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**Safety Data Sheet (in compliance with Regulation (EC) 1907/2006, Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 and Regulation (EC) 453/2010)**

CERAMIC BODIES

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**1. SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING**

**1.1 Product identifier**

Ceramic bodies

REACH Registr. n°:

Exempted in accordance with Annex V.7

Synonyms:

Ceramic compound, Preparation, Kaolinitic clays, Plastic Clays, Ball Clays, Fine Clays

Trade names:

Steinzeug-Gießmasse Nr. 11, weiß, anwendungsfertig;

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Main applications - non-exhaustive list: Ceramics (sanitaryware, floor tiles, wall tiles, roof tiles, tiles; porcelain, tableware, refractories, etc.)

Enamels

Glass

Fillers

Deposit sealing

Paint

Plastic & Rubber

Adhesives and Sealant

Building material & Cement

Fertilisers & Agricultural products

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

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Available outside office hours?

~~Yes~~/No

## **2 SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

### **2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

This product does not meet the criteria for classification as hazardous as defined in the Regulation EC 1272/2008 and in Directive 67/548/EEC.

Depending on the type of handling and use (e.g. grinding, drying), airborne respirable crystalline silica (quartz - cristobalite) may be generated. Prolonged and/or massive inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust may cause lung fibrosis, commonly referred to as silicosis. Principal symptoms of silicosis are cough and breathlessness. Occupational exposure to respirable crystalline silica dust should be monitored and controlled. This product should be handled with care to avoid dust generation.

Regulation EC 1272/2008:  
No classification.

Classification EU (67/548/EEC) :  
No classification

### **2.2 Label elements**

None.

### **2.3 Other hazards**

This product is an inorganic substance and does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB in accordance with Annex XIII of REACH.

## **3. SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

### **3.1 Main constituent**

Kaolinitic clay  
Amount:  
100%  
EINECS:  
310-127-6  
CAS:  
999999-99-4

### **3.2 Impurities**

May contain mineral or chemical additives.

#### **4. SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

##### **4.1 Description of first aid measures**

###### **Eye contact**

Rinse with copious quantities of water and seek medical attention if irritation persists.

###### **Inhalation**

Movement of the exposed individual from the area to fresh air is recommended.

###### **Ingestion**

No first-aid measure required.

###### **Skin contact**

No special first aid measures necessary.

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

No acute and delayed symptoms and effects are observed.

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

No specific actions are required.

#### **5. SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

##### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

No specific extinguishing media is needed.

##### **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Non combustible. No hazardous thermal decomposition.

##### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

No specific fire-fighting protection is required.

#### **6. SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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

Avoid airborne dust generation, wear personal protective equipment in compliance with national legislation.

##### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

No special requirements.

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

Avoid dry sweeping and use water spraying or vacuum cleaning systems to prevent airborne dust generation. Wear personal protective equipment in compliance with national legislation.

##### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

See sections 8 and 13.

## **7. SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

- 7.1.1. Avoid airborne dust generation. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where airborne dust is generated. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory protective equipment. Handle packaged products carefully to prevent accidental bursting. If you require advice on safe handling techniques, please contact your supplier or check the Good Practice Guide referred to in section 16.
- 7.1.2. Do not to eat, drink and smoke in work areas; wash hands after use; remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

#### **Technical measures/Precautions**

Minimise airborne dust generation and prevent wind dispersal during loading and unloading. Keep containers closed and store packaged products so as to prevent accidental bursting.

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

If you require advice on specific uses, please contact your supplier or check the Good Practice Guide referred to in section 16.

## **8. SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

Follow workplace regulatory exposure limits for all types of airborne dust (e.g. total dust, respirable dust, respirable crystalline silica dust).

There is no OEL (Occupational Exposure Limit) for respirable crystalline silica dust in Germany actually. For the equivalent limits in other countries, please consult a competent occupational hygienist or the local regulatory authority.

### **8.2 Exposure controls**

#### **8.2.1 Appropriate engineering controls**

Minimise airborne dust generation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below specified exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fumes or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne particles below the exposure limit. Apply organisational measures, e.g. by isolating personnel from dusty areas. Remove and wash soiled clothing.

#### **8.2.2 Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

##### **(a) Eye/face protection**

Wear safety glasses with side-shields in circumstances where there is a risk of penetrative eye injuries.

##### **(b) Skin protection**

No specific requirement. For hands, see below. Appropriate protection (e.g. protective clothing, barrier cream) is recommended for workers who suffer from dermatitis or sensitive skin.

##### **Hand protection**

Appropriate protection (e.g. gloves, barrier cream) is recommended for workers who suffer from dermatitis or sensitive skin. Wash hands at the end of each work session.

##### **(c) Respiratory protection**

In case of prolonged exposure to airborne dust concentrations, wear a respiratory protective equipment that complies with the requirements of European or national legislation.

### **8.2.3 Environmental exposure controls**

Avoid wind dispersal.

## **9. SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

- (a) Appearance  
liquid (as aqueous suspension)  
Color: grey-white
- (b) Odour  
odourless
- (c) Odour threshold  
Not relevant
- (d) pH  
pH (100 g/l water at 20°C)  
3 -- 7
- (e) Melting point/freezing point  
Not available
- (m) Relative density  
0.7 - 2.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- (n) Solubility(ies)  
Solubility in water  
negligible  
Solubility in hydrofluoric acid  
Yes

### **9.2 Other information**

no other information

## **10. SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

### **10.1 Reactivity**

Inert, not reactive.

### **10.2 Chemical stability**

Chemically stable.

### **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

No hazardous reactions.

### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Not relevant

### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

No particular incompatibility.

### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

Not relevant

## **11. SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

- (a) Acute toxicity  
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- (b) Skin corrosion/irritation  
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
- (c) Serious eye damage/irritation  
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
- (d) Respiratory or skin sensitisation  
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
- (e) Germ cell mutagenicity  
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
- (f) Carcinogenicity  
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
- (g) Reproductive toxicity  
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
- (h) STOT-single exposure  
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
- (i) STOT-repeated exposure  
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
- (j) Aspiration hazard  
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## **12. SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **12.1. Toxicity**

Not relevant

### **12.2. Persistence and degradability**

Not relevant

### **12.3. Bioaccumulative potential**

Not relevant

### **12.4. Mobility in soil**

Negligible

### **12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

Not relevant

### **12.6. Other adverse effects**

No specific adverse effects known.

### **13. SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **13.1 Waste treatment methods**

##### **Waste from residues/unused products**

Where possible, recycling is preferable to disposal. Can be disposed of in compliance with local regulations.

##### **Packaging**

Dust formation from residues in packaging should be avoided and suitable worker protection assured.

Store used packaging in enclosed receptacles.

Recycling and disposal of packaging should be carried out in compliance with local regulations.

The re-use of packaging is not recommended. Recycling and disposal of packaging should be carried out by an authorised waste management company.

### **14. SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

#### **14.1 UN number**

Not relevant

#### **14.2 UN proper shipping name**

Not relevant

#### **14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR: Not classified

IMDG: Not classified

ICAO/IATA: Not classified

RID: Not classified

#### **14.4 Packing group**

Not relevant

#### **14.5 Environmental hazards**

Not relevant

#### **14.6 Special precautions for user**

No special precautions.

#### **14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

Not relevant

### **15. SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

#### **15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

##### **International legislation/requirements:**

None.

#### **15.2 Chemical safety assessment**

Exempted from REACH Registration in accordance with Annex V.7.

## 16. SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### **Indication of the changes made to the previous version of the SDS**

None.

### **Third party materials**

Insofar as materials not manufactured or supplied by Witgert are used in conjunction with, or instead of Witgert materials, it is the responsibility of the customer himself to obtain, from the manufacturer or supplier, all technical data and other properties relating to these and other materials and to obtain all necessary information relating to them. No liability can be accepted in respect of the use of Witgert's kaolinitic clay in conjunction with materials from another supplier.

### **Dioxins**

The material may contain trace amounts (parts per trillion) of naturally occurring dioxin congeners (PCDD, PCDF) including TCDD. 2,3,7,8. TCDD has been classified as a known human carcinogen by the IARC in Monograph 69 (1997). If this material is used for food, feed, or cosmetic purposes, it is highly recommended to check whether it fulfils the requirements of relevant legislation, in particular with regards to dioxins content.

### **Liability**

Such information is to the best of Witgert's knowledge and believed accurate and reliable as of the date indicated. However, no representation, warranty or guarantee is made to its accuracy, reliability or completeness. It is the user's responsibility to satisfy himself as to the suitability and completeness of such information for his own particular use.

### **Training**

Workers must be informed of the presence of crystalline silica and trained in the proper use and handling of this product as required under applicable regulations.

Prolonged and/or excessive exposure to respirable dust may cause mucous membrane and respiratory irritation and lung injury with symptoms of shortness of breath and reduced pulmonary function. Inhalation of dust may cause irritation of nose, throat and respiratory passages.