SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/ undertaking

1.1 Product identifier

Product name : ***Optibor*® HP**

Chemical name : Boric acid

Index number : 005-007-00-2

EC number : 233-139-2

REACH Registration number

Registration number	Legal entity
01-2119486683-25-0039	Rio Tinto Iron & Titanium GmbH (5)

CAS number : 10043-35-3

Product type : Solid.

Other means of identification : Orthoboric acid

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

Material uses : Refer to the table "Identified uses" below.

Identified uses
Binding agent Chemical production Complexing agent Corrosion inhibitors and anti-scaling agents Fertilisers Flame retardants Flux agents for casting Intermediate Laboratory chemicals Lubricants and lubricant additives Oxidising agents Photosensitive agents and other photo-chemicals pH-regulating agents Plating agents and metal surface treating agents Process regulator (other than polymerisation or vulcanization processes) Process regulator (used in polymerisation or vulcanization processes) Processing aid not otherwise listed Stabilisers Surface active agents Viscosity modifiers *A complete list of uses is provided in the introduction to Annex - Exposure Scenarios*

Uses advised against	Reason
Consumer uses above the specific concentration limit.	Annex XVII - Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles

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1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Borax Europe Limited
6 St. James's Square
London, SW1Y 4AD
United Kingdom

+44 (0)20 7781 2000

e-mail address of person responsible for this SDS : rtb.sds@riotinto.com

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Telephone number : +44 (0) 1235 239 670 (Rio Tinto Borates)
For advice on chemical emergencies, spillages, fires or First Aid.

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Product definition : Mono-constituent substance

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]
Repr. 1B, H360FD (Fertility and Unborn child)

Boric acid has a specific concentration limit of ≥ 5.5% for toxic to reproduction classification.

The product is classified as hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended.
See Section 16 for the full text of the H statements declared above.
See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

2.2 Label elements

Hazard pictograms :

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.

Precautionary statements

Prevention : Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use personal protective equipment as required.

Response : IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.

Storage : Not applicable.

Disposal : Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national and international regulations.

Hazardous ingredients : boric acid

Supplemental label elements : Restricted to professional users.

Annex XVII - Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles : Restricted to professional users. The product is permitted for use in consumer products where it is below the specific concentration limit.

Special packaging requirements

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Containers to be fitted with child-resistant fastenings : Not applicable.

Tactile warning of danger : Not applicable.

2.3 Other hazards

Substance meets the criteria for PBT according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, Annex XIII : Not applicable.

Substance meets the criteria for vPvB according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, Annex XIII : Not applicable.

Other hazards which do not result in classification : May be harmful if swallowed.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances : Mono-constituent substance

Product/ingredient name	Identifiers	%	Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]	Type
boric acid	REACH #: 01-2119486683-25 EC: 233-139-2 CAS: 10043-35-3 Index: 005-007-00-2	>99.9	Repr. 1B, H360FD (Fertility and Unborn child) **See Section 16 for the full text of the H statements declared above.**	[A]

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier, are classified and contribute to the classification of the substance and hence require reporting in this section.

Type

[A] Constituent
[B] Impurity
[C] Stabilising additive

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eye contact : Use eye wash fountain or fresh water to cleanse the eye. If irritation persists for more than 30 minutes, seek medical attention.

Inhalation : If symptoms such as nose or throat irritation are observed, remove to fresh air.

Skin contact : No treatment necessary.

Ingestion : Swallowing small quantities (one teaspoon) will cause no harm to healthy adults. If larger amounts are swallowed, give two glasses of water to drink and seek medical attention.

Protection of first-aiders : No special protective clothing is required

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Over-exposure signs/symptoms

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Eye contact : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Inhalation : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Skin contact : Symptoms of accidental over-exposure to high doses of inorganic borate salts have been associated with ingestion or absorption through large areas of severely damaged skin. These may include nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea, with delayed effects of skin redness and peeling.

Ingestion : Symptoms of accidental over-exposure to high doses of inorganic borate salts have been associated with ingestion or absorption through large areas of severely damaged skin. These may include nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea, with delayed effects of skin redness and peeling.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Notes to physician : Supportive care only is required for adult ingestion of less than a few grams of the product. For ingestion of larger amounts, maintain fluid and electrolyte balance and maintain adequate kidney function. Gastric lavage is only recommended for heavily exposed, symptomatic patients in whom emesis has not emptied the stomach. Hemodialysis should be reserved for patients with massive acute absorption, especially for patients with compromised renal function. Boron analyses of urine or blood are only useful for verifying exposure and are not useful for evaluating severity of poisoning or as a guide in treatment.

Specific treatments : No specific treatment.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable extinguishing media : None known.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazards from the substance or mixture : None. The product is not flammable, combustible or explosive.

Hazardous combustion products : None.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Special protective actions for fire-fighters : None.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Not applicable.

Additional information : Not explosive.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

For non-emergency personnel : Eye goggles and gloves are not required for normal industrial exposures, but eye protection according to CEN 166:2001, Respirators (CEN 149:2001) should be considered if environment is excessively dusty.

For emergency responders : Eye goggles and gloves are not required for normal industrial exposures, but eye protection according to CEN 166:2001, Respirators (CEN 149:2001) should be considered if environment is excessively dusty.

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6.2 Environmental precautions : The product is a water-soluble white powder that may cause damage to trees or vegetation by root absorption. Avoid contamination of water bodies during clean up and disposal. Advise local water authority that none of the affected water should be used for irrigation or for the abstraction of potable water until natural dilution returns the boron value to its normal environmental background level or meets local water quality standards.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Small spill : Move containers from spill area. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labelled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

Large spill : Move containers from spill area. Approach the release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labelled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see Section 1 for emergency contact information and Section 13 for waste disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections : See Section 1 for emergency contact information.
See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment.
See Section 13 for additional waste treatment information.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

The information in this section contains generic advice and guidance. The list of Identified Uses in Section 1 should be consulted for any available use-specific information provided in the Exposure Scenario(s).

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Protective measures : Good housekeeping procedures should be followed to minimise dust generation and accumulation. Avoid spills.

Advice on general occupational hygiene : Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

No special handling precautions are required, but dry, indoor storage is recommended. To maintain package integrity and to minimise caking of the product, bags should be handled on a first-in first-out basis.

Storage temperature: Ambient temperature
Storage pressure: Ambient pressure
Special sensitivity: Moisture (Caking)

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Recommendations : Refer to Annex - Exposure Scenarios

Industrial sector specific solutions : Not available.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

The information in this section contains generic advice and guidance. The list of Identified Uses in Section 1 should be consulted for any available use-specific information provided in the Exposure Scenario(s).

Product/ingredient name	Exposure limit values
boric acid	**ACGIH TLV (United States, 3/2017).** TWA: 2 mg/m³ 8 hours. Form: Inhalable fraction STEL: 6 mg/m³ 15 minutes. Form: Inhalable fraction

Recommended monitoring procedures : In the absence of a national OEL, Rio Tinto Borates recommends and applies internally an Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL) of 1 mg B/m^3. To convert product into equivalent boron (B) content, multiply by 0.175.

DNELs/DMELs

Product/ingredient name	Type	Exposure	Value	Population	Effects
boric acid	DNEL	Short term Oral	0.98 mg/kg bw/day	Consumers	Systemic
	DNEL	Long term Oral	0.98 mg/kg bw/day	Consumers	Systemic
	DNEL	Long term Inhalation	4.15 mg/m³	Consumers	Systemic
	DNEL	Long term Dermal	196 mg/kg bw/day	Consumers	Systemic
	DNEL	Long term Dermal	392 mg/kg bw/day	Workers	Systemic
	DNEL	Long term Inhalation	8.28 mg/m³	Workers	Systemic

PNECs

Product/ingredient name	Compartment Detail	Value	Method Detail
boric acid	Fresh water	2.02 mg B/L	-
	Marine water	2.02 mg B/L	-
	Water - intermittent	13.7 mg B/L	-
	Air	No exposure expected	-
	Soil	5.4 mg B/kg dry soil	-
	Sediment	Waived due to lack of partitioning to sediment	-
	Sewage Treatment Plant	10 mg B/L	-

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls : If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapour or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

Individual protection measures

Hygiene measures : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

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Eye/face protection : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: safety glasses with side-shields. Recommended: Eye protection according to CEN 166:2001 may be warranted if environment is excessively dusty

Skin protection

Hand protection : Standard work gloves (cotton, canvas or leather) may be warranted if environment is excessively dusty

Body protection : No special protective clothing is required.

Other skin protection : Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

Respiratory protection : Where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits, respirators should be used. (CEN 149:2001).

Environmental exposure controls : Limiting releases from site: Where appropriate, material should be recovered and recycled through the process. Spillages of powder or granulated borates should be swept or vacuumed up immediately and placed in containers for disposal in order to prevent unintentional release to the environment. Waste containing borates should be handled as an hazardous waste and removed by licensed operator to an offsite location where it can be incinerated or disposed to a hazardous landfill.

Water Emissions: Storage should be sheltered from precipitation. Avoid spillage into water and cover drains. Removal from water can only be accomplished by very specific treatment technologies including ion exchange resins, reverse osmosis etc. Removal efficiency is dependent upon a number of factors and will vary from 40 to 90%. Much of the technology is currently not appropriate to high volume or mixed waste streams. Boron is not removed in considerable amounts in conventional STP. If sites discharge to a municipal STP the concentration of boron should not exceed the PNEC in the municipal STP

Air Emissions: Emissions to air can be removed by one or more of the following dust-control measures: electrostatic precipitators, cyclones, fabric or bag filters, membrane filters, ceramic and metal mesh filters, and wet scrubbers

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state : Solid. [Crystalline solid.]

Colour : White.

Odour : Odourless.

Odour threshold : Not available.

pH : 6.1 (0.1% solution); 5.1 (1.0% solution); 3.7 (4.7% solution)

Melting point/freezing point : >1000°C

Initial boiling point and boiling range : Not applicable.

Flash point : Not applicable.

Evaporation rate : Not applicable.

Flammability (solid, gas) : The product is not flammable, combustible or explosive.

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits : Not available.

Vapour pressure : Not applicable.

Vapour density : Not available.

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Bulk density : Not available.

Granulometry : Not available.

Relative density : 1.49

Solubility(ies) : Soluble in the following materials: cold water and hot water.

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Not available.

Auto-ignition temperature : Not applicable.

Decomposition temperature : Not applicable.

Viscosity : Dynamic (room temperature): Not applicable.
Kinematic (room temperature): Not applicable.

Explosive properties : Not explosive.

Oxidising properties : Not oxidising.

9.2 Other information

Solubility in water : 49.2 g/l

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity : No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients.

10.2 Chemical stability : Under normal ambient temperatures (-40°C to +40°C), the product is stable. When heated it loses water, first forming metaboric acid (HBO_2), and on further heating it is converted into boric oxide (B_2O_3).

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions : Boric acid is a weak acid that may cause corrosion of base metals. Reaction with strong reducing agents such as metal hydrides or alkali metals will generate hydrogen gas which could create an explosive hazard.

10.4 Conditions to avoid : Avoid contact with strong reducing agents by storing according to good industrial practice

10.5 Incompatible materials : Strong reducing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result type	Species	Dose	Exposure
boric acid	LC50 Inhalation Dusts and mists LD50 Dermal LD50 Oral	Rat Rabbit Rat	>2 mg/l 2000 mg/kg body weight 2000 to 5000 mg/kg body weight	4 hours - -

Conclusion/Summary : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Irritation/Corrosion

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Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Score	Exposure	Observation
boric acid	Skin - Primary dermal irritation index (PDII) Eyes - Cornea opacity	New Zealand White Rabbit New Zealand White Rabbit	0.1 <1	0.5 g moistened with saline 0.1 g	- -

Conclusion/Summary

Skin : Non-irritant to skin. Mean primary irritation score: 0.1. Based on the available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Eyes : Non-irritating to the eyes. Based on mean scores less than 1, the effects were fully reversible within 7 days. Based on the available data, the classification criteria are not met. Many years of occupational exposure indicate no adverse effects on human eye.

Sensitisation

Product/ingredient name	Route of exposure	Species	Result
boric acid	Respiratory skin	Guinea pig Guinea pig	Not sensitizing Not sensitizing

Conclusion/Summary

Skin : Non-sensitiser to skin. Based on the available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Respiratory : No respiratory sensitisation studies have been conducted. There are no data to suggest that boric acid is a respiratory sensitiser. Based on the available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Mutagenicity

Product/ingredient name	Test	Experiment	Result
boric acid	(based on boric acid)	Experiment: In vitro Subject: Mammalian-Animal Cell: Germ	Negative

Conclusion/Summary : Not mutagenic. Based on the available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Carcinogenicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
boric acid	Negative - Oral - TC	Mouse	446 to 1150 mg/kg bw /day (mg Boric acid / kg body weight / day)	Oral feeding study

Conclusion/Summary : No evidence of carcinogenicity in mice. Based on the available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Reproductive toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Maternal toxicity	Fertility effects	Developmental effects	Species	Effects	Exposure
boric acid	- Negative	Positive Negative	- Negative	Rat Human	NOAEL in rats for effects on fertility in males is 17.5 mg B/kg body weight. No adverse fertility effects in male workers. Epidemiological studies of human developmental effects have shown an absence of effects in exposed borate workers and populations living in areas with high environmental levels of	Oral feeding study Combined oral ingestion and inhalation.

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	Positive	-	Positive	Rat	boron. Epidemiological studies of human developmental effects have shown an absence of effects in exposed borate workers and populations living in areas with high environmental levels of boron. NOAEL in rats for developmental effects on the foetus including foetal weight loss and minor skeletal variations is 9.6 mg B/kg body weight; NOAEL in rats for maternal toxicity is 13.3 mg B/kg body weight	Oral feeding study

Conclusion/Summary : Reprotoxicity studies have been conducted with boric acid and disodium tetraborate. A multigeneration study in the rat gave a NOAEL for fertility in males of 17.5 mg B/kg/day. Developmental effects have been observed in laboratory animals, the most sensitive species being the rat with a NOAEL of 9.6 mg B/kg bw/day. Boric acid is classified under the 1st ATP to CLP as Repr. 1B; H360FD. While boron has been shown to adversely affect male reproduction in laboratory animals, there was no clear evidence of male reproductive effects attributable to boron in studies of highly exposed workers.

Teratogenicity

Conclusion/Summary : See Reproductive toxicity.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Product/ingredient name	Category	Route of exposure	Target organs
Based on the available data, the classification criteria are not met.			

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Product/ingredient name	Category	Route of exposure	Target organs
Based on the available data, the classification criteria are not met.			

Aspiration hazard

Product/ingredient name	Result
Boric acid	Physical form of solid powder indicates no aspiration hazard potential.

Information on likely routes of exposure : Inhalation is the most significant route of exposure in occupational and other settings. Dermal exposure is not usually a concern because product is poorly absorbed through intact skin. **Product is not intended for ingestion.**

Potential acute health effects

Eye contact : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Inhalation : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Skin contact : Symptoms of accidental over-exposure to high doses of inorganic borate salts have been associated with ingestion or absorption through large areas of severely damaged skin. These may include nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea, with delayed effects of skin redness and peeling.

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Ingestion : This product is not intended for ingestion. Small amounts (e.g., a teaspoon) swallowed accidentally are not likely to cause effects; swallowing amounts larger than that may cause gastrointestinal symptoms. Symptoms of accidental over-exposure to high doses of inorganic borate salts have been associated with ingestion or absorption through large areas of severely damaged skin. These may include nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea, with delayed effects of skin redness and peeling.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Eye contact : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Inhalation : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Skin contact : Symptoms of accidental over-exposure to high doses of inorganic borate salts have been associated with ingestion or absorption through large areas of severely damaged skin. These may include nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea, with delayed effects of skin redness and peeling.

Ingestion : Symptoms of accidental over-exposure to high doses of inorganic borate salts have been associated with ingestion or absorption through large areas of severely damaged skin. These may include nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea, with delayed effects of skin redness and peeling.

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Short term exposure

Potential immediate effects : Not available.

Potential delayed effects : Not available.

Long term exposure

Potential immediate effects : Not available.

Potential delayed effects : Human epidemiological studies show no increase in pulmonary disease in occupational populations with chronic exposures to boric acid and sodium borate dust. Human epidemiological studies indicate no effect on fertility in occupational populations with chronic exposures to borate dust and indicate no effect to a general population with high exposures to borates in the environment.

Potential chronic health effects

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
boric acid	Chronic NOAEL Oral	Rat	17.5 mg/kg 0; 33 (5.9); 100 (17.5); 334 (58.5) mg boric acid (B)/kg bw per day (nominal in diet); and 0; 52 (5.9); 155 (17.5); 516 (58.5) mg borax (B)/kg/day (nominal in diet)	Oral feeding study

Conclusion/Summary : A NOAEL of 17.5 mg B/kg body weight/day equivalent to 100 mg boric acid/kg body weight/day was determined in a chronic feeding study (2 years) in rats and is based on testes effects.

Human epidemiological studies show no increase in pulmonary disease in occupational populations with chronic exposures to boric acid and sodium borate dust. Human epidemiological studies indicate no effect on fertility in occupational populations with chronic exposures to borate dust and indicate no effect to a general population with high exposures to borates in the environment.

General : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Carcinogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Mutagenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Teratogenicity : May damage the unborn child.

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Developmental effects : May damage the unborn child.

Fertility effects : May damage fertility.

Toxicokinetics

Absorption : Absorption of borates via the oral route is nearly 100 %. For the inhalation route also 100 % absorption is assumed as worst case scenario. Dermal absorption through intact skin is very low with a percent dose absorbed of < 0.5 %.

Distribution : Boric acid is distributed rapidly and evenly through the body, with concentrations in bone 2 - 3 higher than in other tissues.

Metabolism : In the blood boric acid is the main species present and is not further metabolised

Elimination : Boric acid is excreted rapidly, with elimination half-lives of 1 h in the mouse, 3 h in the rat and < 27.8 h in humans, and has low potential for accumulation. Boric acid is mainly excreted in the urine.

Other information : Inhalation is the most significant route of exposure in occupational and other settings. Dermal exposure is not usually a concern because product is poorly absorbed through intact skin. Product is not intended for ingestion.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Test	Result	Species	Exposure
boric acid	Algae	EC50 52.4 mg/l (as Boron)	*Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata*	Fresh water - Acute
	Invertebrate	LC50 91 mg/l (as Boron)	*Ceriodaphnia dubia*	Fresh water - Acute
	Fish.	LC50 79.7 mg/l (as Boron)	*Pimephales promelas*	Fresh water - Acute
	Fish.	NOEC 6.4 mg/l (as Boron)	*Brachydanio rerio*	Fresh water - Chronic
	Invertebrate	NOEC 14.2 mg/l (as Boron)	*Daphnia magna*	Fresh water - Chronic
	Algae	NOEC 17.5 mg/l (as Boron)	*Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata*	Fresh water - Chronic

Conclusion/Summary : Note that the data values are expressed as boron equivalents. To convert product into equivalent boron (B) content, multiply by 0.175. Studies judged to be unreliable or with insufficient information to evaluate are not included.

Boron is an essential micronutrient for healthy growth of plants; however, it can be harmful to boron sensitive plants in high quantities. Care should be taken to minimize the amount of this product released to the environment.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Conclusion/Summary : Not applicable. Inorganic substance.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Product/ingredient name	$LogP_{ow}$	BCF	Potential
boric acid	-0.757	-	low

12.4 Mobility in soil

Soil/water partition coefficient (K_{OC}) : Not available.

Mobility : The product is soluble in water and is leachable through normal soil. Adsorption to soils or sediments is insignificant.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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PBT : Not applicable.

vPvB : Not applicable.

12.6 Other adverse effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

The information in this section contains generic advice and guidance. The list of Identified Uses in Section 1 should be consulted for any available use-specific information provided in the Exposure Scenario(s).

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Methods of disposal : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimised wherever possible. Significant quantities of waste product residues should not be disposed of via the foul sewer but processed in a suitable effluent treatment plant. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements.

Hazardous waste : Yes. This product is classified as toxic to reproduction (Repr. 1B) and falls within scope of Directive 2008/98/EC as hazardous waste (H10).. Dispose via a licensed waste disposal contractor

Packaging

Methods of disposal : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimised wherever possible. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible.

Special precautions : Care should be taken when handling emptied containers that have not been cleaned or rinsed out.

SECTION 14: Transport information

	ADR/RID	ADN	IMDG	IATA
14.1 UN number	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.
14.2 UN proper shipping name	-	-	-	-
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	-	-	-	-
14.4 Packing group	-	-	-	-
14.5 Environmental hazards	No.	No.	No.	No.

14.6 Special precautions for user : Not applicable.

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code : Not available.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

EU Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)

Annex XIV - List of substances subject to authorisation

Annex XIV

None of the components are listed.

Substances of very high concern

Ingredient name	Intrinsic property	Status	Reference number	Date of revision
Boric acid	Toxic to reproduction	Candidate	ED/30/2010	7/1/2015

Annex XVII - Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles : Restricted to professional users. The product is permitted for use in consumer products where it is below the specific concentration limit.

Other EU regulations

Industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) - Air : Not listed

Industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) - Water : Not listed

Ozone depleting substances (1005/2009/EU)

Not listed.

Prior Informed Consent (PIC) (649/2012/EU)

Not listed.

Seveso Directive

This product is not controlled under the Seveso Directive.

International regulations

Chemical Weapon Convention List Schedules I, II & III Chemicals

Not listed.

Montreal Protocol (Annexes A, B, C, E)

Not listed.

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Not listed.

Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent (PIC)

Not listed.

UNECE Aarhus Protocol on POPs and Heavy Metals

Not listed.

Inventory list

Australia : All components are listed or exempted.

Canada : All components are listed or exempted.

China : All components are listed or exempted.

Europe : All components are listed or exempted.

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Japan : **Japan inventory (ENCS)**: All components are listed or exempted.
Japan inventory (ISHL): All components are listed or exempted.

Malaysia : All components are listed or exempted.

New Zealand : All components are listed or exempted.

Philippines : All components are listed or exempted.

Republic of Korea : All components are listed or exempted.

Taiwan : All components are listed or exempted.

Thailand : Not determined.

Turkey : All components are listed or exempted.

United States : All components are listed or exempted.

Viet Nam : Not determined.

15.2 Chemical safety assessment : Complete.

SECTION 16: Other information

Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.

Abbreviations and acronyms : ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate
CLP = Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation [Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008]
DMEL = Derived Minimal Effect Level
DNEL = Derived No Effect Level
EUH statement = CLP-specific Hazard statement
IMSBC = International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code
PBT = Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC = Predicted No Effect Concentration
RRN = REACH Registration Number
vPvB = Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Key literature references and sources for data : For general information on the toxicology of borates see Patty's Toxicology, 6th Edition Vol. I, (2012) Chap. 23, 'Boron'.

Procedure used to derive the classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]

Classification	Justification
Repr. 1B, H360FD (Fertility and Unborn child)	Regulatory data

Full text of abbreviated H statements

H360FD	May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.

Full text of classifications [CLP/GHS]

Repr. 1B, H360FD	REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY (Fertility and Unborn child) - Category 1B

Additional information : Restricted to professional users.
Keep out of reach of children.
Do not ingest.
Refer to safety data sheet.
Not for use in food, drugs or biocides

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SECTION 16: Other information

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Annex: Exposure Scenarios

The following table lists the uses identified and registered for this substance. Each use has a number of applicable human health, environmental and consumer exposure scenarios. These can be found at www.borax.com/EU-REACH/exposure-scenarios

IU number	Sector	Identified Use	Life cycle stage					Sector of use category (SU)	Chemical Product Category (PC)	Process category (PROC)	Article category (AC)	Environmental release category (ERC)	Exposure Scenario	
			Manufacture	Formulation	End use	Consumer use	Service life (for articles)						Environment	Human Health
1	Production and Import	Production and Import	X					3,8,9	1,7,8,9a,9b,12,14,15, 17,18,19, 20,21,23, 24,25,26, 29,30,32, 37,38,39	1, 2, 3, 4, 8a, 8b, 9, 14, 15	-	1, 6a	E1 - Importing, manufacture, refining and packaging of borates	ES3 - Refining and processing of borates ES14 - Loading of road tankers ES15 - Off-loading borates from ships ES19 - Packaging into bags (25-50kg) ES20 - Packaging into big bags (750-1500kg) ES21 - General maintenance activities ES32 - Working in a laboratory ES41 - Working in a warehouse
2	Abrasives	Formulation of borates in abrasives		X				3	UCN S351000	3, 4, 5, 8b, 9	4	3	E8 - Generic formulation of borates into materials	ES2 - Closed or largely closed production at high temperatures ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750-1500kg) into mixing vessels ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES31 - Compaction and tabletting of borate-containing powders ES32 - Working in a laboratory
3	Abrasives	Industrial use of abrasives			X			3, 15, 17	UCN S351000	24	4	4	E9 - Generic industrial use of borates as processing aids in processes and products	ES39 - Industrial and professional use of abrasives
4	Abrasives	Professional use of abrasives			X		X	22	UCN S351000	24	4	10b, 11b	E28 - Generic wide dispersive use of articles containing borates with high release	ES39 - Industrial and professional use of abrasives
5	Abrasives	Consumer use of abrasives				X	X	21	UCN S351000	-	4	10b, 11b	E28 - Generic wide dispersive use of articles containing borates with high release	ESC5 - Consumer exposure for the use of cutting wheels

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6	Adhesives	Formulation of borates in adhesives		X				6a, 6b, 9, 11	1	3, 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 14	-	2	E7 - Formulation into of borates into adhesives	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substance or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES31 - Compaction and tabletting of borate-containing powders ES32 - Working in a laboratory
7	Adhesives	Industrial use of adhesives			X		X	3, 6a, 6b, 16, 17, 18, 19	1	2, 4, 5, 7, 8b, 9, 10, 13, 14	-	5	E12 - Industrial use of adhesives containing borate compounds	ES6 - Industrial application of adhesive ES18 - Transfer of substance or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES26 - Professional application of adhesives
8	Adhesives	Consumer use of articles containing adhesives				X	X	21	-	-	8	10a, 11a	E27 - Generic wide dispersive use of articles containing borates with low release	ESC2 - Consumer mouthing of cardboard and oral contact with boron-containing adhesives

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9	Agriculture	Formulation of borates in fertilizers		X				1, 3	12	2, 3, 4, 5, 8b, 9, 14	-	2	E4 - Generic formulation of borates into mixtures	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES31 - Compaction and tabletting of borate-containing powders ES32 - Working in a laboratory
10	Agriculture	Professional use of fertilizers			X			1, 22	12	2, 3, 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 11, 13	-	8a, 8c, 8d, 8f	E24 - Wide dispersive use of fertilizers containing borates	ES5 - Fertigation using boron-containing liquid fertiliser ES10 - Transfer of boron-containing granular fertiliser ES23 - Transfer of boron-containing liquid foliar fertiliser ES27 - Spreading of boron-containing granular fertiliser ES28 - Application of boron-containing liquid foliar fertiliser
11	Agriculture	Consumer use of fertilizers				X		21	19	-	-	8a, 8c, 8d, 8f	E24 - Wide dispersive use of fertilizers containing borates	ESC3 - Consumer use of boron-containing fertiliser

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12	Analytical reagent	Formulation into analytical reagents		X				3	21	2, 3, 4, 5, 8b, 9, 15, 19	-	2	E4 - Generic formulation of borates into mixtures	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES32 - Working in a laboratory
13	Analytical reagent	Laboratory use of analytical reagent			X			3,22	21	15	-	8a, b, d, e	E22 - Generic environmental exposure scenario for use of borates in laboratories as analytical reagent	ES32 - Working in a laboratory
14	Autocausticing	Processing aid						3, 6b	20	8b, 9	-	4	E10 - Industrial use of borates for autocausticizing	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities

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15	Catalysts	Manufacture of catalysts	X	X				3, 8, 9	UCN P15500	3, 4, 5, 8b	-	1, 3, 6a, 6b	E3 - Industrial use of borates in the production of diboron trioxide-containing catalysts	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES31 - Compaction and tabletting of borate-containing powders ES32 - Working in a laboratory
16	Catalysts	Polymer production		X				3, 8	32	2	-	1, 6a, 6b	E2 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in the manufacture of another substance	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities
17	Cellulose insulation	Formulation of cellulose insulation		X				5, 6a, 6b, 19	UCN I15600	1, 2, 3, 4, 8b	4	3	E8 - Generic formulation of borates into materials	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES32 - Working in a laboratory
18	Cellulose insulation	Professional use of cellulose insulation			X			19,22	I15600	21	4	8c, 8f	E26 - Wide dispersive use of cellulose insulation	ES36 - Professional installation of cellulose insulation

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19	Cellulose insulation	Service life of cellulose insulation					X	-	-		4	10a, 11a	E27 - Generic wide dispersive use of articles containing borates with low release	-
20	Ceramics	Production of frits	X	X				3, 13, NACE 23.1	19	1, 2, 3, 8b, 22	4	2, 5, 6a	E17 - Industrial use of borates during the manufacture of frits	ES2 - Closed or largely closed production at high temperatures ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES32 - Working in a laboratory
21	Chemical synthesis	Manufacture of new chemicals using borates	X					3, 8, 9	19	2, 3, 4, 5, 8b, 9, 13, 15, 19, 21	-	1, 6a	E2 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in the manufacture of another substance	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES31 - Compaction and tabletting of borate-containing powders ES32 - Working in a laboratory

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22	Coatings	Formulation of paints and coatings		X				3, 7, 8, 10	9a, 18	1,2, 3, 4, 8a, 8b, 9, 15	--	2	E6 - Formulation of borates into paints and coatings	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES31 - Compaction and tabletting of borate-containing powders ES32 - Working in a laboratory
23	Coatings	Industrial use of paints and coatings			X			3, 7	9a, 18	7, 8b, 9, 10, 13	-	5	E13 - Industrial use of paints and coatings containing borate compounds	ES11 - Industrial use of paints and coatings.
24	Coatings	Professional use of paints and coatings			X			22	9a, 18	5, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 11, 13, 19		8c, 8f	E25 - Wide dispersive use of paints and coatings containing borates	ES25 - Professional use of paints and coatings

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26	Construction materials	Formulation/use of borates in construction materials (plaster board, wood)		X				3, 13	K35000, 8	4, 5, 8b, 14, 24, 26	4, 11	2, 3, 5	E4 - Generic formulation of borates into mixtures E8 - Generic formulation of borates into materials E11 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in inclusion into or onto a matrix	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES31 - Compaction and tabletting of borate-containing powders ES32 - Working in a laboratory
27	Construction materials	Professional use of construction materials			X		X	22, 19	K35000, 8	21	4	10a, 11a, 12a	E21 – Generic industrial processing of articles with low abrasive techniques E27 - Generic wide dispersive use of articles containing borates with low release	ES37 - Professional installation of plasterboard, board and other products
28	Construction materials	Consumer use of construction materials				X	X	21	0	-	4	10a, 11a	E27 - Generic wide dispersive use of articles containing borates with low release	ESC4 - Consumer use of boron-containing construction materials (other than insulation)
29	Construction materials	Service life of construction materials					X		-	-	4	10a, 11a	E27 - Generic wide dispersive use of articles containing borates with low release	-

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30	Detergents	Formulation into detergents		X				3, 10	35	2, 3, 4, 5, 8b, 9, 15	-	2	E5 - Formulation of borates into detergents	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production activities at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES31 - Compaction and tabletting of borate-containing powders ES32 - Working in a laboratory
31	Detergents	Professional use of detergents			X			22	35	1, 2, 3, 11, 10, 13, 19	-	8a, 8c, 8d, 8f	E23 - Generic wide dispersive use of borates with 100% release to water	ES4 - Use of fabric detergents in industrial or professional settings
32	Detergents	Consumer use of detergents				X		21	35	-	-	8a, 8c, 8d, 8f	E23 - Generic wide dispersive use of borates with 100% release to water	ESC1 - Consumer use of boron-containing detergents
33	Glass	Production of glass wool	X	X				3, 13, NACE 23.1	19	1, 2, 3, 8b, 22	4	2, 5, 6a	E14 - Industrial use of borates during the manufacture of glass wool	ES2 - Closed or largely closed production at high temperatures ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES32 - Working in a laboratory

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34	Glass	Production of high alkali glass	X	X				3, 13, NACE 23.1	19	1, 2, 3, 8b, 22	4	2, 5, 6a	E15 - Industrial use of borates during the manufacture of high alkali glass	ES2 - Closed or largely closed production at high temperatures ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES32 - Working in a laboratory
35	Glass	Production of low alkali glass	X	X				3, 13, NACE 23.1	19	1, 2, 3, 8b, 22	4	2, 5, 6a	E16 - Industrial use of borates during the manufacture of low alkali glass	ES2 - Closed or largely closed production at high temperatures ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES32 - Working in a laboratory
36	Industrial fluids	Formulation of borates into industrial fluids		X				3, 8, 9, 10,15	20, 24, 25	3, 4, 5, 8b, 9		2	E4 - Generic formulation of borates into mixtures	ES2 - Closed or largely closed production at high temperatures ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES32 - Working in a laboratory

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37	Industrial fluids	Industrial use of industrial fluids		X	X			3, 15, 17	19, 20, 24, 25	1, 2, 6, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 13, 16,17, 18, 19, 20 21, 22, 23, 24, 26	-	2, 4, 5, 7	E4 - Generic formulation of borates into mixtures E9 - Generic industrial use of borates as processing aids in processes and products E11 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in inclusion into or onto a matrix E18 - Generic industrial use of borates in closed systems	ES2 - Closed or largely closed production at high temperatures ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES9 - Diluting metal working fluid concentrate with water ES12 - Use of cleaners in industrial or professional settings ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES17 - Make up of treatment baths for galvanising, plating and other surface treatments ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES29 - Galvanising, plating and other surface treatments of metal articles ES32 - Working in a laboratory ES33 - Use of metal working fluids in machining ES34 - Greasing at high energy conditions
38	Industrial fluids	Consumer use of automotive fluids				x		21	4, 16, 24	-	-	9a, 9b	E27 - Generic wide dispersive use of articles containing borates with low release	ESC8 - Consumer exposure for the use of automotive fluids

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39	Metallurgy	Formulation into alloys	X	X				3, 14	7, 19	8b,22,23, 24	7	1, 2	E2 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in the manufacture of another substance	ES2 - Closed or largely closed production at high temperatures ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES32 - Working in a laboratory
40	Metallurgy	Manufacture of flux mixtures and pastes	X	X				3, 10, 13	38	3, 4, 5, 8b, 9, 14	-	2	E4 - Generic formulation of borates into mixtures	ES2 - Closed or largely closed production at high temperatures ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production activities at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES32 - Working in a laboratory

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41	Metallurgy	Industrial use of fluxes for (Precious) Metal smelting			X			3, 14	7, 19	22	7	6b	E2 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in the manufacture of another substance	ES2 - Closed or largely closed production at high temperatures ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES32 - Working in a laboratory
42	Metallurgy	Industrial use of flux pastes for coating brazing and welding rods			X			3,10	38	14	7	5	E11 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in inclusion into or onto a matrix	ES24 - Industrial use of flux pastes to coat welding/brazing rods
43	Metallurgy	Industrial/Professional Use of welding, brazing or soldering rods			X			3, 14, 15, 17, 19	38	13, 25, 26	-	4	E9 - Generic industrial use of borates as processing aids in processes and products	ES40 - Industrial and professional use of fluxes in welding/brazing
44	Metallurgy	Use of borates in metal treatment (plating, passivation, galvanising etc)			X			3, 15, 17	14	3,4,5, 8a, 8b	-	4	E9 - Generic industrial use of borates as processing aids in processes and products	ES17 - Make up of treatment baths for galvanising, plating and other surface treatments ES29 - Galvanising, plating and other surface treatments of metal articles
45	Non Oxide Ceramics	Intermediate use in the production of non oxide ceramic powders		X				8,9,13	19	3,4 8b 22,23,24	4	1, 2, 5, 6a, 6b	E2 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in the manufacture of another substance E4 - Generic formulation of borates into mixtures E11 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in inclusion into or onto a matrix	ES2 - Closed or largely closed production at high temperatures ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES38 - Crushing grinding borate-containing powders

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46	Nuclear applications	Industrial use of borates in closed nuclear system			X			23	37	1, 2, 8b	-	7	E19 - Industrial use of borates in nuclear power plants with release to water E20 - Industrial use of borates in nuclear power plants without release to water	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES32 - Working in a laboratory
47	Oil industry	Formulation into cement		X				2b	K35100	2, 3, 8b	-	2	E4 - Generic formulation of borates into mixtures	ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES32 - Working in a laboratory
48	Oil industry	Industrial use of cement			X			2b	K35100	8b, 4	-	5	E11 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in inclusion into or onto a matrix	ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES32 - Working in a laboratory
49	Photography	Formulation into photographic solutions		X				3, 10	20 30	4, 5, 8b, 9	-	2	E4 - Generic formulation of borates into mixtures	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers
50	Photography	Industrial use of photographic solutions			X			3	30	19	-	4	E9 - Generic industrial use of borates as processing aids in processes and products	ES35 - Make up of stock solution for photographic applications

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51	Photography	Professional use of photographic solutions			X			22	30	13, 19	-	8a	E23 - Generic wide dispersive use of borates with 100% release to water	ES30 - Use of developer and fixer solutions ES35 - Make up of stock solution for photographic applications
53	Printing paper	Formulation of borate PVA solutions		X				3, 10	20	4, 5, 8b	-	1, 6a, 6b	E2 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in the manufacture of another substance	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels
54	Refractories	Formulation in refractory mixtures		X				3, 15, 10	0	1, 2, 3,4, 5, 8a, 9, 21, 22, 23, 24,	4	2,3	E4 - Generic formulation of borates into mixtures E8 - Generic formulation of borates into materials	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES13 - Preparing and applying refractory mixes ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES31 - Compaction and tabletting of borate-containing powders ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES32 - Working in a laboratory
55	Refractories	Industrial use of refractories mixtures			X		X	3, 14	15	7,14,19		5	E11 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in inclusion into or onto a matrix	ES13 - Preparing and applying refractory mixes

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56	Tablet Production and Use	Swimming pool tablets production		X				3	37	2, 3, 4, 5, 8b, 9, 15, 19	-	5	E11 - Generic industrial use of borates resulting in inclusion into or onto a matrix	ES7 - Discharging bags (25 -50 kg) into mixing vessels ES8 - Discharging big bags (750 – 1500kg) into mixing vessels ES16 - Closed production at ambient temperatures ES18 - Transfer of substances or preparations from/to large vessels/containers at dedicated facilities ES21 - General maintenance activities ES22 - Transfer of substances into small containers ES31 - Compaction and tabletting of borate-containing powders ES32 - Working in a laboratory
57	Tablet Production and Use	Swimming pool tablet use			X			22	-	0	-	8a, 8d	E23 - Generic wide dispersive use of borates with 100% release to water	ES1 - Professional use of swimming pool tablets.
58	Toys	Consumer use of modelling clays				x		21	9b	-	-	11a	E27- Generic wide dispersive use of articles containing borates with low release	ESC7 - Consumer use of modelling clays

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