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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Trade Name or Designation: Nessler's Reagent (Mercuric - Potassium Iodide TS, Alkaline), USP 25 Formulation

Product Number: 5255

Other Identifying Product Numbers: 5255-16, 5255-32

1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

Company: Ricca Chemical Company

Address: 448 West Fork Drive
Arlington, TX 76012 USA

Telephone: 888-467-4222

1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hr)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887

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SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture (in accordance with OSHA HCS 29 CFR 1910.1200)

For the full text of the Hazard and Precautionary Statements listed below, see Section 16.

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statement	Precautionary Statements
Acute Toxicity - Oral	Category 2	H300	P264, P270, P301+P310, P321, P330, P405, P501
Acute Toxicity - Dermal	Category 3	H311	P280, P302+P352, P312, P321, P361, P405, P501
Skin Corrosion / Irritation	Category 1A	H314	P260, P264, P280, P301+P330+P331, P303+P361+P353, P363, P304+P340, P310, P321, P305+P351+P338, P405, P501
Eye Damage / Irritation	Category 1	H318	P280, P305+P351+P338, P310
Skin Sensitizer	Category 1	H317	P261, P272, P280, P302+P352, P332+P313, P321, P363, P501
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 2	H341	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1	H360	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Single Exposure	Category 1	H370	P260, P264, P270, P307+P311, P321, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Repeated Exposure	Category 1	H372	P260, P264, P270, P314, P501
Aspiration Hazard	Category 1	H304	P301+P310, P331, P405, P501
Corrosive to Metals	Category 1	H290	P234, P390, P406
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Acute)	Category 3	H402	P273, P501
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Chronic)	Category 3	H402	P273, P501

2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**



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Hazard Statements:

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H300	Fatal if swallowed.
H304	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
H311	Toxic in contact with skin.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H341	Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H370	Causes damage to organs.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.



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Precautionary Statements:

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P234	Keep only in original container.
P260	Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray.
P261	Avoid breathing fumes, mist, vapors, or spray.
P264	Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P272	Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.
P301+P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P307+P311	IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P312	Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.
P314	Get medical attention if you feel unwell.
P321	Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately).
P330	Rinse mouth.
P331	Do NOT induce vomiting.
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
P361	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P405	Store locked up.
P406	Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.
P501	Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.



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2.3. WHMIS Classification

WHMIS classification is not included based on the recommended option (Option 4) found in the Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 149, No.3, page 458

2.4. Hazards not Otherwise Classified or Covered by GHS

Data not available.

SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

3.1. Components of Substance or Mixture

Chemical Name	Formula	Molecular Weight	CAS Number	Weight%
Water	H ₂ O	18.01 g/mol	7732-18-5	83.91%
Potassium Hydroxide	KOH	56.10 g/mol	1310-58-3	10.44%
Potassium Iodide	KI	166.00 g/mol	7681-11-0	4.00%
Mercuric Chloride	HgCl ₂	271.49 g/mol	7487-94-7	1.65%

SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

4.1. General First Aid Information

Eye Contact: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Irritant, possibly corrosive to eye tissue. Symptoms include tearing, redness, pain, and impaired vision.

Inhalation: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

Skin Contact: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. May irritate damaged skin, absorption can occur with effects similar to those via ingestion.

Ingestion: IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Dilute with water or milk. Vomiting may occur spontaneously but do not induce. Call a physician immediately.

4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

DANGER! Corrosive and Toxic! Causes severe burns. May be fatal if swallowed. Do not get in eyes, on skin or clothing. If ingested, do not induce vomiting. Give large quantity of water and call a physician. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water for 15 minutes. For eyes, get medical attention.

EYE CONTACT: Irritant, possibly corrosive to eye tissue. Symptoms include tearing, redness, pain, and impaired vision. SKIN CONTACT: May irritate damaged skin, absorption can occur with effects similar to those via ingestion. CHRONIC EFFECTS / CARCINOGENICITY: Chronic exposure can lead to central nervous system damage.

4.3. Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately).



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SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

5.1. Extinguishing Media

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire. Dry chemical or foam may suffice for small fires. For large fires, try fog or regular foam. Exercise caution if water is used (it may increase contamination of area).

5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture

Not considered to be a fire or explosion hazard.

5.3. Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Use protective clothing and breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.

SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Wear gloves to protect from absorption through skin. Absorb with suitable material and containerize for proper disposal. Do not flush to sewer. Sprinkle area with Sulfur to suppress Mercury.

SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage. Store away from direct sunlight.

SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1. Control Parameters

Chemical Name	Limit Type	Country	Exposure Limit	Information Source
Mercuric Chloride (7487-94-7)	TLV-TWA	USA	0.025 mg/m ³ TWA (as Hg)	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)
Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)	TLV-Ceiling	USA	2 mg/m ³ Ceiling	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Ceilings (TLV-C)
Potassium Iodide (7681-11-0)	TLV-TWA	USA	0.01 ppm TWA (inhalable fraction and vapor)	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

8.2. Exposure Controls

Engineering Controls: No specific controls are needed. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

Respiratory Protection: Normal room ventilation is adequate.

Skin Protection: Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Chemical resistant gloves.

Eye Protection: Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Safety glasses or goggles.



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8.3. Personal Protective Equipment

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Normal room ventilation is adequate. Chemical resistant gloves. Safety glasses or goggles.

SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Light yellow liquid

Physical State: Liquid

Odor: Data not available.

Odor Threshold: Data not available.

pH: > 12

Melting/Freezing Point: Data not available.

Initial Boiling Point /Range: Approximately 100°C - Approximately 100°C

Flash Point: Data not available.

Evaporation Rate: Data not available.

Flammability: Data not available.

Flammability/Explosive Limits: Data not available.

Vapor Pressure: Data not available.

Vapor Density: Data not available.

Relative Density: 1.25

Solubility: Miscible

Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/Water): Data not available.

Auto-Ignition Temperature: Data not available.

Decomposition Temperature: Data not available.

Viscosity: Data not available.

Explosive Properties: Data not available.

Oxidizing Properties: Data not available.

SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.



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10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

Keep only in original container. Formates, Sulfites, Phosphates, Albumin, Ammonia, Gelatin, Carbonates, Hypophosphites, Sulfides, Alkalis, Alkaloid salts, Lime water, Strong acids, chlorinated Hydrocarbons, Acetone, metals such as aluminum, tin and zinc.

10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.

SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Fatal if swallowed. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). Rinse mouth. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

Toxic in contact with skin. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Not applicable.

Acute Toxicity - Other Information:

LD50, Oral, Rat: 1 mg/kg (Mercuric Chloride), 273 mg/kg (Potassium Hydroxide); LD50, Dermal, Rat: 41 mg/kg (Mercuric Chloride), details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value. Mercuric Chloride and Potassium Iodide are investigated as a mutagen and reproductive effector.

Skin Corrosion and Irritation:

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Serious Eye Damage and Irritation:

Causes serious eye damage. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.

Respiratory Sensitization:

Not applicable.



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Skin Sensitization:

May cause an allergic skin reaction. Avoid breathing fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity:

Suspected of causing genetic defects. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Carcinogenicity:

Not applicable.

Reproductive Toxicity:

May damage fertility or the unborn child. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Single Exposure:

Causes damage to organs. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Repeated Exposure:

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Aspiration Hazard:

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways. IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Do NOT induce vomiting. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Additional Toxicology Information:

Data not available.

SECTION 12: Ecological Information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

Harmful to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations. Harmful to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

12.2. Persistence and Degradability

Data not available.



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12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential

Data not available.

12.4. Mobility in Soil

Data not available.

12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects

Data not available.

SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

13.1. Waste Treatment Methods

Data not available.

SECTION 14: Transportation Information

14.1. Transportation by Land - Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

Sizes: 1 L, 500 mL

UN Number: UN2922

Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive Liquid, Toxic, n.o.s. (Potassium Hydroxide, Mercuric Chloride)

Hazard Class: 8 (6.1)

Packing Group: II

Hazard Placard Labels:



Sizes:

UN Number:

Proper Shipping Name:

Hazard Class:

Packing Group:

Hazard Placard Labels:



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14.2. Transportation by Air - International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Sizes: 1 L, 500 mL

UN Number: UN2922

Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive Liquid, Toxic, n.o.s. (Potassium Hydroxide, Mercuric Chloride)

Hazard Class: 8 (6.1)

Packing Group: II

Hazard Placard Labels:



SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

15.1. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Not listed.

15.2. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): 500 lb EPCRA RQ

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): 500 lb lower TPQ; 10000 lb upper TPQ

15.3. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): 1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

15.4. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): 1.0 % Supplier notification limit (listed under Chemical Category N458)

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): 10 lb RT

15.5. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): Present

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): Extraordinarily hazardous

15.6. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): Environmental hazard

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): Present

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): Environmental hazard

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present



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15.7. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): corrosive

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): sn 1571

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): carcinogen; mutagen

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): corrosive

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): sn 1170

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): SN 1170 500 lb TPQ

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): sn 1183

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): SN 2414 500 lb TPQ (Category Code N458. Includes any unique chemical substance that contains the named metal as part of that chemical structure)

15.8. California Proposition 65

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): developmental toxicity, 7/1/1990

15.9. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): Present (DSL)

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): Present (DSL)

Potassium Iodide (CAS # 7681-11-0): Present (DSL)

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present (DSL)

15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

Potassium Hydroxide (CAS # 1310-58-3): Present

Mercuric Chloride (CAS # 7487-94-7): Present

Potassium Iodide (CAS # 7681-11-0): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS), European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)

Not listed.



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SECTION 16: Other Information

16.1. Full Text of Hazard Statements and Precautionary Statements

May be corrosive to metals. Fatal if swallowed. Toxic in contact with skin. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes serious eye damage. Suspected of causing genetic defects. May damage fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Harmful to aquatic life.

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep only in original container. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Store locked up. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

16.2. Miscellaneous Hazard Classes

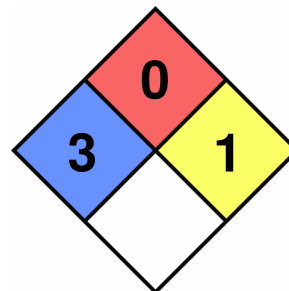
Canadian Carcinogenicity Hazard Class: Not Applicable.

Physical Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (PHNOC): Not Applicable.

Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (HHNOC): Not Applicable.
Not Applicable.

16.3. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rating

Health: 3
Flammability: 0
Reactivity: 1
Special Hazard:





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Contains mercury / Contient du mercure

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep only in original container. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Se procurer les instructions avant utilisation. Ne pas manipuler avant d'avoir lu et compris toutes les précautions de sécurité. Conserver uniquement dans l'emballage d'origine. Ne pas respirer les fumées, brouillards, vapeurs ou aérosols. Se laver les bras, les mains et le visage soigneusement après manipulation. Ne pas manger, boire ou fumer en manipulant ce produit. Les vêtements de travail contaminés ne devraient pas sortir du lieu de travail. Éviter le rejet dans l'environnement. Porter des gants de protection et un équipement de protection des yeux.

EN CAS D'INGESTION: Appeler immédiatement un CENTRE ANTIPOISON ou un médecin. EN CAS DE CONTACT AVEC LA PEAU: Laver abondamment à l'eau et au savon. EN CAS DE CONTACT AVEC LA PEAU (ou les cheveux): Enl

16.4. Document Revision

Last Revision Date: 5/1/2015

DISCLAIMER

When handled properly by qualified personnel, the product described herein does not present a significant health or safety hazard. Alteration of its characteristics by concentration, evaporation, addition of other substances, or other means may present hazards not specifically addressed herein and which must be evaluated by the user. The information furnished herein is believed to be accurate and represents the best data currently available to us. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made and RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY assumes no legal responsibility or liability whatsoever resulting from its use.