# **US - SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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# • 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

**Product identifier** 

Valve Regulated Sealed Lead Acid Battery

**Product Name** 

Part Number RG0645T1

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on

use Application of the substance /the preparation :UPS,

Backup Power, Mobility, and othe use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

**Supplier Address** 

Raion Group 1400 S Sherman St Ste 124 Richardson, TX 75081

Emergency telephone number

**Company Phone Number** (469) 225-3773

# 2.HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

# Classification

#### **Health Hazards**

Not classified

# Physical hazards

Not classified

# **OSHA Regulatory Status**

Material is an article. No health effects are expected related to normal use of this product as sold. Hazardous exposure can occur only when the product is heated, oxidized or otherwise processed or damaged to create lead dust, vapor or fume. Follow manufacturer's instructions for installation, service and use.

#### **Label elements**

### **Emergency Overview**

Appearance	Not available.	Physical state	Solid	Odor	Odorless

# 3.COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

## **Synonyms**

Not available.

Chemical	CAS	Weight-%
Arsenic	7440-38-2	0.003
Powdered	7439-92-1	63-78
Sulfuric Acid	7664-93-9	10-30
Tin	7440-31-5	0.006

# 4.FIRST AID MEASURES

First aid measures

Eye contact First aid is not expected to be necessary if material is used under ordinary conditions and as

recommended. If contact with material occurs flush eyes with water. If signs/symptoms

develop, get medical attention.

**Skin Contact** First aid is not expected to be necessary if material is used under ordinary conditions and as

recommended. Wash skin with soap and water. If signs/symptoms develop, get medical

attention.

If exposure to electrolyte (sulfuric acid) occurs, flush with large quantities of water for 15 minutes. Immediately remove contaminated clothing and shoes. If exposure to lead

component occurs, wash contaminated skin with plenty of soap and water.

**Inhalation** First aid is not expected to be necessary if material is used under ordinary conditions and as

recommended. If signs/symptoms develop, move person to fresh air.

**Ingestion** First aid is not expected to be necessary if material is used under ordinary conditions and as

recommended.

If electrolyte (sulfuric acid) portion of battery is ingested, DO NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately. If lead portion of battery is ingested get medical attention

immediately.

**Self-protection of the first aider**Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial

respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper

respiratory medical device.

# Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

**Symptoms** 

Symptoms of lead toxicity include headache, fatigue, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, muscular aches and weakness, sleep disturbances and irritability. Lead absorption may cause nausea, weight loss, abdominal spasms, and pain in arms, legs and joints. Effects of chronic lead exposure may include central nervous system (CNS) damage, kidney dysfunction, anemia, neuropathy particularly of the motor nerves with wrist drop, and potential reproductive effects.

Acute exposure to sulfuric acid causes severe irritation, burns and permanent tissue damage to all routes of exposure. Chronic exposure to sulfuric acid may cause erosion of tooth enamel, inflammation of nose, throat and respiratory system.

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

**Note to physicians**Treat symptomatically.

# 5.FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

#### Suitable extinguishing media

CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical or foam.

Unsuitable extinguishing media Avoid using water.

## Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Hazardous combustion productsLead portion of battery will likely produce toxic metal fume, vapor or dust.

#### Explosion data

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact Not available. Sensitivity to Static Discharge None known.

#### Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

If batteries are on charge, shut off power. Do not allow metallic materials to simultaneously contact negative and positive terminals of cells and batteries.

Wear a positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Structural firefighters' protective clothing will only provide limited protection.

# 6.ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

## Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions No special precautions expected to be necessary if material is used under ordinary

conditions and as recommended. Avoid contact of lead with skin.

Other Information Non-emergency personnel should utilize chemical gloves.

For emergency responders Wear chemical gloves, goggles, acid resistant clothing and boots, respirator if insufficient

ventilation.

**Environmental precautions** 

**Environmental precautions** Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas. Runoff from fire control

and dilution water may be toxic and corrosive and may cause adverse environmental

impacts. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

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

Methods for containment In event of a battery rupturing; stop the leak if you can do it without risk. Absorb with earth,

sand, or other non-combustible material. Cautiously neutralize spilled liquid.

**Methods for cleaning up**Dispose of in accordance with local, State, and national regulations.

## 7.HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling

Handle batteries cautiously. Do not tip to avoid spills (if filled with electrolyte). Avoid contact with internal components. Wear protective clothing when filling or handling batteries. Follow manufacturer's instructions for installation and service. Do not allow conductive material to touch the battery terminals. Short circuit may occur and cause battery failure and fire. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, or using tobacco. Eyewash stations and safety showers should be provided with unlimited water supply. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

## **Storage Conditions**

Store in a cool/low-temperature, well-ventilated place away from heat and ignition sources. Batteries should be stored under roof for protection against adverse weather conditions. Place cardboard between layers of stacked batteries to avoid damage and short circuits. Store batteries on an impervious surface.

Storage class:

Class 8B: Non-flammable corrosive materials.

#### Incompatible materials

Sulfuric acid: Contact with combustible and organic materials may cause fire and explosion. Also reacts violently with strong reducing agents, metals, sulfur trioxide, strong oxidizers and water. Contact with metals may product toxic sulfur dioxide fumes and may release flammable hydrogen gas.

Lead compounds: Avoid contact with strong bases, acids, combustible organic materials, halides, halogenates, potassium nitrate, permanganate, peroxides, nascent hydrogen, reducing agents, and water.

## 8.EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

## <u>Control parameters</u> Exposure Guidelines

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Arsenic	TWA: 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup> As	TWA: 10 µg/m³ As	IDLH: 5 mg/m³ As
7440-			Ceiling: 0.002 mg/m <sup>3</sup> As 15
Powdered Lead	TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Pb	TWA: 50 μg/m³ TWA: 50 μg/m³	IDLH: 100 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
7439-92-1		Pb	TWA: 0.050 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Sulfuric Acid 7664-	TWA: 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> thoracic	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
93-9	fraction		TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Tin	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Sn except	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Sn except	IDLH: 100 mg/m³ Sn
7440-	Tin	oxides	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> except Tin
31-5	hydride		oxides

# Appropriate engineering controls Engineering Controls

The health hazard risks of handling this material are dependent on factors, such as physical form and quantity. Site-specific risk assessments should be conducted to determine the appropriate exposure control measures. Good general ventilation should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels as low as reasonably achievable.

# Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

In laboratory, medical or industrial settings, safety glasses with side shields are recommended. The use of goggles or full face protection may be required depending on the industrial exposure setting. Contact a health and safety professional for specific information.

Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate gloves. No skin protection is ordinarily required under normal conditions of use. In accordance with industrial hygiene practices, if contact with leaking battery is expected precautions should be taken to avoid skin contact. Under severe exposure or emergency conditions, wear acid-resistant clothing and boots.

Respiratory protection

In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

**General Hygiene Considerations** 

Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

# 9.PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical stateSolidAppearanceNo

Color Data
Clear (electrolyte)

Odor Odor threshold Odorl ess

Jaor threshold

No

<u>Property</u> <u>Valu</u> <u>Remarks • Method</u>

pH No Data
Melting point/freezing point No Data

Boiling point / boiling range 95 °C - 95.555 °C

Flash point No Data
Evaporation No Data
Flammability (solid, gas) No Data

Flammability Limit in Air

Upper flammability limit: No Data Lower flammability limit: No Data Vapor 10 mmHg Vapor density Specific No Data Water 100 Solubility in other solvents No Data Partition coefficient No Data **Autoignition temperature** No Data **Decomposition temperature** No Data Kinematic viscosity No Data Dynamic viscosity No Data **Explosive properties** No Data **Oxidizing properties** No Data

Other Information

SofteningNo DataMolecularNo DataVOC ContentNo Data

(%) 75.8523-84.2803 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>

Bulk density No Data

# 10.STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

#### Reactivity

Not reactive.

## **Chemical stability**

Stable at normal temperatures and pressures.

## Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

Hazardous polymerization

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

## **Conditions to avoid**

Prolonged overcharge, sources of ignition.

## **Incompatible materials**

Sulfuric acid: Contact with combustible and organic materials may cause fire and explosion. Also reacts violently with strong reducing agents, metals, sulfur trioxide, strong oxidizers and water. Contact with metals may product toxic sulfur dioxide fumes and may release flammable hydrogen gas.

Lead compounds: Avoid contact with strong bases, acids, combustible organic materials, halides, halogenates, potassium nitrate, permanganate, peroxides, nascent hydrogen, reducing agents, and water.

#### **Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Lead compounds exposed to high temperatures will likely produce toxic metal fume, vapor or dust; contact with strong acid/base or presence of nascent hydrogen may generate highly toxic arsine gas.

Sulfuric acid: Sulfur trioxide, carbon monoxide, sulfuric acid mist, sulfur dioxide, and hydrogen.

## 11.TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Information on likely routes of exposure

#### **Product Information**

**Inhalation** (Acute): Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected. Contents of an

open battery can cause respiratory irritation.

(Chronic): Repeated and prolonged exposure may cause irritation.

Eye contact (Acute): Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected. Exposure to dust

may cause irritation.

(Chronic): No data available.

Skin Contact (Acute): Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected.

(Chronic): No data available.

Ingestion (Acute): Under normal conditions of use, no health effects are expected. Lead ingestion may

cause abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and severe cramping.

(Chronic): No data available.

## **Acute Effects**

Chemical Name	Oral	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Arsenic 7440- 38-2	= 15 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-
Sulfuric Acid 7664-93-9	= 2140 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	= 510 ( Rat ) 2 h mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Tin 7440-31-5	= 700 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-

# Information on toxicological effects

**Symptoms** 

Symptoms of lead toxicity include headache, fatigue, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, muscular aches and weakness, sleep disturbances and irritability. Lead absorption may cause nausea, weight loss, abdominal spasms, and pain in arms, legs and joints. Effects of chronic lead exposure may include central nervous system (CNS) damage, kidney dysfunction, anemia, neuropathy particularly of the motor nerves with wrist drop, and potential reproductive effects.

Acute exposure to sulfuric acid causes severe irritation, burns and permanent tissue damage to all routes of exposure. Chronic exposure to sulfuric acid may cause erosion of tooth enamel, inflammation of nose, throat and respiratory system.

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

Skin corrosion/irritationNot available.Serious eye damage/eye irritationNot available.IrritationSevere burns.CorrosivityNot available.SensitizationNot available.

**Germ cell mutagenicity**The evidence for genotoxic effects of highly soluble inorganic lead compounds is

contradictory with numerous studies reporting both positive and negative effects. Responses appear to be induced by indirect mechanisms, mostly at very high concentrations, that lack

physiological relevance.

## Carcinogenicity

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified "strong inorganic acid mist containing sulfuric acid" as a Category 1 carcinogen, a substance that is carcinogenic to humans. **This classification does not apply to liquid forms of sulfuric acid or sulfuric acid solutions contained within a battery.** Batteries subjected to abusive charging at excessively high currents for prolonged periods without vent caps in place may create a surrounding atmosphere of the offensive strong inorganic acid mist containing sulfuric acid.

There is evidence that soluble lead compounds may have a carcinogenic effect, particularly on the kidneys of rats. However, the mechanisms by which this effect occurs are still unclear. Epidemiology studies of workers exposed to inorganic lead compounds have found a limited association with stomach cancer. This has led to the classification by IARC that inorganic lead compounds are probably carcinogenic to humans (Group 2A).

Chemical Name	ACGI	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Arsenic 7440- 38-2	A1	Group 1	Known	Х
Sulfuric Acid 7664- 93-9	A2	Group 1	-	Х
Powdered Lead 7439-92-1	A3	Group 2A	Reasonably Anticipated	Х

Reproductive toxicity STOT - single exposure STOT - repeated exposure

Chronic toxicity

Not available.

Not classified.

Lead is a cumulative poison. Increasing amounts of lead can build up in the body and may reach a point where symptoms and disabilities occur. Continuous exposure may result in

decreased fertility. Lead is a teratogen. Overexposure of lead by either parent before

pregnancy may increase the chances of miscarriage or birth defects.

**Target Organ Effects** 

Inorganic lead compounds have been documented in observational human studies to produce toxicity in multiple organ systems and body function including the haemotopoetic (blood) system, kidney function, reproductive function and the central nervous system. Postnatal exposure to lead compounds is associated with impacts on neurobehavioral

development in children.

**Aspiration hazard** 

Due to the physical form of the product it is not an aspiration hazard.

#### Numerical measures of toxicity - Product Information

## 12.ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## **Ecotoxicity**

Chemical Name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Sulfuric	_	500: 96 h Brachydanio	_	29: 24 h Daphnia
Acid		rerio mg/L LC50		magna mg/L
Powdered Lead	_	0.44: 96 h Cyprinus	_	600: 48 h water flea
7439-92-1		carpio mg/L LC50 semi-		μg/L EC50
		static 1.32: 96 h		
		Oncorhynchus mykiss		
		mg/L LC50 static 1.17:		
		96 h Oncorhynchus		

## Persistence and degradability

Lead is persistent in soils and sediments.

## **Bioaccumulation**

Not available.

## **Mobility**

Not available.

Other adverse effects

Not available.

# 13.DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Disposal of wastes Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and

regulations.

Contaminated packaging Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and

regulations.

US EPA Waste Number

Not available.

Chemical Name	RCRA	RCRA - Basis for	RCRA - D Series	RCRA - U Series
Arsenic	_	Included in waste	5.0 mg/L regulatory	_
7440-38-		streams: F032, F034,	level	
2		F035, F039, K031,		
		K060, K084, K101,		
		K102, K161, K171,		
Powdered Lead	_	Included in waste	5.0 mg/L regulatory	_
7439-92-1		streams: F035, F037,	level	
		F038, F039, K002,		
		K003, K005, K046,		
		K048, K049, K051,		
		K052, K061, K062,		

#### California Hazardous Waste Codes Not available

This product contains one or more substances that are listed with the State of California as a hazardous waste.

Chemical	California Hazardous Waste Status
Sulfuric Acid 7664-	Toxic
93-9	Corros
Powdered Lead	Toxic
7439-92-1	

# 14.TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Note:

This product is not regulated for domestic transport by land, air or rail.

- 1. Under 49 CFR 171.8, individual packages that contain lead metal (<100 micrometers) below the reportable quantity (RQ) are not regulated.
- **2.** Under 49 CFR 171.4, except when transporting aboard a vessel, the requirements of this subchapter specific to marine pollutants do not apply to non-bulk packaging transported by motor vehicles, rail cars and aircrafts.

**DOT** 

These batteries have been tested and meet the non-spillable criteria listed in CFR49,

173.159 (d) (3) (i) and (ii). Non-spillable batteries are excepted from CFR 49, Subchapter C requirements, provided that the following criteria are met:

- 1.) The batteries must be protected against short circuits and securely packaged.
- 2.) The batteries and their outer packaging must be plainly and durably marked

"NON-SPILLABLE" or "NONSPILLABLE BATTERY".

UN/ID No.

Batteries, wet, non-spillable

UN2800

Proper shipping nameBatterHazard Class8Subsidiary class8Packing GroupIIISpecial Provisions159a

**TDG** 

These batteries have been tested and meet the non-spillable criteria. Non-spillable batteries are excepted provided that the following criteria are met:

- 1.) The batteries must be protected against short circuits and securely packages.
- 2.) The batteries and their outer packaging must be plainly and durably marked

"NON-SPILLABLE" or "NONSPILLABLE BATTERY".

UN/ID No. UN2800 Proper shipping name Batteries, Wet, Non-Spillable **Hazard Class Subsidiary class** 8 **Packing Group** Ш **Special Provisions** 39 **MEX** Not regulated ICAO (air) Raion Power VRLA batteries have been tested and meet the non-spillable criteria listed in IATA Packing Instruction 872 and Special Provision A67. These batteries are excepted from all IATA regulations provided that the battery terminals are protected against short circuits. The words "Not Restricted, as per Special Provision A67" must be included in the description on the Air Waybill. UN/ID No. UN2800 Proper shipping name Batteries, Wet, Non-Spillable **Hazard Class** Subsidiary hazard class 8 **Packing Group** Ш **Special Provisions** A48, A67, A164, A183 IATA Raion Power VRLA batteries have been tested and meet the non-spillable criteria listed in IATA Packing Instruction 872 and Special Provision A67. These batteries are excepted from all IATA regulations provided that the battery terminals are protected against short circuits. The words "Not Restricted, as per Special Provision A67" must be included in the description on the Air Waybill. UN/ID No. UN2800 Proper shipping name Batteries, Wet, Non-Spillable **Hazard Class Subsidiary hazard class** 8 **Packing Group** Ш **Special Provisions** A48, A67, A164, A183 <u>IMDG</u> These batteries have been tested and meet the non-spillable criteria listed in IMDG Code Special Provision 238.1 and .2; therefore, are not subject to the provisions of the IMDG Code provided that the battery terminals are protected against short circuits when packaged for transport. UN/ID No. UN2800 Proper shipping name Batteries, Wet, Non-Spillable **Hazard Class** 8 Subsidiary hazard class 8 Ш **Packing Group** 29, 238 **Special Provisions** Marine pollutant No **RID** Non-spillable batteries are not subject to the requirements of ADR if, at a temperature of 55C, the electrolyte will not flow from a ruptured or cracked case and there is no free liquid to flow and if, as packaged for carriage, the terminals are protected from short circuit. UN/ID No. UN2800 Proper shipping name Batteries, Wet, Not-Spillable **Hazard Class** Classification code C11 **Special Provisions** 238, 295, 598 **ADR** Non-spillable batteries are not subject to the requirements of ADR if, at a temperature of 55C, the electrolyte will not flow from a ruptured or cracked case and there is no free liquid to flow and if, as packaged for carriage, the terminals are protected from short circuit.

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Batteries, Wet, Not-Spillable

UN/ID No.

Proper shipping name

<u>Hazard Class</u> 8 Classification code C11

Special Provisions 238, 295, 598

ADN Not regulated

# 15.REGULATORY INFORMATION

## International Inventories

**TSCA** Does not comply DSL/NDSL Does not comply **EINECS/ELINCS** Does not comply **ENCS** Does not comply **IECSC** Does not comply **KECL** Does not comply **PICCS** Does not comply **AICS** Does not comply

## Leaend:

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

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

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

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

IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

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

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

## **US Federal Regulations**

# **SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

Chemical Name	CAS No.	Weight-%	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Arsenic - 7440-38-2	7440-38-2	0.003	0.1
Sulfuric Acid - 7664-93-9	7664-93-9	10-30	1.0
Powdered Lead - 7439-92-1	7439-92-1	63-78	0.1

# SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Acute health hazard	No
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire hazard	No
Sudden release of pressure hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

## **CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product contains the following substances which are regulated pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

Chemical Name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Arsenic 7440-38-	-	X	X	-
Sulfuric Acid	1000 lb	-	-	X
Powdered Lead	-	X	Х	-

## **CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Chemical Name	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA/SARA	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Arsenic 7440-	1 lb	-	RQ 1 lb final RQ RQ 0.454 kg final
Sulfuric Acid 7664- 93-9	1000 lb	1000 lb	RQ 1000 lb final RQ RQ 454 kg
Powdered Lead 7439-92-1	10 lb	-	RQ 10 lb final RQ RQ 4.54 kg final

# **US State Regulations**

# **California Proposition 65**

This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals

Chemical	California Proposition 65	
Powdered Lead - 7439-92-	Carcinogen	
1	Developmental	
	Female	
	Reproductive	

# **U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

This product may contain substances regulated by state right-to-know regulations

Chemical Name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Tin 7440-	X	X	X
31-5			
Arsenic	Χ	X	X
7440-			
Calcium	X	X	X
7440-			
Sulfuric Acid 7664-	Χ	X	X
93-9			
Powdered Lead	X	X	X
7439-92-1			

# **U.S. EPA Label Information**

**EPA Pesticide Registration Number** Not available.

# 16.OTHER INFORMATION

Issue Date Revision Date <u>Revision Note</u>

03/11/2021

Not available.

**End of Safety Data Sheet**