

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

### 1.1. Product identifier

**Product Description:** Polystyrene latex microsphere, 2 micron, 10 wt% dispersion in water  
**Cat No. :** 41918  
**Molecular Formula** [-CH<sub>2</sub> CH(C<sub>6</sub> H<sub>5</sub>)-]

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

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals  
**Uses advised against** REACH Annex XVII Restriction - refer to SECTION 15

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

**Company**  
Avocado Research Chemicals Ltd.  
(Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific)  
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Lancashire, LA3 2XY,  
United Kingdom  
Office Tel: +44 (0) 1524 850506  
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**E-mail address** begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567

##### **Physical hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### **Health hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### **Environmental hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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## 2.2. Label elements

None required

EUH210 - Safety data sheet available on request

### Additional EU labelling

This product contains microplastics

The synthetic polymer microparticles supplied is subject to conditions laid down by entry 78 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council

## 2.3. Other hazards

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.2. Mixtures

| Component                 | CAS No    | EC No     | Weight % | GHS Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---|
| Water                     | 7732-18-5 | 231-791-2 | 90.00    | -   |
| Polystyrene < 0.05 micron | 9003-53-6 |           | 10       | -   |

### Statements of hazard

This product contains one or more synthetic polymer microparticles as defined by entry 78 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

| Component                             | Weight % | Synthetic polymer microparticles |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Polystyrene < 0.05 micron - 9003-53-6 | 10       | Yes                              |

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Eye Contact</b>  | Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.         |
| <b>Skin Contact</b> | Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. |
| <b>Ingestion</b>    | Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.                   |

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**Inhalation** Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

**Self-Protection of the First Aider** No special precautions required.

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

None reasonably foreseeable.

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

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## **SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

### **5.1. Extinguishing media**

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Powder. Water spray. In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.

#### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

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

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

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

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

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

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

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.

### **6.2. Environmental precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

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

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

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

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

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

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## 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

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

Keep refrigerated.

**Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510**      Class 12  
**Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)**

## 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### **Exposure limits**

List source(s):

#### **Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### **Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)**

No information available

#### **Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)**

No information available.

### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### **Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

#### **Personal protective equipment**

##### **Eye Protection**

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (European standard - EN 166)

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**Hand Protection**                      Protective gloves

| Glove material | Breakthrough time | Glove thickness | EU standard | Glove comments        |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Nitrile rubber | 480 minutes       | 0.11mm          | EN 374      | (minimum requirement) |

**Skin and body protection**                      Long sleeved clothing.

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection**                      When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.  
To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Large scale/emergency use**                      In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment  
**Recommended Filter type:** Multi-purpose/ABEK conforming to EN14387

**Small scale/Laboratory use**                      Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Environmental exposure controls**                      No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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

|  |                          |  |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Physical State</b>                          | Liquid dispersion        |  |
| <b>Appearance</b>                              | Opalescent               |  |
| <b>Odor</b>                                    | Odorless                 |  |
| <b>Odor Threshold</b>                          | No data available        |  |
| <b>Melting Point/Range</b>                     | No data available        |  |
| <b>Softening Point</b>                         | No data available        |  |
| <b>Boiling Point/Range</b>                     | No information available |  |
| <b>Flammability (liquid)</b>                   | No data available        |  |
| <b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>                | Not applicable           | Liquid                                   |
| <b>Explosion Limits</b>                        | No data available        |  |
| <b>Flash Point</b>                             | No information available | <b>Method -</b> No information available |
| <b>Autoignition Temperature</b>                | No data available        |  |
| <b>Decomposition Temperature</b>               | No data available        |  |
| <b>pH</b>                                      | No information available |  |
| <b>Viscosity</b>                               | No data available        |  |
| <b>Water Solubility</b>                        | Miscible                 |  |
| <b>Solubility in other solvents</b>            | No information available |  |
| <b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b> |                          |  |
| <b>Vapor Pressure</b>                          | 23 hPa @ 20 °C           |  |
| <b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>              | No data available        |  |
| <b>Bulk Density</b>                            | Not applicable           | Liquid                                   |
| <b>Vapor Density</b>                           | No data available        | (Air = 1.0)                              |
| <b>Particle characteristics</b>                | Not applicable (liquid)  |  |

### 9.2. Other information

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## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**10.1. Reactivity** None known, based on information available

**10.2. Chemical stability** Stable under normal conditions.

**10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions**

**Hazardous Polymerization** No information available.  
**Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing.

**10.4. Conditions to avoid** Incompatible products. Excess heat.

**10.5. Incompatible materials** Oxidizing agent.

**10.6. Hazardous decomposition products** Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

**Product Information**

**(a) acute toxicity;**  
**Oral** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Dermal** No data available  
**Inhalation** No data available

**Toxicology data for the components**

| Component | LD50 Oral | LD50 Dermal | LC50 Inhalation |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
| Water     | -         | -           | -               |

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation;** No data available

**(c) serious eye damage/irritation;** No data available

**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**  
**Respiratory** No data available  
**Skin** No data available

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;** No data available

**(f) carcinogenicity;** No data available  
There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

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|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| (g) reproductive toxicity;                 | No data available         |
| (h) STOT-single exposure;                  | No data available         |
| (i) STOT-repeated exposure;                | No data available         |
| Target Organs                              | No information available. |
| (j) aspiration hazard;                     | No data available         |
| Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed | No information available. |

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties** Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

#### **Ecotoxicity effects**

Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or that are not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

#### **Persistence**

Miscible with water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils

### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No data available for assessment.

### 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

#### **Endocrine Disruptor Information**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

### 12.7. Other adverse effects

#### **Persistent Organic Pollutant Ozone Depletion Potential**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
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## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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## 13.1. Waste treatment methods

### **Waste from Residues/Unused Products**

Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Should not be released into the environment. Should be incinerated, contained or reclaimed.

### **Contaminated Packaging**

Empty remaining contents. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not re-use empty containers.

### **European Waste Catalogue (EWC)**

According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

### **Other Information**

Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### IMDG/IMO

Not regulated

#### 14.1. UN number

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

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

#### 14.4. Packing group

### ADR

Not regulated

#### 14.1. UN number

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

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

#### 14.4. Packing group

### IATA

Not regulated

#### 14.1. UN number

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

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

#### 14.4. Packing group

### 14.5. Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

### 14.6. Special precautions for user

No special precautions required.

### 14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### International Inventories

Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Korea (KECL), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Australia (AICS), New Zealand (NZIoC), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)



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|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------|------|----------|------|------|
| Water                     | 7732-18-5 | 231-791-2 | -      | -         | X     | X    | KE-35400 | X    | -    |
| Polystyrene < 0.05 micron | 9003-53-6 | -         | -      | 500-008-9 | X     | X    | KE-13257 | X    | X    |

| Component                 | CAS No    | TSCA | TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive | DSL | NDSL | AICS | NZIoC | PICCS |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|---|-----|------|------|-------|-------|
| Water                     | 7732-18-5 | X    | ACTIVE  | X   | -    | X    | X     | X     |
| Polystyrene < 0.05 micron | 9003-53-6 | X    | ACTIVE  | X   | -    | X    | X     | X     |

**Legend:** X - Listed ' ' - Not Listed      **KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**      Not applicable

| Component                 | CAS No    | REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization | REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances | REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|---|---|
| Water                     | 7732-18-5 | -   | -   | -   |
| Polystyrene < 0.05 micron | 9003-53-6 | -   | Use restricted. See entry 78.   | -   |

### REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

Entry 78 - Restricting synthetic polymer microparticles (commonly known as "the microplastics restriction").

The supplied synthetic polymer microparticles must comply with the conditions set out in Article 78 of Annex XVII of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council

### Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)

| Component                 | CAS No    | Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification | Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| Water                     | 7732-18-5 | Not applicable  | Not applicable   |
| Polystyrene < 0.05 micron | 9003-53-6 | Not applicable  | Not applicable   |

### Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals

Not applicable

### Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work .

### National Regulations

**UK** - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

**WGK Classification**      Water endangering class = non-hazardous to waters (self classification)

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## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

Chemical Safety Assessment/Reports (CSA/CSR) are not required for mixtures

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

#### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer

**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

#### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

#### Classification and procedure used to derive the classification for mixtures according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]:

**Physical hazards** On basis of test data

**Health Hazards** Calculation method

**Environmental hazards** Calculation method

#### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

**Prepared By** Health, Safety and Environmental Department

**Revision Date** 30-Oct-2025

**Revision Summary** Not applicable.

**This safety data sheet complies with Regulation UK SI 2019/758 and UK SI 2020/1577 as amended.**

#### Disclaimer

The information provided in this Safety Data Sheet is correct to the best of our knowledge, information and belief at the date of its publication. The information given is designed only as a guidance for safe handling, use, processing, storage, transportation, disposal and release and is not to be considered a warranty or quality specification. The information relates only to the specific material designated and may not be valid for such material used in combination with any other materials or in any process, unless specified in the text

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