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

### 1.1. Product identifier

**Product Code(s)** GWAX30E, GWAX50E, GWAX50W, GWAX150A, GWAX150E, GWAX250E

**Product Name** GWAX

**Synonyms** Polyethylene wax

**Pure substance/mixture** Mixture

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

**Recommended use** Masterbatch; hotmelt adhesives; base material for pigment and personal care.

**Uses advised against** No information available

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

#### Supplier

Braskem Netherlands BV  
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 NL - 3012NJ- Rotterdam, Netherlands  
 Telephone: +31 10 798 5002

#### For further information, please contact

**E-mail address** polymer.compliance-europe@braskem.com

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

**Emergency telephone** CHEMTREC International: +1 703-741-5970

<b>Emergency telephone - §45 - (EC)1272/2008</b>
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## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

This mixture is classified as not hazardous according to regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]

### 2.2. Label elements

#### Hazard statements

Not classified

#### Unknown acute toxicity

>99 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute dermal toxicity.

>99 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute inhalation toxicity (dust/mist).

**2.3. Other hazards**

May form combustible dust concentrations in air.

This substance does not meet the PBT/vPvB criteria of REACH, annex XIII

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

**SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients****3.1 Substances**

Not applicable

**3.2 Mixtures**

Chemical name	Weight-%	REACH registration number	EC No (EU Index No)	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]	Specific concentration limit (SCL)	M-Factor	M-Factor (long-term)
Polyethylene homopolymer 9002-88-4	>99	No data available	618-339-3	[C]	-	-	-

*Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP] - Notes*

[C] - Components with occupational exposure limits and/or biological occupational exposure limits requiring monitoring

**Full text of H- and EUH-phrases: see section 16**

**Acute Toxicity Estimate**

*If LD50/LC50 data is not available or does not correspond to the classification category, then the appropriate conversion value from CLP Annex I, Table 3.1.2, is used to calculate the acute toxicity estimate (ATE<sub>mix</sub>) for classifying a mixture based on its components*

Chemical name	Oral LD50 mg/kg	Dermal LD50 mg/kg	Inhalation LC50 - 4 hour - dust/mist - mg/L	Inhalation LC50 - 4 hour - vapour - mg/L	Inhalation LC50 - 4 hour - gas - ppm
Polyethylene homopolymer 9002-88-4	> 4000 mg/Kg	-	-	-	-

+ This value is the harmonised acute toxicity estimate (ATE) listed in CLP Annex VI, Part 3. This harmonised ATE value must be used when calculating the acute toxicity estimate (ATE<sub>mix</sub>) for classifying a mixture containing the listed substance

This product does not contain candidate substances of very high concern at a concentration  $\geq 0.1\%$  (Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), Article 59)

**SECTION 4: First aid measures****4.1. Description of first aid measures**

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water, also under the eyelids.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash skin with soap and water.

**Ingestion** Clean mouth with water and afterwards drink plenty of water.

**Self-protection of the first aider** Wear personal protective clothing (see section 8).

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

**Symptoms** Product dust may be irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system.

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

**Note to doctors** Treat symptomatically.

### **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

#### **5.1. Extinguishing media**

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media** No information available.

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

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical** Avoid generation of dust. Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite.

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

**Specific/special fire-fighting measures** Fires need to be assessed to determine appropriate protocols and safety measures for firefighting, including establishing safe zones, extinguishing media to be used, firefighter protection, and actions to control or extinguish the fire.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters** Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

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

**Personal precautions** Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid generation of dust. Do not breathe dust. Avoid contact with eyes. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**For emergency responders** Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.

#### **6.2. Environmental precautions**

**Environmental precautions** See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

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

**Methods for containment** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Prevent dust cloud. Take up mechanically, placing in appropriate containers for disposal.

**Methods for cleaning up** Take up mechanically, placing in appropriate containers for disposal.

**Prevention of secondary hazards** Take up with inert, damp, non-combustible material using clean non-sparking tools and place into loosely covered plastic containers for later disposal. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

**6.4. Reference to other sections**

Reference to other sections See section 8 for more information See section 13 for more information

**SECTION 7: Handling and storage****7.1. Precautions for safe handling**

**Advice on safe handling** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid generation of dust. Do not breathe dust. Avoid contact with eyes. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**General hygiene considerations** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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

**Storage Conditions** Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep out of the reach of children.

**7.3. Specific end use(s)**

**Specific use(s)** Masterbatch; hotmelt adhesives; base material for pigment and personal care.

**SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection****8.1. Control parameters****Exposure Limits**

Chemical name	European Union	Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Croatia
Polyethylene homopolymer 9002-88-4	-	-	-	TWA: 10.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-
Chemical name	Cyprus	Czech Republic	Denmark	Estonia	Finland
Polyethylene homopolymer 9002-88-4	-	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-
Chemical name	Ireland	Italy MDLPS	Italy AIDII	Latvia	Lithuania
Polyethylene homopolymer 9002-88-4	-	-	-	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Biological occupational exposure limits**

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

**Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) - Workers** No information available

**Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) - General Public** No information available.

**8.2. Exposure controls**

**Engineering controls** Showers  
Eyewash stations

Ventilation systems.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles). Eye protection must conform to standard EN 166.

##### Hand protection

Impervious gloves. Gloves must conform to standard EN 374.

##### Skin and body protection

Impervious clothing. (EN ISO 6529).

##### Respiratory protection

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.

##### General hygiene considerations

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

##### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

Appearance	Solid opaque granules
Physical state	Solid
Colour	White to slight yellow
Odour	Odourless to Waxy
Odour threshold	No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
Melting point / freezing point	90 - 130 °C	DIN 51007
Initial boiling point and boiling range		No data available
Flammability		No data available
Flammability Limit in Air		
Upper flammability or explosive limits		No data available
Lower flammability or explosive limits		No data available
Flash point	> 210 °C	DIN 2719
Autoignition temperature	350 °C	
Decomposition temperature		No data available
pH		No data available
pH (as aqueous solution)		No data available
Kinematic viscosity		No data available
Dynamic viscosity	10 mPas – 900 mPas	DIN 2555
Water solubility	Insoluble in water	
Solubility(ies)	Organic solvents Soluble in hydrocarbons	
Partition coefficient		No data available
Vapour pressure		No data available
Relative density		No data available
Bulk density	0.85 - 0.90 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	DIN 1183-1
Liquid Density		No data available
Vapour density		No data available
Particle characteristics		
Particle Size		No data available
Particle Size Distribution		No data available

### 9.2. Other information

**9.2.1. Information with regards to physical hazard classes**

Not applicable

**9.2.2. Other safety characteristics**

No information available

**Sensitivity to mechanical impact** None**SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity****10.1. Reactivity****Reactivity** None under normal use conditions.**10.2. Chemical stability****Stability** Stable under normal conditions.**Explosion data****Sensitivity to mechanical impact** None.**Sensitivity to static discharge** None.**10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions****Possibility of hazardous reactions** None under normal processing.**10.4. Conditions to avoid****Conditions to avoid** Excessive heat. Heating in air. Dust formation.**10.5. Incompatible materials****Incompatible materials** Strong oxidising agents.**10.6. Hazardous decomposition products****Hazardous decomposition products** Decomposition products depend on temperature, exposure to air, and the presence of other substances. Processing may release irritating fumes, olefinic and paraffinic compounds, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide. Potential thermal decomposition products include trace aldehydes (including formaldehyde), alcohols, organic acids, and hydrocarbons.**SECTION 11: Toxicological information****11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008****Information on likely routes of exposure****Product Information****Inhalation** Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. May cause irritation of respiratory tract.**Eye contact** Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available.**Skin contact** Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available.**Ingestion** Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available.**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics**

**Symptoms** Product dust may be irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system.

### Acute toxicity

#### **Numerical measures of toxicity**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### **Unknown acute toxicity**

>99 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute dermal toxicity.

>99 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute inhalation toxicity (dust/mist).

### **Component Information**

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Polyethylene homopolymer	> 4000 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-

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

**Skin corrosion/irritation** No information available.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** No information available.

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation** No information available.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** No information available.

**Carcinogenicity** No information available.

**Reproductive toxicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** No information available.

**STOT - repeated exposure** No information available.

**Aspiration hazard** No information available.

### 11.2. Information on other hazards

#### 11.2.1. Endocrine disrupting properties

**Endocrine disrupting properties** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

#### 11.2.2. Other information

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### 12.1. Toxicity

**Ecotoxicity** The environmental impact of this product has not been fully investigated.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

**Persistence and degradability** No information available.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

**Bioaccumulation** There is no data for this product.

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

**Mobility in soil** No information available.

### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

**PBT and vPvB assessment** No information available.

### 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

**Endocrine disrupting properties** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

### 12.7. Other adverse effects

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

**Waste from residues/unused products** Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

**Contaminated packaging** Do not reuse empty containers.

**Waste codes / waste designations according to EWC / AVV** According to the European Waste Catalogue, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used.

## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

### IMDG

<b>14.1 UN number or ID number</b>	Not regulated
<b>14.2 UN proper shipping name</b>	Not regulated
<b>14.3 Transport hazard class(es)</b>	Not regulated
<b>14.4 Packing group</b>	Not regulated
<b>14.5 Environmental hazards</b>	Not applicable
<b>14.6 Special Precautions for Users</b>	
<b>Special Provisions</b>	None
<b>14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments</b>	No information available

### RID

<b>14.1 UN number</b>	Not regulated
<b>14.2 UN proper shipping name</b>	Not regulated
<b>14.3 Transport hazard class(es)</b>	Not regulated
<b>14.4 Packing group</b>	Not regulated
<b>14.5 Environmental hazards</b>	Not applicable
<b>14.6 Special Precautions for Users</b>	



**Special Provisions** None

**ADR** Not regulated  
**14.1 UN number or ID number** Not regulated  
**14.2 UN proper shipping name** Not regulated  
**14.3 Transport hazard class(es)** Not regulated  
**14.4 Packing group** Not regulated  
**14.5 Environmental hazards** Not applicable  
**14.6 Special Precautions for Users**  
**Special Provisions** None

**IATA** Not regulated  
**14.1 UN number or ID number** Not regulated  
**14.2 UN proper shipping name** Not regulated  
**14.3 Transport hazard class(es)** Not regulated  
**14.4 Packing group** Not regulated  
**14.5 Environmental hazards** Not applicable  
**14.6 Special Precautions for Users**  
**Special Provisions** None  
**Note:** None

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

#### National regulations

##### France

##### Occupational Illnesses (R-463-3, France)

Chemical name	French RG number
Polyethylene homopolymer 9002-88-4	RG 66

##### Germany

**Water hazard class (WGK)** non-hazardous to water (nwg)

##### European Union

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

##### Authorisations and/or restrictions on use:

This product does not contain substances subject to authorisation (Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex XIV) This product does not contain substances subject to restriction (Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex XVII)

##### Persistent Organic Pollutants

Not applicable

##### Ozone-depleting substances (ODS) regulation (EC) 1005/2009

Not applicable

**International Inventories**

TSCA Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

**15.2. Chemical safety assessment**

Chemical Safety Report No information available

**SECTION 16: Other information****Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet****Legend**

ATE: Acute Toxicity Estimate  
 SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation:  
 PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) Chemicals  
 vPvB: Very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative (vPvB) Chemicals

**Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

TWA TWA (time-weighted average) STEL STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)  
 Ceiling Maximum limit value \* Skin designation

Classification procedure	
Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]	Method Used
Acute oral toxicity	Calculation method
Acute dermal toxicity	Calculation method
Acute inhalation toxicity - gas	Calculation method
Acute inhalation toxicity - vapour	Calculation method
Acute inhalation toxicity - dust/mist	Calculation method
Skin corrosion/irritation	Calculation method
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Calculation method
Respiratory sensitisation	Calculation method
Skin sensitisation	Calculation method
Mutagenicity	Calculation method
Carcinogenicity	Calculation method
Reproductive toxicity	Calculation method
STOT - single exposure	Calculation method
STOT - repeated exposure	Calculation method
Acute aquatic toxicity	Calculation method
Chronic aquatic toxicity	Calculation method
Aspiration hazard	Calculation method
Ozone	Calculation method

**Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database  
 European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)  
 European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) Committee for Risk Assessment (ECHA\_RAC)  
 European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) (ECHA\_API)  
 EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)  
 Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGL(s))  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals  
 Food Research Journal  
 Hazardous Substance Database  
 International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)  
 Japan GHS Classification  
 Australian National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)  
 NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)  
 National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)

National Toxicology Program (NTP)  
New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Programme  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set  
World Health Organization

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