

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard



## Blue (>90%) Liquid Formulation

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### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Blue (>90%) Liquid Formulation  
Product code : Proquatic B-Color

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company name of supplier : Merck & Co., Inc  
Address : 126 E. Lincoln Avenue  
Rahway, New Jersey U.S.A. 07065  
Telephone : 908-740-4000  
Emergency telephone : 1-908-423-6000  
E-mail address : EHSDATASTEWARD@merck.com

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Veterinary product  
Restrictions on use : Not applicable

### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)**

#### Hazards for the product as supplied

Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

#### Other hazards

Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.  
Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.

#### Hazards associated with a change in physical form:

Conditions	Hazards
If small particles are generated during further processing, handling or by other means.	May form combustible dust concentrations in air.

#### GHS label elements

No hazard pictogram, no signal word, no hazard statement(s), no precautionary statement(s) required.

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

#### Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Bentonite	1302-78-9*	>= 3 - <= 7	TSC

\* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

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### SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.  
When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.
- If inhaled : If inhaled, remove to fresh air.  
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- In case of skin contact : Wash with water and soap.  
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- In case of eye contact : If in eyes, rinse well with water.  
Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
- If swallowed : If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting.  
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.  
Rinse mouth thoroughly with water.
- Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.  
Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.
- Protection of first-aiders : No special precautions are necessary for first aid responders.
- Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically and supportively.
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### SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray  
Alcohol-resistant foam  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Dry chemical
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : None known.
- Specific hazards during fire fighting : Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.  
Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.
- Hazardous combustion products : Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)  
Carbon oxides  
Metal oxides  
Sulfur oxides
- Specific extinguishing methods : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.  
Use water spray to cool unopened containers.  
Remove undamaged containers from fire area if it is safe to do so.  
Evacuate area.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.  
Use personal protective equipment.
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Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Follow safe handling advice (see section 7) and personal protective equipment recommendations (see section 8).

Environmental precautions : Avoid release to the environment.  
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.  
Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water.  
Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.  
Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air).  
Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration.  
Local or national regulations may apply to releases and disposal of this material, as well as those materials and items employed in the cleanup of releases. You will need to determine which regulations are applicable.  
Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding certain local or national requirements.

### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Technical measures : Static electricity may accumulate and ignite suspended dust causing an explosion.  
Provide adequate precautions, such as electrical grounding and bonding, or inert atmospheres.

Local/Total ventilation : Use only with adequate ventilation.

Advice on safe handling : Do not breathe dust.  
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice, based on the results of the workplace exposure assessment  
Minimize dust generation and accumulation.  
Keep container closed when not in use.  
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.  
Take precautionary measures against static discharges.  
Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment.

Conditions for safe storage : Keep in properly labeled containers.  
Store in accordance with the particular national regulations.

Materials to avoid : Do not store with the following product types:  
Strong oxidizing agents

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

inert or nuisance dust	50 Million particles per cubic foot
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	Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (total dust) Basis: OSHA Z-3
	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (total dust) Basis: OSHA Z-3
	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (respirable fraction) Basis: OSHA Z-3
	15 Million particles per cubic foot Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (respirable fraction) Basis: OSHA Z-3
Dust, nuisance dust and particulates	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Value type (Form of exposure): PEL (Total dust) Basis: CAL PEL
	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Value type (Form of exposure): PEL (respirable dust fraction) Basis: CAL PEL

**Engineering measures** : All engineering controls should be implemented by facility design and operated in accordance with GMP principles to protect products, workers, and the environment. Containment technologies suitable for controlling compounds are required to control at source and to prevent migration of the compound to uncontrolled areas (e.g., open-face containment devices).  
Minimize open handling.

### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : General and local exhaust ventilation is recommended to maintain vapor exposures below recommended limits. Where concentrations are above recommended limits or are unknown, appropriate respiratory protection should be worn. Follow OSHA respirator regulations (29 CFR 1910.134) and use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators. Protection provided by air purifying respirators against exposure to any hazardous chemical is limited. Use a positive pressure air supplied respirator if there is any potential for uncontrolled release, exposure levels are unknown, or any other circumstance where air purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

Hand protection

Material : Chemical-resistant gloves

Remarks : Consider double gloving.

Eye protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles.  
If the work environment or activity involves dusty conditions, mists or aerosols, wear the appropriate goggles.

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Skin and body protection	:	Wear a faceshield or other full face protection if there is a potential for direct contact to the face with dusts, mists, or aerosols. : Work uniform or laboratory coat. Additional body garments should be used based upon the task being performed (e.g., sleevelets, apron, gauntlets, disposable suits) to avoid exposed skin surfaces. Use appropriate degowning techniques to remove potentially contaminated clothing.
Hygiene measures	:	If exposure to chemical is likely during typical use, provide eye flushing systems and safety showers close to the working place. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use. The effective operation of a facility should include review of engineering controls, proper personal protective equipment, appropriate degowning and decontamination procedures, industrial hygiene monitoring, medical surveillance and the use of administrative controls.

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### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	:	powder
Color	:	reddish-violet
Odor	:	odorless
Odor Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	:	No data available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	:	No data available
Flash point	:	No data available
Evaporation rate	:	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means.
Flammability (liquids)	:	Not applicable
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	No data available
Vapor pressure	:	Not applicable

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Relative vapor density	:	Not applicable
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Density	:	No data available
Solubility(ies)	:	
Water solubility	:	partly soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	Not applicable
Autoignition temperature	:	No data available
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available
Viscosity	:	
Viscosity, kinematic	:	Not applicable
Explosive properties	:	Not explosive
Oxidizing properties	:	The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.
Molecular weight	:	No data available
Particle characteristics	:	
Particle size	:	No data available

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### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	:	Not classified as a reactivity hazard.
Chemical stability	:	Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	:	May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means. Can react with strong oxidizing agents.
Conditions to avoid	:	Heat, flames and sparks. Avoid dust formation.
Incompatible materials	:	Oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products	:	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

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### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation  
Skin contact  
Ingestion  
Eye contact

#### Acute toxicity

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### Components:

#### **Bentonite:**

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 2,000 mg/kg  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 425

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 (Rat): > 5.27 mg/l  
Exposure time: 4 h  
Test atmosphere: dust/mist  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 436

#### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### **Bentonite:**

Species : Rabbit  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 404  
Result : No skin irritation  
Remarks : Based on data from similar materials

#### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### **Bentonite:**

Species : Rabbit  
Result : No eye irritation  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 405

#### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

##### **Skin sensitization**

Not classified based on available information.

##### **Respiratory sensitization**

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### **Bentonite:**

Routes of exposure : Skin contact  
Species : Mouse  
Result : negative

#### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### **Bentonite:**

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Genotoxicity in vitro : Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES)  
Result: negative

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test  
Result: negative

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro  
Result: negative

### Carcinogenicity

Not classified based on available information.

**IARC** No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

**OSHA** No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

**NTP** No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

### Reproductive toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

##### **Bentonite:**

Effects on fertility : Species: Rat  
Application Route: Ingestion  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

### STOT-single exposure

Not classified based on available information.

### STOT-repeated exposure

Not classified based on available information.

### Repeated dose toxicity

#### Components:

##### **Bentonite:**

Species : Mouse  
NOAEL : 500 mg/kg  
Application Route : Ingestion  
Exposure time : 90 Days

### Aspiration toxicity

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### SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Ecotoxicity

##### Components:

##### **Bentonite:**

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 16,000 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 100 mg/l  
aquatic invertebrates Exposure time: 48 h

Toxicity to algae/aquatic : ErC50: > 100 mg/l  
plants Exposure time: 72 h

##### **Persistence and degradability**

No data available

##### **Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

##### **Mobility in soil**

No data available

##### **Other adverse effects**

No data available

##### **Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

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### SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### **Disposal methods**

Waste from residues : Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.  
Do not dispose of waste into sewer.

Contaminated packaging : Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste  
handling site for recycling or disposal.  
If not otherwise specified: Dispose of as unused product.

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### SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### **International Regulations**

##### **UNRTDG**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

##### **IATA-DGR**

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##### **IMDG-Code**

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### Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

### Domestic regulation

#### 49 CFR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

### Special precautions for user

Not applicable

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : No SARA Hazards

**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### US State Regulations

#### Pennsylvania Right To Know

dihydrogen (ethyl)[4-[4-[ethyl(3-sulphonatobenzyl)]amino]-2'-sulphonatobenzhydrylidene]cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-ylidene](3-sulphonatobenzyl)ammonium, disodium salt	3844-45-9
Bentonite	1302-78-9

#### California List of Hazardous Substances

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### The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:

AICS	: not determined
CA. DSL	: not determined
CN IECSC	: not determined

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Further information

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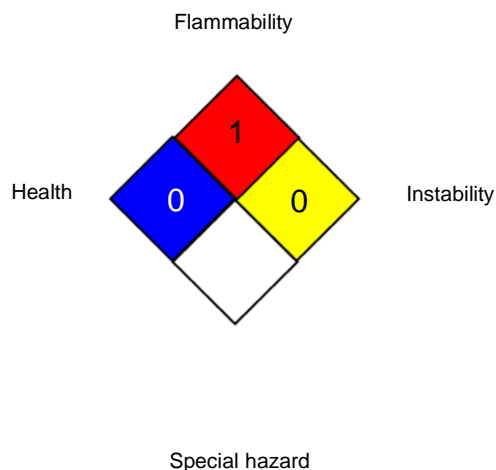
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### NFPA 704:



### HMIS® IV / CED:

HEALTH	/	0
FLAMMABILITY		3
PHYSICAL HAZARD		0

HMIS® ratings are based on a 0-4 rating scale, with 0 representing minimal hazards or risks, and 4 representing significant hazards or risks. The "\*" represents a chronic hazard, while the "/" represents the absence of a chronic hazard.

### Full text of other abbreviations

CAL PEL	:	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
OSHA Z-3	:	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-3 Mineral Dusts
CAL PEL / PEL	:	Permissible exposure limit
OSHA Z-3 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardization; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organization for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act;

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REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Sources of key data used to compile the Material Safety Data Sheet : Internal technical data, data from raw material SDSs, OECD eChem Portal search results and European Chemicals Agency, <http://echa.europa.eu/>

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The information provided in this Safety Data Sheet is correct to the best of our knowledge, information and belief at the date of its publication. The information is designed only as a guidance for safe handling, use, processing, storage, transportation, disposal and release and shall not be considered a warranty or quality specification of any type. The information provided relates only to the specific material identified at the top of this SDS and may not be valid when the SDS material is used in combination with any other materials or in any process, unless specified in the text. Material users should review the information and recommendations in the specific context of their intended manner of handling, use, processing and storage, including an assessment of the appropriateness of the SDS material in the user's end product, if applicable.

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