air freshener	5.1
11		0.062

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IFRA Category <sup>b</sup>	Description of Product Type	Maximum Acceptable Concentrations <sup>a</sup> in Finished Products (%)
12	Products with intended skin contact but minimal transfer of fragrance to skin from inert substrate (feminine hygiene pad) Other air care products not intended for direct skin contact, minimal or insignificant transfer to skin	No Restriction

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 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol, the basis was the reference dose of 3.00 mg/kg/day, a skin absorption value of 22.6%, and a skin sensitization NESIL of 1700 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 and use levels, 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol does not present a concern for genetic toxicity.

**10.1.1.1. Risk assessment.** There are no studies assessing the mutagenic activity of 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol; however, read-across can be made to guaiacol (CAS # 90-05-1; see Section V). The mutagenic activity of guaiacol has been evaluated in a bacterial reverse mutation assay conducted in compliance with GLP regulations and in accordance with OECD TG 471 using the standard plate incorporation and preincubation methods. *Salmonella typhimurium* strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, and TA1537 were treated with guaiacol in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) at concentrations up to 10,000 µg/plate. No increases in the mean number of revertant colonies were observed at any tested concentration in the presence or absence of S9 (Haworth, 1983). Under the conditions of the study, guaiacol was not mutagenic in the Ames test.

The clastogenic activity of guaiacol was evaluated in an *in vivo* micronucleus test conducted in compliance with GLP regulations and in accordance with OECD TG 474. The test material was administered in corn oil via oral gavage to groups of male and female NMRI mice. Doses of 125, 250, and 500 mg/kg body weight were administered. Mice from each dose level were euthanized at 48 h, and the bone marrow was extracted and examined for polychromatic erythrocytes. The test material did not induce a statistically significant increase in the incidence of micronucleated polychromatic erythrocytes in the bone marrow (ECHA, 2011; accessed 05/18/18). Under the conditions of the study, guaiacol was considered not to be clastogenic in the *in vivo* micronucleus test.

Based on the data available, guaiacol does not present a concern for genotoxic potential.

**Additional References:** Florin (1980); Nestmann (1980); Stich (1981); Pool (1982); Nestmann (1983); Rapson (1980); Haworth (1983); Douglas (1980); Jansson (1986); Ferretti (1977); Tsutsui (1987); Ohshima (1989); Aeschbacher (1989); Rosin (1984); Levan (1948); Hikiba (2005); Miyachi (2005); Hamaguchi (2000); Someya (2008).

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On:** 05/18/18.

#### 10.1.2. Repeated dose toxicity

The margin of exposure for 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol is adequate for the repeated dose toxicity endpoint at the current level of use.

**10.1.2.1. Risk assessment.** The repeated dose toxicity data on 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol are insufficient for the repeated dose toxicity

endpoint. Read-across material eugenol (CAS # 97-53-0; see Section V) has numerous repeated dose toxicity studies. The NOAEL for repeated dose toxicity was determined to be 300 mg/kg/day from a dietary 13-week subchronic toxicity study conducted in rats, based on reduced body weights (NTP, 1983). **Therefore, the MOE is equal to the eugenol NOAEL in mg/kg/day divided by the total systemic exposure, 300/0.00087 or 344828.**

The Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety\* has reviewed the carcinogenicity data on eugenol. The US NTP concluded that hepatocellular tumors observed following eugenol administration were considered to be associated with the dietary administration of eugenol, but because of the lack of a dose-response effect in male mice and the marginal combined increases in female mice, there was equivocal evidence of carcinogenicity (NTP, 1983). It was not carcinogenic to rats (NTP, 1983). Hepatotoxicity might have played a role in the development of the hepatic tumors in B6C3F1 mice, which are sensitive for the development of liver tumors by non-genotoxic mechanisms. The total systemic exposure to 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol is 0.00087 mg/kg/day, which is nearly ~52,000 times lower than the lowest dose level of eugenol in the mouse NTP study. This MOE is considered adequate.

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>) and a reference dose of 3.0 mg/kg/day.

The RfD for 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol was calculated by dividing the NOAEL of 300 mg/kg/day by the uncertainty factor, 100 = 3.0 mg/kg/day.

\*The Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety is composed of scientific and technical experts in their respective fields. This group provides advice and guidance.

**Additional References:** Caujolle and Meynier, 1960; Petridou-Fischer, 1987; Jimbo, 1983; Vishteh, 1986; Taylor, 1964; Breidenbach, 1952; Boonchird and Flegel, 1982; Lauber, 1950; Cambel, 1952; Rompelberg, 1995a; Hirose, 1987; Hagan, 1965; Hagan, 1967; Rompelberg, 1995b; Ward, 1989; RIFM, 1958; RIFM, 1954; Bar, 1967; Van Duuren and Goldschmidt, 1976; Van Duuren et al., 1966; Miller, 1983; Koujiti, 2001; Hitchcock, 1952; Amini, 2002; Howes, 2002; Blair, 200; Nishihara, 2000; Fischer, 1990b; Sutton, 1986; Caldwell, 1985; Delaforge, 1980; Weinberg, 1972; Delaforge, 1976; Green and Tephf, 1996; Thompson, 1989; Meredith, 2009; Boutin, 1981; Boutin, 1985; Thompson, 1990; Delaforge, 1978; Boutin, 1984; Leclerc, 2002; Swanson, 1981; Dahl and Hadley, 1983; Golberg, 1978; Thompson, 1991; Gardner, 1995; Sutton, 1985; Swanson, 1978; Fischer, 1990a; Laekeman, 1990; Schroder, 1932; Thompson, 1998; Meyer, 1959; Meyer, 1965; Liu, 1996; ProcterGamble, 1996; Liu, 1997b; Hotchkiss, 1998; Zhao, 1998; Schmitt, 2009; Schmitt, 2010.

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On:** 05/10/18.

#### 10.1.3. Developmental and Reproductive Toxicity

There are insufficient developmental or reproductive data on 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol or any read-across materials. The exposure is below the Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC).

**10.1.3.1. Risk assessment.** There are no developmental or reproductive toxicity data on 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol or any read-across material that can be used to support the developmental or reproductive toxicity endpoints. When correcting for skin absorption (see Section IV), the total systemic exposure (0.87 µg/kg/day) is below the TTC for 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol (30 µg/kg bw/day).



**Additional References:** Caujolle and Meynier, 1960; Petridou-Fischer et al., 1987; Jimbo, 1983; Vishteh et al., 1986; Taylor et al., 1964; Breidenbach et al., 1952; Boonchird and Flegel, 1982; Lauber and Hollander, 1950; Cambel and Conroy, 1952; Rompelberg et al., 1995a; Hirose et al., 1987; Hagan et al., 1965; Hagan et al., 1967; Rompelberg et al., 1995b; Ward et al., 1989; RIFM, 1958; RIFM, 1954; Bar and Griepentrog, 1967; Van Duuren and Goldschmidt, 1976; Van Duuren et al., 1966; Miller et al., 1983; Koujitani et al., 2001; Hitchcock, 1952; Amini et al., 2002; Howes et al., 2002; Blair et al., 2000; Nishihara et al., 2000; Fischer et al., 1990b; Sutton, 1986; Caldwell et al., 1985; Delaforge et al., 1980; Weinberg et al., 1972; Delaforge et al., 1976; Green and Tephel, 1996; Thompson et al., 1989; Meredith et al., 2009; Boutin et al., 1981; Boutin et al., 1985; Thompson et al., 1990; Delaforge et al., 1978; Boutin et al., 1984; Leclerc et al., 2002; Swanson et al., 1981; Dahl and Hadley, 1983; Golberg, 1978; Thompson et al., 1991; Gardner et al., 1995; Sutton et al., 1985; Swanson et al., 1978; Fischer and Dengler, 1990a; Laekeman et al., 1990; Schroder and Vollmer, 1932; Thompson et al., 1998; Meyer and Meyer, 1959; Meyer, 1965; Liu and Hotchkiss, 1996; Procter and Gamble Company, 1996; Liu and Hotchkiss, 1997b; Hotchkiss, 1998; Zhao and Singh, 1998; Schmitt et al., 2009; Schmitt et al., 2010.

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On:** 10/18/13.

#### 10.1.4. Skin Sensitization

Based on the available data for 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol is considered to be a weak skin sensitizer with a NESIL of 1700  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ .

**10.1.4.1. Risk assessment.** Based on the available data, 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol is considered a skin sensitizer. The chemical structure of this material indicates that it would be expected to react with skin proteins (Roberts et al., 2007; Toxtree 2.5.0). In a murine local lymph node assay (LLNA), 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol was found to be sensitizing with an EC3 value of 6.8% (1700  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ) (Gerberick et al., 2005; Roberts et al., 2007). In guinea pig maximization tests, 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol presented reactions indicative of sensitization at 100%. (RIFM, 1988). However, in a guinea pig closed epicutaneous test (CET), no reactions indicative of sensitization were observed (Itoh, 1982). In a human maximization test, no skin sensitization reactions were observed with 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol at 8% (5520  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ) (Kligman, 1977). Additionally, in a confirmatory human repeat insult patch test (HRIPT) with 1.5% or 1771  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  of 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol in 1:3 ethanol:diethyl phthalate (EtOH:DEP), no reactions indicative of sensitization were observed in any of the 107 volunteers (RIFM, 2015).

Based on the available animal and human data 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol is considered a weak sensitizer with a Weight of Evidence No Expected Sensitization Induction Level (WoE NESIL) of 1700  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  (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,

**Table 1**

Data summary for 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol.

local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA) Weighted Mean EC3 Value (No. Studies)	Potency Classification Based on Animal Data <sup>a</sup>	Human Data			
		NOEL-HRIPT (induction) $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$	NOEL-HMT (induction) $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$	LOEL <sup>b</sup> (induction) $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$	WoE NESIL <sup>c</sup>
1700 [1]	Weak	1772	5520	NA	1700

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 2 significant figures.

2016, <http://www.ideaproject.info/uploads/Modules/Documents/qra-2-dossier-final-september-2016.pdf>) and a reference dose of 3.0 mg/kg/day).

**Additional References:** Itoh, 1982.

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On:** 10/19/15.

#### 10.1.5. Phototoxicity/photoallergenicity

Based on UV/Vis spectra and the available data, 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol does not present a concern for phototoxicity or photoallergenicity.

**10.1.5.1. Risk assessment.** UV/Vis absorption spectra indicate minor absorbance between 290 and 700 nm. The corresponding molar absorption coefficient is below the benchmark of concern for phototoxicity and photoallergenicity (Henry et al., 2009). In a phototoxicity study in guinea pigs, application of 10% 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol did not result in responses indicative of photoallergy or phototoxicity (RIFM, 1988). Based on the lack of significant absorbance in the critical range and the available *in vivo* data, 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol does not present a concern for phototoxicity or photoallergenicity.

**10.1.5.2. UV spectra analysis.** UV/Vis absorption spectra (OECD TG 101) for 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol were obtained. The spectra indicate minor absorbance in the range of 290–700 nm. The molar absorption coefficient is below the benchmark, 1000  $\text{L mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$ , of concern for phototoxic effects (Henry et al., 2009).

**Additional References:** None.

**Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On:** 04/11/18.

#### 10.1.6. Local Respiratory Toxicity

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

**10.1.6.1. Risk assessment.** There are no inhalation data available on 2-methoxy-4-propylphenyl. Based on the Creme RIFM Model, the inhalation exposure is 0.033 mg/day. This exposure is 42.42 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:** 06/08/17.

#### 10.2. Environmental endpoint summary

##### 10.2.1. Screening-level assessment

A screening-level risk assessment of 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol 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, 2-methoxy-4-propylpheel 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 v4.1 ([US EPA, 2012a](#)) did not identify 2-methoxy-4-propylpheel as possibly persistent or 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  $\geq 2000$  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 v4.1).

#### 10.2.2. Risk assessment

Based on current VoU ([IFRA, 2015](#)), 2-methoxy-4-propylpheel

presents a risk to the aquatic compartment.

**10.2.2.1. Key studies. Biodegradation:** No data available.

**Ecotoxicity:** No data available.

**10.2.2.2. Other available data.** 2-Methoxy-4-propylpheel has been pre-registered for REACH with no additional data at this time.

**Ecotoxicity:** No data available.

#### 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.

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

Exposure	Europe (EU)	North America (NA)
Log $K_{ow}$ used	2.87	2.87
Biodegradation Factor Used	1	1
Dilution Factor	3	3
Regional Volume of Use Tonnage Band	10–100	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 0.2804  $\mu\text{g/L}$ . The revised PEC/PNECs for EU and NA are <1; 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:** 05/02/18.

#### 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:** <https://www.oecd.org/chemicalsafety/risk-assessment/oecd-qsar-toolbox.htm>

	LC50 (Fish) (mg/L)	EC50 ( <i>Daphnia</i> ) (mg/L)	EC50 (Algae) (mg/L)	AF	PNEC ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	Chemical Class
RIFM Framework Screening-level (Tier 1)	<u>39.24</u>			1,000,000	0.0392	
ECOSAR Acute Endpoints (Tier 2) Ver 1.11	6.329	<u>2.804</u>	11.85 L	10,000	0.2804	Phenols
ECOSAR Acute Endpoints (Tier 2) Ver 1.11	22.72	13.97	14.49			Neutral Organics

- **SciFinder:** <https://scifinder.cas.org/scifinder/view/scifinder/scifinderExplore.jsf>
- **PubMed:** <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>
- **National Library of Medicine's Toxicology Information Services:** <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/opphpv/public\\_search\\_publicdetails?submission\\_id=24959241&ShowComments=Yes&sqlstr=null&recordcount=0&User\\_title=DetailQuery%20Results&EndPointRpt=Y#submission](https://ofmpub.epa.gov/opphpv/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 01/22/19.

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## Appendix A. Supplementary data

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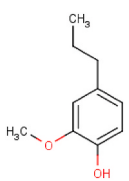
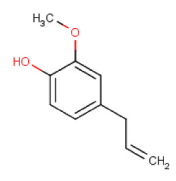
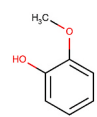
## Appendix

### Read-across Justification

#### Methods

The read-across analogs were identified following the strategy for structuring and reporting a read-across prediction of toxicity as described in Schultz et al. (2015). The strategy is also consistent with the guidance provided by OECD within Integrated Approaches for Testing and Assessment (OECD, 2015) and the European Chemical Agency read-across assessment framework (ECHA, 2016).

- First, materials were clustered based on their structural similarity. Second, data availability and data quality on the selected cluster were examined. Third, appropriate read-across analogs from the cluster were confirmed by expert judgment.
- Tanimoto structure similarity scores were calculated using FCFC4 fingerprints (Rogers and Hahn, 2010).
- The physical-chemical properties of the target substance and the read-across analogs were calculated using EPI Suite v4.11 (US EPA, 2012a).
- $J_{\max}$  values were calculated using RIFM's Skin Absorption Model (SAM). The parameters were calculated using the consensus model (Shen et al., 2014).
- DNA binding, mutagenicity, genotoxicity alerts, and oncologic classification predictions were generated using OECD QSAR Toolbox v3.4 (OECD, 2018).
- ER binding and repeat dose categorization were generated using OECD QSAR Toolbox v3.4 (OECD, 2018).
- Developmental toxicity was predicted using CAESAR v2.1.7 (Cassano et al., 2010), and skin sensitization was predicted using Toxtree 2.6.13.
- Protein binding was predicted using OECD QSAR Toolbox v3.4 (OECD, 2018).
- The major metabolites for the target material and read-across analogs were determined and evaluated using OECD QSAR Toolbox v3.4 (OECD, 2018).

	Target Material	Read-across Material	Read-across Material
<b>Principal Name</b>	2-Methoxy-4-propylphenol	Eugenol	Guaiacol
<b>CAS No.</b>	2785-87-7	97-53-0	90-05-1
<b>Structure</b>			
<b>Similarity (Tanimoto Score)</b>		0.7	0.41
<b>Read-across Endpoint</b>		• Repeated Dose	• Genotoxicity
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	166.22	164.21	124.13
<b>Melting Point (°C, EPI Suite)</b>	61.64	60.57	32
<b>Boiling Point (°C, EPI Suite)</b>	265.51	264.26	205
<b>Vapor Pressure (Pa @ 25°C, EPI Suite)</b>	0.00213	0.00948	0.113
	228	754	7226

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	Target Material	Read-across Material	Read-across Material
Water Solubility (mg/L, @ 25°C, WSKOW v1.42 in EPI Suite)			
Log KOW	2.87	2.73	1.32
J <sub>max</sub> (µg/cm <sup>2</sup> /h, SAM)	12.17	81.29	266.39
Henry's Law (Pa·m <sup>3</sup> /mol, Bond Method, EPI Suite)	0.006535	0.00487	1.22E-001
<b>Genotoxicity</b>			
DNA Binding (OASIS v1.4, QSAR Toolbox v3.4)	• No alert found		• No alert found
DNA Binding (OECD QSAR Toolbox v3.4)	• Michael addition Michael addition >> P450 Mediated Activation to Quinones and Quinone-type Chemicals		• Michael addition Michael addition >> P450 Mediated Activation to Quinones and Quinone-type Chemicals
Carcinogenicity (ISS)	• No alert found		• Non-carcinogen (low reliability)
DNA Binding (Ames, MN, CA, OASIS v1.1)	• No alert found		• No alert found
In Vitro Mutagenicity (Ames, ISS)	• No alert found		• No alert found
In Vivo Mutagenicity (Micronucleus, ISS)	• H-acceptor-path3-H-acceptor		• H-acceptor-path3-H-acceptor
Oncologic Classification	• Phenol Type Compounds		• Phenol Type Compounds
<b>Repeated Dose Toxicity</b>			
Repeated Dose (HESS)	• Not categorized	• Not categorized	
<b>Metabolism</b>			
Rat Liver S9 Metabolism Simulator and Structural Alerts for Metabolites (OECD QSAR Toolbox v3.4)	See Supplemental Data 1	See Supplemental Data 2	See Supplemental Data 3

### Summary

There are insufficient toxicity data on 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol (CAS # 2785-87-7). Hence, *in silico* evaluation was conducted to determine read-across analogs for this material. Based on structural similarity, reactivity, metabolism data, physical-chemical properties, and expert judgment, eugenol and guaiacol were identified as a read-across materials with sufficient data for toxicological evaluation.

### Conclusions

- Eugenol (CAS # 97-53-0) was used as a read-across analog for the target material 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol (CAS # 2785-87-7) for the repeated dose toxicity endpoint.
  - o The target and analog both belong to the generic class of phenols, specifically 2-methoxy substituted phenols.
  - o Both have a common structural fragment of 2-methoxyl phenol and a branch chain in the *para* position.
  - o The key difference is that the target has an alkyl branch chain, whereas the analog has propene substitution with a vinyl bond. This structural difference is predicted to increase the reactivity of the read-across analog compared to the target substance.
  - o The target substance and the read-across analog are expected to be metabolized similarly, as shown by the metabolism simulator.
  - o The structural alerts for the endpoints evaluated are consistent between the metabolites of the read-across analog and the target material.
- Guaiacol (CAS # 90-05-1) was used as a read-across analog for the target material 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol (CAS # 2785-87-7) for the genotoxicity endpoint.
  - o The target and analog both belong to the generic class of phenols, specifically 2-methoxy substituted phenols.
  - o Both have a common structural fragment of 2-methoxyl phenol.
  - o The key difference is that the target has an alkyl branch chain in the *para* position, whereas the analog has no substituents. This structural difference is predicted to increase the reactivity of the read-across analog compared to the target substance.
  - o The target substance and the read-across analog are predicted to show DNA binding via Michael addition up on P450 mediated metabolic transformation to Quinones. Both of the substances are also predicted to show mutagenicity as they have a 1–3 hydrogen bond acceptor substructure. The data described in the genotoxicity section confirm that the read-across analog does not pose a concern for genetic toxicity. Therefore, based on structural similarity and the data for read-across analog, the alerts are superseded by data.
  - o The target substance and the read-across analog are expected to be metabolized similarly, as shown by the metabolism simulator.
  - o The structural alerts for the endpoints evaluated are consistent between the metabolites of the read-across analog and the target material.

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