



## XTRweld Tungsten for TIG Welding

### XTRweld

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#### SECTION 1 Identification

##### Product Identifier

Product name	XTRweld Tungsten for TIG Welding
Chemical Name	Not Applicable
Synonyms	EWP;EWCe-2;EWLa-1;EWLa-1.5;EWLa-2;EWTh-1;EWTh-2;EWZr-1;EWZr-8;EWG (Cryo-T: EWTh-4) Relevant details pertaining to thorium containing material exhibited in RED. All other material classified as Non-Radioactive.
Proper shipping name	Radioactive material, excepted package-articles manufactured from natural uranium or depleted uranium or natural thorium
Chemical formula	Not Applicable
Other means of identification	Not Available

##### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Relevant identified uses	Non-melting electrode for arc welding and cutting processes. Industrial uses for: soldering, brazing, heating elements, emitter, cathode and electrode for lighting industry.
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##### Name, address, and telephone number of the chemical manufacturer, importer, or other responsible party

Registered company name	XTRweld
Address	131 Saundersville Rd, Ste 310 Hendersonville, TN 37075 United States
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##### Emergency phone number

Association / Organisation	Chemwatch	CHEMWATCH EMERGENCY RESPONSE
Emergency telephone numbers	(877) 715-9305	+1 855-237-5573
Other emergency telephone numbers	Not Available	+61 2 9186 1132

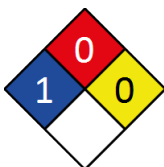
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#### SECTION 2 Hazard(s) identification

##### Classification of the substance or mixture

NFPA 704 diamond




Note: The hazard category numbers found in GHS classification in section 2 of this SDSs are NOT to be used to fill in the NFPA 704 diamond. Blue = Health Red = Fire Yellow = Reactivity White = Special (Oxidizer or water reactive substances)

Classification	Carcinogenicity Category 1A, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 4
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##### Label elements

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Hazard pictogram(s)	
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Signal word	<b>Danger</b>
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**Hazard statement(s)**

H350	May cause cancer.
H332	Harmful if inhaled.

**Hazard(s) not otherwise classified**

Not Applicable

**Precautionary statement(s) Prevention**

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves and protective clothing.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/fumes.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

**Precautionary statement(s) Response**

P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P312	Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider/if you feel unwell.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

**Precautionary statement(s) Storage**

P405	Store locked up.
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**Precautionary statement(s) Disposal**

P501	Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation.
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**SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients**

**Substances**

See section below for composition of Mixtures

**Mixtures**

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
Not Available		welding rod, which upon use generates
Not Available	>60	<u>welding fumes</u>
Not Available		as
Not Available		tungsten fumes, proprietary
Not Available		cerium(III) oxide fumes, proprietary
Not Available		lanthanum oxide fumes, proprietary
Not Available		zirconium dioxide fumes, proprietary
Not Available		yttrium(III) oxide fumes, proprietary
Not Available		thorium oxide fumes, proprietary
Not Available		action of arc on air may generate
10028-15-6	NotSpec	<u>ozone</u>
Not Available	NotSpec	<u>nitrogen oxides</u>

The specific chemical identity and/or exact percentage (concentration) of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

**SECTION 4 First-aid measures**

**Description of first aid measures**

<b>Eye Contact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Particulate bodies from welding spatter may be removed carefully.</li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT attempt to remove particles attached to or embedded in eye.</b></li> <li>▶ Lay victim down, on stretcher if available and pad <b>BOTH</b> eyes, make sure dressing does not press on the injured eye by placing thick pads under dressing, above and below the eye.</li> <li>▶ Seek urgent medical assistance, or transport to hospital.</li> <li>▶ For "arc eye", i.e. welding flash or UV light burns to the eye:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Place eye pads or light clean dressings over both eyes.</li> <li>▶ Seek medical assistance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▶ For THERMAL burns:</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Do NOT remove contact lens</b></li> <li>▶ Lay victim down, on stretcher if available and pad <b>BOTH</b> eyes, make sure dressing does not press on the injured eye by placing thick pads under dressing, above and below the eye.</li> <li>▶ Seek urgent medical assistance, or transport to hospital.</li> <li>▶ <b>GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY</b></li> <li>▶ Remove victim to a restricted area for decontamination.</li> <li>▶ Thoroughly wash eyes with large amounts of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids (for approximately 15 minutes).</li> <li>▶ Following the water treatment, provide an isotonic solution.</li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT use eye baths, rather provide a continuous and copious supply of fluid.</b></li> <li>▶ Monitor the victim for radioactivity. If activity is present, rewash the eyes and remonitor until little or no radioactivity is present.</li> <li>▶ Any water used to wash the victim's eyes must be stored in a metal container for later disposal. Any other articles that are used to decontaminate the victim must also be stored in metal containers for later decontamination or disposal.</li> <li>▶ Any personnel involved in rendering first aid to the victim must be monitored for radioactivity and decontaminated if necessary</li> </ul> <p>IAEA Safety Series No.: 47 Manual on Early Medical Treatment of Possible Radiation Injury, 1978, p.35.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Skin Contact</b></p>	<p>For thermal burns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Decontaminate area around burn.</li> <li>▶ Consider the use of cold packs and topical antibiotics.</li> </ul> <p>For first-degree burns (affecting top layer of skin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Hold burned skin under cool (not cold) running water or immerse in cool water until pain subsides.</li> <li>▶ Use compresses if running water is not available.</li> <li>▶ Cover with sterile non-adhesive bandage or clean cloth.</li> <li>▶ Do NOT apply butter or ointments; this may cause infection.</li> <li>▶ Give over-the counter pain relievers if pain increases or swelling, redness, fever occur.</li> </ul> <p>For second-degree burns (affecting top two layers of skin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Cool the burn by immerse in cold running water for 10-15 minutes.</li> <li>▶ Use compresses if running water is not available.</li> <li>▶ Do NOT apply ice as this may lower body temperature and cause further damage.</li> <li>▶ Do NOT break blisters or apply butter or ointments; this may cause infection.</li> <li>▶ Protect burn by cover loosely with sterile, nonstick bandage and secure in place with gauze or tape.</li> </ul> <p>To prevent shock: (unless the person has a head, neck, or leg injury, or it would cause discomfort):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Lay the person flat.</li> <li>▶ Elevate feet about 12 inches.</li> <li>▶ Elevate burn area above heart level, if possible.</li> <li>▶ Cover the person with coat or blanket.</li> <li>▶ Seek medical assistance.</li> </ul> <p>For third-degree burns Seek immediate medical or emergency assistance.</p> <p>In the mean time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Protect burn area cover loosely with sterile, nonstick bandage or, for large areas, a sheet or other material that will not leave lint in wound.</li> <li>▶ Separate burned toes and fingers with dry, sterile dressings.</li> <li>▶ Do not soak burn in water or apply ointments or butter; this may cause infection.</li> <li>▶ To prevent shock see above.</li> <li>▶ For an airway burn, do not place pillow under the person's head when the person is lying down. This can close the airway.</li> <li>▶ Have a person with a facial burn sit up.</li> <li>▶ Check pulse and breathing to monitor for shock until emergency help arrives.</li> </ul> <p>The objectives of skin decontamination are to remove as much of the radionuclide as practicable in order to reduce the surface dose rate and to prevent activity from entering the body. Over-aggressive skin decontamination procedures must be avoided since these may injure the natural barriers of the skin and increase percutaneous absorption.</p> <p><b>IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE SKIN SHOULD BE DECONTAMINATED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE</b></p> <p>It is <b>IMPORTANT</b> to review each potential exposure, prior to the first use of the radioactive substance, to establish whether an alternative decontamination regime exists should simple washing techniques prove to be inadequate. (see point 4 below)</p> <p>If radioactive contamination is suspected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Gently brush away dry particles or blot excess liquids with absorbent materials; ensure responders are adequately protected.</li> <li>▶ Where possible, rinse victim in warm water (30 deg. C.); caution must be exercised to ensure that areas of tissue damage or body cavity openings are <b>NOT</b> rinsed.</li> <li>▶ Wash victim with mild liquid soap and large quantities of water. Pay particular attention to the head, finger nails and palms of the hands</li> <li>▶ On completion of the washing, monitor the victim for radioactivity. If water and soap have been inadequate in removing the radioactive material, decontaminating compounds consisting of surfactants and absorbent substances may be effective. Complexing reagents may also be of use.</li> <li>▶ The use of organic solvents is to be avoided as they may increase the solubility and absorption of the radioactive substance.</li> <li>▶ Skin contamination with radiation may be an indication that other parts of the body have been exposed.</li> <li>▶ Contaminated clothing must be stored in a metal container for later decontamination or disposal.</li> <li>▶ The water used to wash the victim must be stored in metal containers for later disposal.</li> <li>▶ Any personnel involved in rendering first aid to the victim must be monitored for radioactivity and decontaminated if necessary.</li> </ul> <p>IAEA Safety Series No.: 47 Manual on Early Medical Treatment of Possible Radiation Injury, 1978, p.9.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inhalation</b></p>	<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> For patients with life-threatening injuries (from incidents involving small quantity release) and particle or liquid exposure, decontamination procedures must be initiated:</p> <p><b>GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>NOTE:</b> Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus may be required to assure the safety of the rescuer.</li> <li>▶ Remove from exposure area to a restricted area with fresh air as quickly as possible.</li> <li>▶ Remove, as soon as possible, patient's clothing, jewelry and shoes.</li> <li>▶ Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures</li> <li>▶ If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration by administering oxygen; mouth-to-mouth resuscitation should be avoided to prevent exposure to the person rendering first aid.</li> <li>▶ Any evidence of serious contamination indicates that treatment must be initiated. (Inhalation of radioactive particles may indicate that other parts of the body were also contaminated, such as the digestive tract, skin and eyes.)</li> <li>▶ If time permits, wipe the face with wet filter paper, force coughing and blowing of the nose. Thorough decontamination should be started prior to the victim being removed to the medical area</li> <li>▶ Package the patient using transportation bags, plastic or blankets; this ensures that contamination is limited during transportation.</li> <li>▶ Provide adequate ambulance ventilation (intake and exhaust fans of appropriate design and capacity).</li> <li>▶ Notify Emergency Department that a potentially contaminated patient is enroute; supply all available information regarding the nature and identity of the contaminant.</li> <li>▶ Any personnel involved in rendering first aid must be monitored for radioactivity and thoroughly decontaminated if necessary.</li> </ul>

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### Ingestion

- ▶ In case of ingestion of radioactive substances, the mouth should be rinsed out immediately after the accident, care being taken not to swallow the water used for this purpose.
  - ▶ Vomiting should be induced either mechanically, or with syrup of Ipecac. **DO NOT induce vomiting in an unconscious person.** \*
  - ▶ Further action depends on the nature of the radioactive substance.
  - ▶ Get medical attention immediately.
  - ▶ The victim must be monitored for radioactivity and decontaminated, if necessary, before being transported to a medical facility.
  - ▶ Any personnel involved in rendering first aid to the victim must be monitored for radioactivity and decontaminated if necessary. -
- \* The vomitus and lavage fluids should be saved for examination and monitoring. The gastric fluids and fluids used for lavage must be stored in metal containers for later disposal. IAEA Safety Series No.: 47 Manual on Early Medical Treatment of Possible Radiation Injury, 1978, p.59.

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

See Section 11

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

For carbon monoxide intoxications:

- ▶ Administer pure oxygen by the best means possible. An oro-nasal mask is usually best. Artificial respiration is necessary wherever breathing is inadequate. Apnoeic patients have often been saved by persistent and efficient artificial ventilation. A patent airway must be carefully maintained. Patients with 40% carboxyhaemoglobin or more and an uncompensated metabolic acidosis (arterial pH less than 7.4) should be managed aggressively with ventilatory support/ hyperbaric oxygenation.
- ▶ Gastric aspiration and lavage early in the course of therapy may prevent aspiration pneumonitis and reveal the presence of ingested intoxicants.
- ▶ Avoid stimulant drugs including carbon dioxide. **DO NOT inject methylene blue.**
- ▶ Hypothermia has been employed to reduce the patient's oxygen requirement.
- ▶ Consider antibiotics as prophylaxis against pulmonary infection.
- ▶ A whole blood transfusion may be useful if it can be given early in the treatment program.
- ▶ Infuse sodium bicarbonate and balanced electrolyte solutions if blood analyses indicate a significant metabolic acidosis.
- ▶ Ancillary therapy for brain oedema may be necessary if hypoxia has been severe.
- ▶ Ensure absolute rest in bed for at least 48 hours; in severe poisonings, 2 to 4 weeks in bed may prevent sequelae.
- ▶ Watch for late neurological, psychiatric and cardiac complications. GOSELIN, SMITH HODGE: Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products 5th Ed.

### BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX (BEI)

These represent the determinants observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker exposed at the Exposure Standard (ES or TLV):

Determinant	Sampling time	Index	Comments
Carboxyhaemoglobin in blood	end of shift	3.5% of haemoglobin	B, NS
Carbon monoxide in end-exhaled air	end of shift	20 ppm	B, NS

B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed

NS: Non-specific determinant; also observed after exposure to other material

For radiation poisoning:

- ▶ Lavage may be useful. Care should be taken to avoid aspiration.
- ▶ The vomitus and lavage fluids should be saved for examination and monitoring. The gastric fluids and fluids used for lavage must be stored in metal containers for later disposal.
- ▶ There is no antidote for radiation sickness
- ▶ Treatment should be symptomatic and supportive, regardless of the dose received. IAEA Safety Series No.: 47; Manual on Early Medical Treatment of Possible Radiation Injury, 1978, p.35.

### BASIC TREATMENT

- ▶ Establish a patent airway with suction where necessary.
- ▶ Watch for signs of respiratory insufficiency and assist ventilation as necessary.
- ▶ Administer oxygen by non-rebreather mask at 10 to 15 l/min.
- ▶ Monitor and treat, where necessary, for shock.
- ▶ Anticipate seizures.
- ▶ Routine emergency care may be necessary for associated injuries.
- ▶ **Do not use emetics.** Where ingestion is suspected rinse mouth and give up to 200 ml water (5 ml/kg recommended) for dilution where patient is able to swallow, has a strong gag reflex and does not drool.
- ▶ If necessary, perform BLS care.

### ADVANCED TREATMENT

- ▶ Consider orotracheal or nasotracheal intubation for airway control in unconscious patient or where respiratory arrest has occurred.
- ▶ Monitor and treat, where necessary, for arrhythmias.
- ▶ Support vital signs with IV lactated Ringer's solution.
- ▶ Hypotension with signs of hypovolaemia requires the cautious administration of fluids. Fluid overload might create complications.
- ▶ Treat seizures with diazepam.
- ▶ Advanced life-support care may be needed.
- ▶ Proparacaine hydrochloride should be used to assist eye irrigation.
- ▶ Chelating agents may be useful if given before or immediately after exposure.

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Symptoms associated with radioactives exposure are generally delayed. Treatment should address other medical problems or trauma.
- ▶ An accurate history of exposure is essential to determine proper treatment; Exposure to 100 rads is expected to produce GI symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, diarrhoea; onset of symptoms may be delayed for several hours. Exposure to 600 rads is expected to result in severe GI symptoms such as necrotic gastroenteritis which may result in dehydration and may be fatal within days. Exposure to several thousand rads is expected to produce neurological/ cardiovascular symptoms including confusion, lethargy, ataxia, seizures, coma, and cardiovascular collapse, within minutes or hours. Severe exposures may also produce bone marrow depression, leukopenia and infection.

BRONSTEIN, A.C. and CURRANCE, P.L. EMERGENCY CARE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EXPOSURE: 2nd Ed. 1994

## SECTION 5 Fire-fighting measures

### Extinguishing media

- ▶ There is no restriction on the type of extinguisher which may be used.
- ▶ Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding area.

### Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility	None known.
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### Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

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<b>Fire Fighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.</li> <li>▶ <b>Do not</b> approach containers suspected to be hot.</li> <li>▶ Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.</li> <li>▶ If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.</li> <li>▶ Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.</li> </ul>
<b>Fire/Explosion Hazard</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Non combustible.</li> <li>▶ Not considered a significant fire risk, however containers may burn.</li> </ul> <p>Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of: metal oxides Welding arc and metal sparks can ignite combustibles.</p>

### SECTION 6 Accidental release measures

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

See section 8

#### Environmental precautions

See section 12

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

<b>Minor Spills</b>	<p>Cleanup of small and large spills: For spillages involving less than 20 times the "Annual Limit on Intake (ALI)" inhalation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Wear rubber or plastic gloves</li> <li>▶ Monitor the affected area when no visible spill material remains, to check the progress of the decontamination, preferably less than one "Derived Working Limit (DWL)"</li> <li>▶ Treat all materials used in the decontamination process as radioactive waste</li> <li>▶ Monitor all persons involved in the spillage or decontamination operation</li> <li>▶ Remove contaminated clothing, place in plastic bags and seal</li> </ul>
<b>Major Spills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Clear area of personnel and move upwind.</li> <li>▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>▶ Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.</li> <li>▶ Prevent, by all means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.</li> <li>▶ Consider evacuation (or protect in place).</li> <li>▶ No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.</li> <li>▶ Increase ventilation.</li> <li>▶ Stop leak if safe to do so.</li> <li>▶ Water spray or fog may be used to disperse / absorb vapour.</li> <li>▶ Contain or absorb spill with sand, earth or vermiculite.</li> <li>▶ Collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling.</li> <li>▶ Collect solid residues and seal in labelled drums for disposal.</li> <li>▶ Wash area and prevent runoff into drains.</li> <li>▶ After clean up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and re-using.</li> <li>▶ If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.</li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT touch damaged containers or spilled materials.</b> Damage to outer container may not affect primary inner container.</li> <li>▶ Isolate hazard area and deny entry.</li> <li>▶ Evacuate the area if there is a significant radiological hazard to persons</li> <li>▶ It may be necessary to dike far ahead of the spill area</li> <li>▶ Enter spill area only to save life; limit entry to shortest possible time.</li> <li>▶ Detain uninjured persons and equipment exposed to radioactive material until arrival or instruction of qualified radiation authority.</li> <li>▶ Delay cleanup until arrival or instruction of qualified radiation authority.</li> </ul>

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

### SECTION 7 Handling and storage

#### Precautions for safe handling

<b>Safe handling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ All work with unsealed radioactive substances shall be segregated from other work and, where possible, carried out in a laboratory or workplace reserved solely for this purpose. Where widely different levels of activity and radiotoxicity are to be in use, separate rooms are preferred.</li> <li>▶ Eating, drinking, smoking and the application of cosmetics should not take place in a radioactive substances designated area.</li> <li>▶ Before work with unsealed radioactive substances proceeds, written procedures describing good working practices, should be available.</li> <li>▶ Practice runs might be made with non-radioactive substances, so that when radioactive substances are used, operations are performed speedily and confidently with minimum exposure and risk of accident.</li> <li>▶ Working procedures and a contingency plan, taking into account every radiation spill that is reasonably foreseen, should be available for periodic review.</li> <li>▶ A high standard of cleanliness should be maintained in radioactive substances work-places.</li> <li>▶ Appropriate means of monitoring for contamination should be available.</li> <li>▶ Radiation and contamination surveys should be carried out regularly.</li> <li>▶ No mouth operations should be carried out in areas where radioactive materials are used. Pipettes should be syringe or bulb-operated, or be of the automatic plunger type with disposable single-use trips.</li> <li>▶ All reagents, tools and, where possible, apparatus used in the "active" area shall be clearly labelled and should remain where practical in the "actives" area.</li> <li>▶ Any items removed from the actives area shall be monitored, decontaminated if necessary and labelled. The label might include details of the individual certifying the item is free from contamination.</li> <li>▶ All work surfaces in the actives (including sinks) should be marked be a radiation symbol.</li> <li>▶ Never store [human] food and beverage in refrigerators/freezers used for storing radioisotopes.</li> <li>▶ Prevent skin contact with skin-absorbable solvents containing radioactive material.</li> <li>▶ Fume hoods and biological safety cabinets for use with non-airborne radioactive material must be approved (through the protocol) and must be labelled "Caution Radioactive Material".</li> <li>▶ All volatile, gaseous, or aerosolized radioactive material must be used only in a properly operating charcoal and/or HEPA filtered fume hood or Biological Safety Cabinet bearing a Caution Airborne Radioactivity hood label, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Radiation Safety Officer.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Radioactive preparations should be marked with the radiation symbol, details of the chemical compound, radionuclide, activity, and as appropriate date and name of responsible user</li> <li>▶ Work with unsealed liquid sources should be carried out in a double container or large tray (stainless steel or plastic) lined with absorbent material to restrict the spread of spilled materials.</li> <li>▶ Operations producing vapour, spray, dust or radioactive gas shall be carried out in a fume cupboard, glove box or other enclosed areas.</li> <li>▶ Appropriate waste receptacles should be provided. Foot-operated waste-bins are preferable.</li> <li>▶ When leaving designated radiation areas, workers should wash hands thoroughly. Hands, clothing and shoes should be monitored to ensure that the contamination derived working level (DWL) (see "Engineering Controls") is not exceeded. These procedures should be followed before meals, visits to the toilet and prior to leaving the designated radiation area at the end of each day's work.</li> <li>▶ Cleaning of designated radiation areas should be carried out by suitably trained people. Wet cleaning is generally recommended to reduce the possibility of airborne contamination. Separate cleaning equipment should be reserved for use in these areas. Vacuum cleaners should only be used if equipped with high-efficiency exhaust (HEPA) filtration.</li> <li>▶ Electrical heating should be used for laboratory operation. Evaporation by infra-red lamp reduces splashing, spraying and droplet contamination.</li> <li>▶ Written procedures for maintenance work should be available.</li> </ul>
<b>Other information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Special security requirements apply in Federal/State regulation to the storage, packaging and handling of radioactive materials.</li> <li>▶ Regulation may include restriction on package size and quantities stored.</li> <li>▶ Store in an approved storage area and ensure that packages are appropriately labelled as required by relevant legislation.</li> <li>▶ Keep locked up at all times.</li> </ul>

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

<b>Suitable container</b>	<p>For packaging of radioisotopes. Packaging should be designed and finished so that external surfaces are free of protruding features and can be easily decontaminated. The outer layer of packaging should be designed so as to prevent the collection and retention of water. Many international standards, relating to correct package type and design, are in force and should be observed when repacking the contents of the original containers.</p>
<b>Storage incompatibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Metals and their oxides or salts may react violently with chlorine trifluoride and bromine trifluoride.</li> <li>▶ These trifluorides are hypergolic oxidisers. They ignite on contact (without external source of heat or ignition) with recognised fuels - contact with these materials, following an ambient or slightly elevated temperature, is often violent and may produce ignition.</li> <li>▶ The state of subdivision may affect the results.</li> </ul> <p>Welding electrodes should not be allowed to come into contact with strong acids or other substances which are corrosive to metals.</p> <p>Nitric oxide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ is reactive with alkalis, flammable and combustible materials, organic compounds and solvents, reducing agents, copper and aluminium.</li> <li>▶ forms nitric / nitrous acid in contact with water and is therefore very corrosive to metals when wet.</li> <li>▶ explosions may occur on contact with ammonia, boron trichloride, carbon disulfide, cyclohexane, fluorine, formaldehyde, nitrobenzene, toluene, incompletely halogenated hydrocarbons, propylene, alcohols, and ozone.</li> <li>▶ Incidents involving interaction of active oxidants and reducing agents, either by design or accident, are usually very energetic and examples of so-called redox reactions.</li> </ul>

## SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

### Control parameters

#### Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

#### INGREDIENT DATA

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	welding fumes	Welding fumes	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Ca; See Appendix A
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) Table Z-1	ozone	Ozone	0.1 ppm / 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	ozone	Ozone	Not Available	Not Available	0.1 ppm / 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Not Available
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	ozone	Ozone: Heavy work	0.05 ppm	Not Available	Not Available	A4
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	ozone	Ozone: Moderate work	0.08 ppm	Not Available	Not Available	A4
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	ozone	Ozone: Light work	0.10 ppm	Not Available	Not Available	A4
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	ozone	Ozone: Heavy, moderate, or light workloads (≤2 hours)	0.20 ppm	Not Available	Not Available	A4

#### Emergency Limits

Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
ozone	0.24 ppm	1 ppm	10 ppm

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
welding fumes	Not Available	Not Available
ozone	5 ppm	Not Available
nitrogen oxides	Not Available	Not Available

#### Occupational Exposure Banding

Ingredient	Occupational Exposure Band Rating	Occupational Exposure Band Limit
nitrogen oxides	E	≤ 0.1 ppm

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<b>Notes:</b>	<i>Occupational exposure banding is a process of assigning chemicals into specific categories or bands based on a chemical's potency and the adverse health outcomes associated with exposure. The output of this process is an occupational exposure band (OEB), which corresponds to a range of exposure concentrations that are expected to protect worker health.</i>	

## Exposure controls

<p><b>Appropriate engineering controls</b></p>	<p>Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection. The basic types of engineering controls are:</p> <p>Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.</p> <p>Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use. Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Employees exposed to confirmed human carcinogens should be authorized to do so by the employer, and work in a regulated area.</li> <li>▶ Work should be undertaken in an isolated system such as a "glove-box" . Employees should wash their hands and arms upon completion of the assigned task and before engaging in other activities not associated with the isolated system.</li> <li>▶ Within regulated areas, the carcinogen should be stored in sealed containers, or enclosed in a closed system, including piping systems, with any sample ports or openings closed while the carcinogens are contained within.</li> <li>▶ Open-vessel systems are prohibited.</li> <li>▶ Each operation should be provided with continuous local exhaust ventilation so that air movement is always from ordinary work areas to the operation.</li> <li>▶ Exhaust air should not be discharged to regulated areas, non-regulated areas or the external environment unless decontaminated. Clean make-up air should be introduced in sufficient volume to maintain correct operation of the local exhaust system.</li> <li>▶ For maintenance and decontamination activities, authorized employees entering the area should be provided with and required to wear clean, impervious garments, including gloves, boots and continuous-air supplied hood. Prior to removing protective garments the employee should undergo decontamination and be required to shower upon removal of the garments and hood.</li> <li>▶ Except for outdoor systems, regulated areas should be maintained under negative pressure (with respect to non-regulated areas).</li> <li>▶ Local exhaust ventilation requires make-up air be supplied in equal volumes to replaced air.</li> <li>▶ Laboratory hoods must be designed and maintained so as to draw air inward at an average linear face velocity of 0.76 m/sec with a minimum of 0.64 m/sec. Design and construction of the fume hood requires that insertion of any portion of the employees body, other than hands and arms, be disallowed.</li> </ul> <p>For manual arc welding operations the nature of ventilation is determined by the location of the work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ For outdoor work, natural ventilation is generally sufficient.</li> <li>▶ For indoor work, conducted in open spaces, use mechanical (general exhaust or plenum) ventilation. (Open work spaces exceed 300 cubic metres per welder)</li> <li>▶ For work conducted in limited or confined spaces, mechanical ventilation, using local exhaust systems, is required. (In confined spaces always check that oxygen has not been depleted by excessive rusting of steel or snowflake corrosion of aluminium)</li> </ul> <p>Mechanical or local exhaust ventilation may not be required where the process working time does not exceed 24 mins. (in an 8 hr. shift) provided the work is intermittent (a maximum of 5 mins. every hour). Local exhaust systems must be designed to provide a minimum capture velocity at the fume source, away from the worker, of 0.5 metre/sec. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="384 1240 1278 1301"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type of Contaminant:</th> <th>Air Speed:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>welding, brazing fumes (released at relatively low velocity into moderately still air)</td> <td>0.5-1.0 m/s (100-200 f/min.)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Within each range the appropriate value depends on:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="384 1361 1118 1525"> <thead> <tr> <th>Lower end of the range</th> <th>Upper end of the range</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture</td> <td>1: Disturbing room air currents</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.</td> <td>2: Contaminants of high toxicity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3: Intermittent, low production.</td> <td>3: High production, heavy use</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4: Large hood or large air mass in motion</td> <td>4: Small hood-local control only</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.) for extraction of gases discharged 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.</p> <p>For potential exposure to radioactive substances, local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation should be provided as a minimum. External radiation exposure may be controlled with adequate shielding. The absorbing material and its thickness will depend on the type of radiation, its energy, the flux and dimensions of the source.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ For <b>ALPHA PARTICLES</b> fraction of a millimetre of any ordinary material will generally be sufficient to attenuate the energy of the particle.</li> <li>▶ For the more energetic <b>BETA PARTICLES</b>, extra shielding will be required. This may comprise materials such as acrylics, aluminium and thick rubber. For example, 6 mm (approx. 1/4 inch) of acrylic will absorb all beta particles up to 1 MeV. With high energy beta radiation from large sources, Bremsstrahlung (X-ray production) contribution may be significant and it may be necessary to provide additional shielding of high atomic weight material, such as lead, to attenuate the Bremsstrahlung radiation.</li> <li>▶ For highly energetic <b>GAMMA PARTICLES</b> the most suitable shielding materials are lead and iron. Thickness will depend on whether the source is producing narrow or broad beam radiation. Primary and secondary barriers may be required to block all radiation.</li> </ul>	Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:	welding, brazing fumes (released at relatively low velocity into moderately still air)	0.5-1.0 m/s (100-200 f/min.)	Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range	1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents	2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.	2: Contaminants of high toxicity	3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use	4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only
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<p><b>Eye and face protection</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Goggles or other suitable eye protection shall be used during all gas welding or oxygen cutting operations. Spectacles without side shields, with suitable filter lenses are permitted for use during gas welding operations on light work, for torch brazing or for inspection.</li> <li>▶ For most open welding/brazing operations, goggles, even with appropriate filters, will not afford sufficient facial protection for operators. Where possible use welding helmets or handshields corresponding to EN 175, ANSI Z49:12005, AS 1336 and AS 1338 which provide the maximum possible facial protection from flying particles and fragments. [WRIA-WTIA Technical Note 7]</li> </ul>														

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ An approved face shield or welding helmet can also have filters for optical radiation protection, and offer additional protection against debris and sparks.</li> <li>▶ UV blocking protective spectacles with side shields or welding goggles are considered primary protection, with the face shield or welding helmet considered secondary protection.</li> <li>▶ The optical filter in welding goggles, face mask or helmet must be a type which is suitable for the sort of work being done. A filter suitable for gas welding, for instance, should not be used for arc welding.</li> <li>▶ Face masks which are self dimming are available for arc welding, MIG, TIG and plasma cutting, and allow better vision before the arc is struck and after it is extinguished.</li> </ul> <p>For submerged arc welding use a lens shade which gives just sufficient arc brightness to allow weld pool control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Most safety glasses will provide protection against alpha particles, some protection against beta particles (depending on thickness) but will not shield gamma radiation.</li> </ul>
<b>Skin protection</b>	See Hand protection below
<b>Hands/feet protection</b>	<p>The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.</p> <p>The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.</p> <p>Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.</p> <p>Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· frequency and duration of contact,</li> <li>· chemical resistance of glove material,</li> <li>· glove thickness and</li> <li>· dexterity</li> </ul> <p>Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.</li> <li>· When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.</li> <li>· Some glove polymer types are less affected by movement and this should be taken into account when considering gloves for long-term use.</li> <li>· Contaminated gloves should be replaced.</li> </ul> <p>As defined in ASTM F-739-96 in any application, gloves are rated as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Excellent when breakthrough time &gt; 480 min</li> <li>· Good when breakthrough time &gt; 20 min</li> <li>· Fair when breakthrough time &lt; 20 min</li> <li>· Poor when glove material degrades</li> </ul> <p>For general applications, gloves with a thickness typically greater than 0.35 mm, are recommended.</p> <p>It should be emphasised that glove thickness is not necessarily a good predictor of glove resistance to a specific chemical, as the permeation efficiency of the glove will be dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Therefore, glove selection should also be based on consideration of the task requirements and knowledge of breakthrough times.</p> <p>Glove thickness may also vary depending on the glove manufacturer, the glove type and the glove model. Therefore, the manufacturers technical data should always be taken into account to ensure selection of the most appropriate glove for the task.</p> <p>Note: Depending on the activity being conducted, gloves of varying thickness may be required for specific tasks. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Thinner gloves (down to 0.1 mm or less) may be required where a high degree of manual dexterity is needed. However, these gloves are only likely to give short duration protection and would normally be just for single use applications, then disposed of.</li> <li>· Thicker gloves (up to 3 mm or more) may be required where there is a mechanical (as well as a chemical) risk i.e. where there is abrasion or puncture potential</li> </ul> <p>Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Welding gloves conforming to Standards such as EN 12477:2001, ANSI Z49.1, AS/NZS 2161:2008 produced from leather, rubber, treated cotton, or aluminised</li> <li>▶ These gloves protect against mechanical risk caused by abrasion, blade cut, tear and puncture</li> <li>▶ Other gloves which protect against thermal risks (heat and fire) might also be considered - these comply with different standards to those mentioned above.</li> <li>▶ One pair of gloves may not be suitable for all processes. For example, gloves that are suitable for low current Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) (thin and flexible) would not be proper for high-current Air Carbon Arc Cutting (CAC-A) (insulated, tough, and durable)</li> </ul> <p>Disposable gloves. Most gloves will provide protection against alpha particles, some protection against beta particles (depending on thickness) but will not shield gamma radiation. Used gloves may present a radiation hazard and should be disposed of as radioactive waste.</p> <p>Suitable gloves should be worn for all work with unsealed radioactive substances, and special care is to be exercised when putting on or removing gloves, to avoid contaminating the hands and the inside surfaces of the gloves.</p>
<b>Body protection</b>	See Other protection below
<b>Other protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Employees working with confirmed human carcinogens should be provided with, and be required to wear, clean, full body protective clothing (smocks, coveralls, or long-sleeved shirt and pants), shoe covers and gloves prior to entering the regulated area. [AS/NZS ISO 6529:2006 or national equivalent]</li> <li>▶ Employees engaged in handling operations involving carcinogens should be provided with, and required to wear and use half-face filter-type respirators with filters for dusts, mists and fumes, or air purifying canisters or cartridges. A respirator affording higher levels of protection may be substituted. [AS/NZS 1715 or national equivalent]</li> <li>▶ Emergency deluge showers and eyewash fountains, supplied with potable water, should be located near, within sight of, and on the same level with locations where direct exposure is likely.</li> <li>▶ Prior to each exit from an area containing confirmed human carcinogens, employees should be required to remove and leave protective clothing and equipment at the point of exit and at the last exit of the day, to place used clothing and equipment in impervious containers at the point of exit for purposes of decontamination or disposal. The contents of such impervious containers must be identified with suitable labels. For maintenance and decontamination activities, authorized employees entering the area should be provided with and required to wear clean, impervious garments, including gloves, boots and continuous-air supplied hood.</li> <li>▶ Prior to removing protective garments the employee should undergo decontamination and be required to shower upon removal of the garments and hood.</li> </ul> <p>Before starting: consider that protection should be provided for all personnel within 10 metres of any open arc welding operation. Welding sites must be adequately shielded with screens of non flammable materials. Screens should permit ventilation at floor and ceiling levels.</p> <p>Disposable overgarments, including head and foot coverings should be worn by any employee engaged in handling radioactive substances <i>in the workplace</i>. These garments are recommended even if the employee is working with a "glove-box" containment system.</p> <p>Protective clothing reserved specifically for radioactive work, shall be worn at all times <i>in a laboratory</i>, even for very low levels of specific activity. The following should be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ For work in low level laboratories, a normal laboratory coat or overall is sufficient.</li> <li>▶ For work in medium level laboratories, the laboratory coat should have elasticised sleeve cuffs and a crossover front with high neck fastened with hook and loop fastening fabric. Pockets are not recommended.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Velcro strips are suitable.</p>



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- ▶ In high level laboratories, in addition to coats and overalls, overshoes or similar specially designed footwear should be worn to prevent the transfer of radioactive contamination from laboratory floors.
- All protective clothing worn in radioisotope and radiological laboratories should be removed prior to leaving and left in a specifically designated area in or immediately outside the laboratory. This area should be considered as a source of radioactive hazard. Contaminated clothing shall not be laundered with uncontaminated items.
- Certain clothing fibres may be useful in dosimetry studies so clothing should be kept in event of accident, large scale release or a large scale clean-up.

**Respiratory protection**

Type NO Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Where the concentration of gas/particulates in the breathing zone, approaches or exceeds the "Exposure Standard" (or ES), respiratory protection is required. Degree of protection varies with both face-piece and Class of filter; the nature of protection varies with Type of filter.

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 10 x ES	NO-AUS	-	NO-PAPR-AUS / Class 1
up to 50 x ES	-	NO-AUS / Class 1	-
up to 100 x ES	-	NO-2	NO-PAPR-2 ^

^ - Full-face

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO<sub>2</sub>), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH<sub>3</sub>), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

Welding of powder coated metal requires good general area ventilation, and ventilated mask as local heat causes minor coating decomposition releasing highly discomforting fume which may be harmful if exposure is regular.

Welding or flame cutting of metals with chromate pigmented primers or coatings may result in inhalation of highly toxic chromate fumes. Exposures may be significant in enclosed or poorly ventilated areas.

**SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties****Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Appearance</b>	Gray-silver coloured solid with no odour.		
<b>Physical state</b>	Manufactured	<b>Relative density (Water = 1)</b>	Not Available
<b>Odour</b>	No Odour	<b>Partition coefficient n-octanol / water</b>	Not Available
<b>Odour threshold</b>	Not Available	<b>Auto-ignition temperature (°C)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>pH (as supplied)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not Available
<b>Melting point / freezing point (°C)</b>	~3382	<b>Viscosity (cSt)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)</b>	~5530	<b>Molecular weight (g/mol)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Flash point (°C)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Taste</b>	Not Available
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not Available
<b>Flammability</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Oxidising properties</b>	Not Available
<b>Upper Explosive Limit (%)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Lower Explosive Limit (%)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Volatile Component (%vol)</b>	Not Available
<b>Vapour pressure (kPa)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Gas group</b>	Not Available
<b>Solubility in water</b>	Not Available	<b>pH as a solution (Not Available%)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Vapour density (Air = 1)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>VOC g/L</b>	Not Available

**SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity**

<b>Reactivity</b>	See section 7
<b>Chemical stability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>▶ Product is considered stable.</li> <li>▶ Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	See section 7
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	See section 7
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	See section 7
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	See section 5

**SECTION 11 Toxicological information****Information on toxicological effects**

<b>Inhaled</b>	Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material, during the course of normal handling, may be harmful. There is some evidence to suggest that the material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.
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	<p>Fumes evolved during welding operations may be irritating to the upper-respiratory tract and may be harmful if inhaled.</p> <p>A whole body dose of 2-10 Gray may cause loss of appetite, tiredness, nausea and vomiting, most severe after 6-12 hours. After this subsides a gross disturbance in blood cell distribution occurs with loss of white blood cells and platelets over weeks.</p> <p>Carbon monoxide poisoning results in breathing problems, diarrhoea and shock. It combines with haemoglobin, the carrier of oxygen in the blood, much more easily than oxygen; the complex formed can disturb muscle function, especially the heart.</p> <p>The inhalation of small particles of metal oxide results in sudden thirst, a sweet, metallic foul taste, throat irritation, cough, dry mucous membranes, tiredness and general unwellness. Headache, nausea and vomiting, fever or chills, restlessness, sweating, diarrhoea, excessive urination and prostration may also occur.</p>
<b>Ingestion</b>	<p>Accidental ingestion of the material may be damaging to the health of the individual.</p> <p>Lanthanide poisoning causes immediate defaecation, writhing, inco-ordination, laboured breathing, and inactivity. Respiratory and heart failure may follow causing death.</p>
<b>Skin Contact</b>	<p>The material is not thought to be a skin irritant (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Abrasive damage however, may result from prolonged exposures.</p> <p>Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.</p> <p>Ultraviolet (UV) radiation is generated by the electric arc in the welding process. Skin exposure to UV can result in severe burns, often without prior burning.</p> <p>Exposure to infrared (IR) irritation, produced by the electric arc and other flame cutting equipment, may heat the skin surface and the tissues immediately below the surface. Except for this effect, which can progress to thermal burns in some situations, infrared radiation is not dangerous to welders. Most welders are protected by a welder's helmet (or glasses) and protective clothing.</p> <p>Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material</p> <p>Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.</p> <p>A whole body dose of 2-10 Gray may cause loss of appetite, tiredness, nausea and vomiting, most severe after 6-12 hours. After this subsides a gross disturbance in blood cell distribution occurs with loss of white blood cells and platelets over weeks.</p>
<b>Eye</b>	<p>There is some evidence to suggest that this material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.</p> <p>Ultraviolet (UV) radiation can damage the lens of the eye. Many arc welders experience the condition known as "arc-eye", which is a sensation of sand in the eyes. The condition is caused by excessive eye exposure to UV. Exposure to ultraviolet rays may also increase the skin effects of some industrial chemicals (coal tar and cresol compounds, for example).</p> <p>Eye exposure to intense visible light is prevented, for the most part, by the welder's helmet. The arc should never be observed without eye protection.</p> <p>The eye is particularly sensitive to radioactivity. A single dose of 1 Gy can cause inflammation of the conjunctiva and cornea.</p>
<b>Chronic</b>	<p>There is sufficient evidence to suggest that this material directly causes cancer in humans.</p> <p>Substance accumulation, in the human body, may occur and may cause some concern following repeated or long-term occupational exposure.</p> <p>There is some evidence that inhaling this product is more likely to cause a sensitisation reaction in some persons compared to the general population.</p> <p>Principal route of exposure is inhalation of welding fumes from electrodes and workpiece. Reaction products arising from electrode core and flux appear as welding fume depending on welding conditions, relative volatilities of metal oxides and any coatings on the workpiece. Studies of lung cancer among welders indicate that they may experience a 30-40% increased risk compared to the general population. Since smoking and exposure to other cancer-causing agents, such as asbestos fibre, may influence these results, it is not clear whether welding, in fact, represents a significant lung cancer risk. Whilst mild steel welding represents little risk, the stainless steel welder, exposed to chromium and nickel fume, may be at risk and it is this factor which may account for the overall increase in lung cancer incidence among welders. Cold isolated electrodes are relatively harmless.</p> <p>Long-term exposure to low levels of carbon monoxide may cause low body oxygen, heart disease and brain damage, low baby birth weight and increased foetal death and birth defects.</p> <p>Metal oxides generated by industrial processes such as welding may cause a number of potential health problems. Particles smaller than 5 microns in diameter (which may be breathed in) may cause reduction in lung function. Particles of less than 1.5 microns can be trapped in the lungs, and, depending on the nature of the particle, may cause further serious health consequences.</p> <p>Exposure to fume containing high concentrations of water-soluble chromium (VI) during the welding of stainless steels in confined spaces has been reported to result in chronic chrome intoxication, dermatitis and asthma. Certain insoluble chromium (VI) compounds have been named as carcinogens (by the ACGIH) in other work environments. Chromium may also appear in welding fumes as Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> or double oxides with iron. These chromium (III) compounds are generally biologically inert.</p> <p>Welding fume with high levels of ferrous materials may lead to particle deposition in the lungs (siderosis) after long exposure. This clears up when exposure stops. Chronic exposure to iron dusts may lead to eye disorders.</p> <p>Silica and silicates in welding fumes are non-crystalline and believed to be non-harmful.</p> <p>Other welding process exposures can arise from radiant energy UV flash burns, thermal burns or electric shock</p> <p>The welding arc emits ultraviolet radiation at wavelengths that have the potential to produce skin tumours in animals and in over-exposed individuals, however, no confirmatory studies of this effect in welders have been reported.</p> <p>A single large or prolonged low exposure to radiation can cause delayed effects, including blood cancers, genetic disorders, shortened lifespan and cataracts. Leukaemia is the most common cancer caused; cancers of the thyroid, bone, lung (due to radioactive particle deposits) and skin are also seen.</p> <p>Ozone is suspected to produce lung cancer in laboratory animals; no reports of this effect have been documented in exposed human populations.</p>

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	Not Available	Not Available
<b>welding fumes</b>	<b>TOXICITY</b>	<b>IRRITATION</b>
	Not Available	Not Available
<b>ozone</b>	<b>TOXICITY</b>	<b>IRRITATION</b>
	Inhalation(Rat) LC50; 3.6 ppm4h <sup>[1]</sup>	Eye: adverse effect observed (irreversible damage) <sup>[1]</sup> Skin: adverse effect observed (corrosive) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>nitrogen oxides</b>	<b>TOXICITY</b>	<b>IRRITATION</b>
	Not Available	Not Available

**Legend:** 1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2. \* Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances

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<b>WELDING FUMES</b>	<p>Most welding is performed using electric arc processes. There has been considerable evidence linking welding activities and cancer risk. Several case-control studies reported excess risk of melanoma of the eye in welders. This association may be due to the presence in some welding environments of fumes of thorium-232, which is used in tungsten welding rods. There is consensus that some welding environments, notably in stainless steel welding, carry risks of lung cancer. This may be due to exposure to nickel and chromium (VI) compounds. There is generally an excess risk of lung cancer among welders of around 20-40%.</p> <p>Welders are exposed to a range of fumes and gases (evaporated metal, metal oxides, hydrocarbons, nanoparticles, ozone, oxides of nitrogen) as well as electric and magnetic fields, and ultraviolet radiation. Welders who weld painted mild steel can also be exposed to a range of organic compounds produced by pyrolysis. Ozone is formed during electric arc welding, and exposure levels can exceed limits. Especially in shipyards, welders can be exposed to asbestos dust.</p> <p><b>WARNING:</b> This substance has been classified by the IARC as Group 1: <b>CARCINOGENIC TO HUMANS.</b> Not available. Refer to individual constituents.</p>		
<b>OZONE</b>	NOTE: Ozone aggravates chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases. Ozone is suspected also of increasing the risk of acute and chronic respiratory disease, mutagenesis and foetotoxicity. In animals short-term exposure to ambient concentrations of less than 1 ppm results in reduced capacity to kill intrapulmonary organisms and allows purulent bacteria to proliferate [Ellenhorn etal].		
<b>NITROGEN OXIDES</b>	Data for nitrogen dioxide: Substance has been investigated as a mutagen and reproductive effector. NOTE: Interstitial edema, epithelial proliferation and, in high concentrations, fibrosis and emphysema develop after repeated exposure. No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.		
<b>OZONE &amp; NITROGEN OXIDES</b>	Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ends. This may be due to a non-allergic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur after exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Main criteria for diagnosing RADS include the absence of previous airways disease in a non-atopic individual, with sudden onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. Other criteria for diagnosis of RADS include a reversible airflow pattern on lung function tests, moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing, and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. On the other hand, industrial bronchitis is a disorder that occurs as a result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particles) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterized by difficulty breathing, cough and mucus production.		
<b>Acute Toxicity</b>	✓	<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	✓
<b>Skin Irritation/Corrosion</b>	✗	<b>Reproductivity</b>	✗
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Irritation</b>	✗	<b>STOT - Single Exposure</b>	✗
<b>Respiratory or Skin sensitisation</b>	✗	<b>STOT - Repeated Exposure</b>	✗
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	✗	<b>Aspiration Hazard</b>	✗

**Legend:** ✗ – Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification  
✓ – Data available to make classification

## SECTION 12 Ecological information

## Toxicity

XTRweld Tungsten for TIG Welding	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
welding fumes	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
ozone	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	NOEC(ECx)	2160h	Fish	0.002mg/L	5
	LC50	96h	Fish	0.17mg/l	2
nitrogen oxides	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
<b>Legend:</b>	Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data				

## For Metal:

Atmospheric Fate - Metal-containing inorganic substances generally have negligible vapour pressure and are not expected to partition to air.

Environmental Fate: Environmental processes, such as oxidation, the presence of acids or bases and microbiological processes, may transform insoluble metals to more soluble ionic forms. Environmental processes may enhance bioavailability and may also be important in changing solubilities.

Aquatic/Terrestrial Fate: When released to dry soil, most metals will exhibit limited mobility and remain in the upper layer; some will leach locally into ground water and/ or surface water ecosystems when soaked by rain or melt ice. A metal ion is considered infinitely persistent because it cannot degrade further. Once released to surface waters and moist soils their fate depends on solubility and dissociation in water. A significant proportion of dissolved/ sorbed metals will end up in sediments through the settling of suspended particles. The remaining metal ions can then be taken up by aquatic organisms. Ionic species may bind to dissolved ligands or sorb to solid particles in water.

Ecotoxicity: Even though many metals show few toxic effects at physiological pH levels, transformation may introduce new or magnified effects.

## For Lanthanoids (Formerly Lanthanides: Synonym Rare Earth Metals and their Salts):

Environmental Fate: Rare earths, such as the lanthanoids, are relatively abundant in the crust of the Earth. These elements are not rare -scientists once thought these substances were only found in very small amounts on the Earth Most of the lanthanides occur together in nature, and they are very difficult to separate from each other. The lanthanides form alloys, (mixtures), with many other metals, and these alloys exhibit a wide range of physical properties. Lanthanoid emissions to the environment have increased as a result of the growing industrial applications of these elements; however, robust data to evaluate the environmental fate of lanthanoids are scarce.

Atmospheric Fate: These substances react with oxygen in the atmosphere to form an oxide residue which tarnishes surfaces exposed to these elements. They burn readily in air to form oxides.

Terrestrial Fate: Soil - Lanthanoids can be found in most soils. These substances are expected to strongly sorb to soil and are not expected to evaporate from soil surfaces.

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Plants These substances are expected to accumulate in plants, especially duckweed.

Aquatic Fate: Rare earth chlorides are very poorly soluble in water. These substances will bind to carbonated and dissolved organic matter in water. The lanthanides react slowly with cold water and more rapidly with hot water to form hydrogen gas. The lanthanum ion is expected to have high attraction to the negatively charged humic material present in most natural waters. This mechanism will also remove lanthanum from the water column.

Ecotoxicity: These elements have a high tendency to accumulate in plants and organisms. A typical oxide of this group, cerium oxide, has low toxicity to the fathead minnow, green algae, and Daphnia water fleas. Rare earth chlorides exhibit acute aquatic toxicity at concentrations exceeding 100 ppm and chronic toxicity, persisting for more than 21 days, at concentrations greater than 30 ppm. Industrial processes have little impact on altering background levels. Lanthanum 3+ is toxic to some aquatic organisms. Dissolved lanthanum is very toxic to species of Daphnia in both chronic and acute tests and may also be toxic to other species. There seems little doubt that dissolved lanthanum has at least high acute and chronic toxicity to fresh water fish and to various species of Daphnia in soft water, although water quality appears to have a very large effect on the toxicity.

**DO NOT** discharge into sewer or waterways.

#### Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
	No Data available for all ingredients	No Data available for all ingredients

#### Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
	No Data available for all ingredients

#### Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
	No Data available for all ingredients


### SECTION 13 Disposal considerations

#### Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.</li> <li>▶ Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible.</li> </ul> Otherwise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.</li> <li>▶ Where possible retain label warnings and SDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.</li> <li>▶ <b>WARNING Radioactive materials must not be disposed of as Industrial Waste or domestic garbage. Consult supplier/ appropriate Radiation Control Authority for disposal procedures</b></li> </ul>
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### SECTION 14 Transport information

#### Labels Required

	
Marine Pollutant	NO

#### Land transport (DOT)

UN number	2909	
UN proper shipping name	Radioactive material, excepted package-articles manufactured from natural uranium or depleted uranium or natural thorium	
Transport hazard class(es)	Class	7
	Subrisk	Not Applicable
Packing group	Not Applicable	
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable	
Special precautions for user	Hazard Label	Not Applicable
	Special provisions	Not Applicable

#### Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

UN number	2909	
UN proper shipping name	Radioactive material, excepted package - articles manufactured from depleted uranium	
Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO/IATA Class	7
	ICAO / IATA Subrisk	Not Applicable
	ERG Code	7L
Packing group	Not Applicable	
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable	

## XTRweld Tungsten for TIG Welding

<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Special provisions	A130
	Cargo Only Packing Instructions	See 10.3
	Cargo Only Maximum Qty / Pack	See 10.3
	Passenger and Cargo Packing Instructions	See 10.3
	Passenger and Cargo Maximum Qty / Pack	See 10.3
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions	Forbidden
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Maximum Qty / Pack	Forbidden

**Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)**

<b>UN number</b>	2909	
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL, EXCEPTED PACKAGE - ARTICLES MANUFACTURED FROM NATURAL URANIUM or DEPLETED URANIUM or NATURAL THORIUM	
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	IMDG Class	7
	IMDG Subrisk	Not Applicable
<b>Packing group</b>	Not Applicable	
<b>Environmental hazard</b>	Not Applicable	
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	EMS Number	F-I, S-S
	Special provisions	290
	Limited Quantities	0

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code**

Not Applicable

**Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code**

Product name	Group
welding fumes	Not Available
ozone	Not Available
nitrogen oxides	Not Available

**Transport in bulk in accordance with the ICG Code**

Product name	Ship Type
welding fumes	Not Available
ozone	Not Available
nitrogen oxides	Not Available

**SECTION 15 Regulatory information****Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture****welding fumes is found on the following regulatory lists**

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans

US NIOSH Carcinogen List

US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)

**ozone is found on the following regulatory lists**

US - Massachusetts - Right To Know Listed Chemicals

US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) - Carcinogens

US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)

US EPCRA Section 313 Chemical List

US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)

US OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) Table Z-1

US SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory

US TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory - Interim List of Active Substances

**nitrogen oxides is found on the following regulatory lists**

Not Applicable

**Federal Regulations****Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)****Section 311/312 hazard categories**

Flammable (Gases, Aerosols, Liquids, or Solids)	No
Gas under pressure	No
Explosive	No
Self-heating	No
Pyrophoric (Liquid or Solid)	No
Pyrophoric Gas	No

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## XTRweld Tungsten for TIG Welding

Corrosive to metal	No
Oxidizer (Liquid, Solid or Gas)	No
Organic Peroxide	No
Self-reactive	No
In contact with water emits flammable gas	No
Combustible Dust	No
Carcinogenicity	Yes
Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)	Yes
Reproductive toxicity	No
Skin Corrosion or Irritation	No
Respiratory or Skin Sensitization	No
Serious eye damage or eye irritation	No
Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)	No
Aspiration Hazard	No
Germ cell mutagenicity	No
Simple Asphyxiant	No
Hazards Not Otherwise Classified	No

**US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities (40 CFR 302.4)**

None Reported

**State Regulations****US. California Proposition 65**

None Reported

**National Inventory Status**

National Inventory	Status
Australia - AIIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	No (ozone)
Canada - DSL	No (ozone)
Canada - NDSL	Yes
China - IECSC	Yes
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes
Japan - ENCS	No (ozone)
Korea - KECI	Yes
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes
Philippines - PICCS	No (ozone)
USA - TSCA	Yes
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes
Mexico - INSQ	Yes
Vietnam - NCI	Yes
Russia - FBEPH	Yes
<b>Legend:</b>	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.

**SECTION 16 Other information**

<b>Revision Date</b>	10/19/2020
<b>Initial Date</b>	11/11/2014

**SDS Version Summary**

Version	Date of Update	Sections Updated
6.1	10/31/2019	One-off system update. NOTE: This may or may not change the GHS classification
7.1	10/18/2020	Acute Health (inhaled), Acute Health (skin), Acute Health (swallowed), Appearance, Chronic Health, Classification, Environmental, First Aid (inhaled), First Aid (skin), First Aid (swallowed), Ingredients, Physical Properties, Supplier Information, Synonyms, Transport Information, Use, Name

**Other information**

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

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**Definitions and abbreviations**

PC—TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average  
PC—STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit  
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer  
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit  
TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit.  
IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations  
ES: Exposure Standard  
OSF: Odour Safety Factor  
NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level  
LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level  
TLV: Threshold Limit Value  
LOD: Limit Of Detection  
OTV: Odour Threshold Value  
BCF: BioConcentration Factors  
BEI: Biological Exposure Index  
AIIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals  
DSL: Domestic Substances List  
NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List  
IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China  
EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances  
ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances  
NLP: No-Longer Polymers  
ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory  
KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory  
NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals  
PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act  
TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory  
INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas  
NCI: National Chemical Inventory  
FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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