

## GLOBAL PRODUCT STRATEGY SAFETY SUMMARY

### EMULGEN 123P

*This document is a high-level summary intended to provide the general public with an overview of product safety for this substance. It is not intended to replace the Safety Data Sheet, which is available from suppliers and should be referred to for full details of recommended safety procedures for each type of use. It is not intended to replace or supersede manufacturer's instructions and warnings for their consumer products containing this substance.*

#### 1. Substance Identity

Brand Name: EMULGEN 123P

Chemical Name: Polyoxyethylene(23) lauryl ether

CAS Number: 9002-92-0

#### 2. Uses and Applications

EMULGEN 123P is a non-ionic surfactant. It is used as a shampoo and others. For the industrial use, EMULGEN 123P is mainly used as emulsifier for paint and fiber processing, cleaner agents.

#### 3. Physical/Chemical Properties

EMULGEN 123P has no identified physicochemical hazards.

Property	Value
Physical state	Wax
Colour	White to pale yellow
Odour	Slightly characteristic odour
pH	5.5 - 7.5 (10% solution)
Density	1.033 g/mL (50 °C) (122 °F), 1.002 g/mL (90 °C) (194 °F)

Melting point	34 °C (93.2 °F)
Boiling point	No information available
Flash point	230 °C (446 °F) (Cleveland open cup method)
Flammability	No information available
Explosive properties	No information available
Self – ignition temperature	No information available
Vapour pressure	No information available
Water solubility	Soluble
Octanol-water partition coefficient (log K <sub>ow</sub> )	No information available
Viscosity	53 mPa·s (50 °C) (122 °F), 30 mPa·s (70 °C) (158 °F), 20 mPa·s (90 °C) (194 °F)

#### 4. Human Health Safety Assessment

Consumer: The exposure to EMULGEN 123P is at safe levels.

Worker: The repeated exposure of EMULGEN 123P does not cause any toxic effects.

Effect Assessment	Result
Acute Toxicity oral/ dermal	No acute toxicity after oral/ dermal exposure in practical use. The substance does not cause damage to any organs following single exposure.
Irritation skin/ eye	Based on the available data, unlikely to cause skin irritation. Undiluted substance causes serious eye damage.
Sensitization	Based on the available data, unlikely to cause allergic skin reaction.
Toxicity after repeated exposure	Unlikely to cause any toxic effects through prolonged or repeated oral exposure in practical use..
Mutagenicity	Based on the available data, unlikely to cause genetic defects
Carcinogenicity	Based on the available data, unlikely to cause cancer.
Toxicity for reproduction	Based on the available data, unlikely to be damaging to fertility or the unborn child.

#### 5. Environmental Safety Assessment

The test results with fish, aquatic invertebrates and algae suggest that EMULGEN 123P could cause a toxicity to aquatic organisms. EMULGEN 123P is unlikely to persist in the environment because of showing the readily biodegradation. EMULGEN 123P does not bioaccumulate in the food chain.

Effect Assessment	Result
Aquatic Toxicity	Based on the available data, likely to cause a toxicity to aquatic organisms.
Biodegradation	Readily biodegradable.
PBT/ vPvB conclusion*	Not persistent in the environment, not bioaccumulating in organisms and not toxic nor very persistent and very bioaccumulating.

\*PBT=Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
vPvB=Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

## 6. Exposure

### Consumer

The consumer can come into contact with the substance in use of shampoo, but the concentration of EMULGEN 123P in use is below the level which would give rise harmful effects of concern. When it's used as the recommended use, consumer should always read product information before use and follow the label/ use instructions.

### Worker

The exposure can occur either in EMULGEN 123P manufacturing facilities or in the various industrial facilities when EMULGEN 123P is used. Those workers in industrial operations during maintenance, sampling, testing, or other procedures could be exposed with EMULGEN 123P. Only qualified and trained workers handle the undiluted substance. The manufacturing facilities offer thorough training program for employees and appropriate work processes, as well as safety equipment (goggles and gloves) in place to prevent an unnecessary exposure. Safety showers and eye-wash stations are accessible nearby. Workers are required to be trained in accordance with the safety measures in the Safety Data Sheet.

### Environment

Since this substance is used extensively, it is discharged to waste water treatment plants from industrial sites such as manufacturing, preparation, handling, storage and use of the substance as well as from consumer households. However, the substance is readily biodegradable, so that it is removed efficiently in waste water treatment plants. The substance is biologically degraded in the surface water and is rapidly removed even if it is remained slightly in the waste water. Hence, the chronic exposure to aquatic organisms of the substance is unlikely to occur. Furthermore, the substance does not accumulate in the food chain, so that there is no concern of human exposure through environmental pathway.

## 7. Risk management recommendations

When you use the substance, make sure to be measured the adequate ventilation. Always use appropriate chemical-resistant gloves to protect your hands and skin and always wear

eye protection equipment. Do not eat, drink or smoke where the substance is handled, processed or stored. Wash hands and skin after contact with the substance. When the substance attaches to skin (or hair), take off the contaminated clothes. Wash with a large amount of water and soap. If the substance gets into your eyes, rinse your eyes thoroughly for several minutes. If you wear contact lens, and you can take it off easily, take it off and continue to rinse your eyes. When it causes your skin irritation or eye irritation, consult doctor (medical diagnosis/therapy).

Waste water containing the substance must be passed the waste water treatment plants in order to remove the substance. No specific measures are needed, because it is not expected to be released into the air.

## 8. Regulatory Information / Classification and Labelling

Under GHS classification chemical substances are classified in hazards for physical properties, human health and environment. The hazard information for industrial products are transmitted via specific labels and Safety Data Sheet. GHS offers the standardization for hazard communication. The subjects who could be assumed to be exposed to the substance, workers, consumers, transport workers, and emergency responders, can better understand the hazards of the chemicals in use through the transmission.

### Labeling according to UN GHS

UN GHS is the basis for country specific GHS labeling.

EMULGEN 123P may be assigned to following GHS classification.



### Classification and Labeling Information

Eye Dam. 2A

Aquatic Acute 2

### Hazard Statements:

H319: Strong eye irritation

H401: Toxic to aquatic life

### Signal Word

Warning

The laws of manufacturing, sale, transport, use and disposal are different among countries or areas. Details are referred to Safety Data Sheet provided by the supplier.

## 9. Conclusion

Though EMULGEN 123P is suggested to cause toxicity to aquatic organisms, there is no concern to the environmental organisms due to the rapid biodegradation of EMULGEN 123P.

In the PBT/vPvB assessments for EMULGEN 123P, the substance is not applicable to PBT/vPvB. When handling the substance, workers should follow the standard safety measures and refer to the Safety Data Sheet. Consumers will usually not come into contact with the substance bulk and the substance is used diluted products, therefore, it is considered that EMULGEN 123P gives rise no hazardous effects to human health.

## 10. Contact information within company

For further information on this substance or product safety summaries in general, please contact:

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Additional information can be found at a chemical risk assessment support portal provided by the Japan Chemical Industry Associations, found at <https://www.jcia-bigdr.jp/jcia-bigdr/en/top>.

## 11. Glossary

Hazard	Hazardous property for human health or environments
GHS	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals
Acute Toxicity	Adverse effects that result from a single exposure
Sensitization	Inducibility of allergy
Mutagenicity	Effects to induce gene mutations
Toxicity after repeated exposure	Adverse effects that result from repeated exposure
Toxicity for reproduction	Adverse effects for teratogenicity, embryotoxicity, and reproductivity
Carcinogenicity	Action influence to cause a cancer
Biodegradation	Biological degradation of a substance in environments
Bioaccumulation	Accumulation of substances in environments

## 12. Date of issue

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