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

1.1. Product identifier
Product name: Expandable polystyrene
Trade name: InSphere F/PL, InSphere F/CZ, InSphere FR, InSphere S, Synthos EPS F-n, Synthos EPS RF-n, Synthos EPS MP, Synthos EPS RP, Synthos EPS GP, Synthos EPS T, Synthos EPS D, Synthos EPS B
CAS no. 9003-53-6 polystyrene
EC no. Polymer exempt
REACH registration number: Polymer exempt

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against
Identified uses
Used primarily for the manufacture of foamed thermal insulation and packaging.
Outdoor and indoor use of articles manufactured from the product by professional users and by consumers.
Uses advised against
None.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet
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- Synthos Breda B.V. Lijndonk 25, 4825BC Breda, The Netherlands
- Synthos Ribécourt SAS; 704 Rue Pierre et Marie Curie 60170 Ribécourt-Dreslincourt, France
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1.4. Emergency telephone number
Poland: 48 33 847 22 23 (available 24/7)
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SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture
2.1.1. Classification of the mixture in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
This product is not classified as dangerous in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008.
In use may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.

2.2. Label elements
Hazard Pictogram None.
Signal word(s) None.
Hazard statement(s) None.
Precautionary Statement Prevention:
P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P233 Keep container tightly closed.
P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

Supplementary information:
EUH018 In use may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.
In accordance with EU and national laws any other label elements are not required.
2.3. Other hazards
The product contains no substances that meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB in accordance with Annex XIII. Product releases pentane, a flammable hydrocarbon.

**SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

3.1 Substances
Not applicable

3.2 Mixtures
The product is a mixture composed mainly of polystyrene and blowing agent (mixture of n-pentane and isopentane) and polymeric flame retardant

Components/components contributing to the hazards

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For full text of H/P phrases see section 16.

**SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

4.1. Description of first aid measures
4.1.1. Inhalation
Remove the victim from the place of exposure. If symptoms persist call medical help.

4.1.2. Skin contact
Remove the victim from the place of exposure. Take off contaminated clothing and shoes. Flush skin with plenty of running water.

4.1.3. Eye contact
Keep the eyelids widely apart and flush eyes with plenty of running water at least for 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses if possible (if not adhered to the eye). Provide medical help (oculist) if necessary.

4.1.4. Ingestion/swallow
Consult a physician.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
Overexposure to contained in the product pentane mixture may cause CNS depression. Symptoms of overexposure include dizziness and headache, loss of coordination, dazed state.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
Unlikely, but treat symptomatically

**SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

5.1. Extinguishing media
5.1.1. Suitable extinguishing media
Extinguishing powders, water spray, carbon dioxide, foam.

5.1.2. Unsuitable extinguishing media
Water jet.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Explosive atmosphere area – mixtures of isomers of pentane are extremely flammable.
The following substances may be formed during fire: carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, styrene, aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbons, traces of hydrogen bromide and acidic vapours. Polystyrene dust is dangerous. Ignition sources can cause fire and/or explosion. Burning polystyrene releases irritating and/or toxic fumes, gases and soot. Warning – water can make the surface very slippery (scattered product poses hazard of slide and fall).

**5.3. Advice for fire-fighters**
Fire fighters should wear complete protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus. Chemical protection suit. Keep containers cool by spraying with water if exposed to fire. Flammable concentrations of pentane may accumulate on storage in closed containers. Dispose of fire debris and contaminated extinguishing water in accordance with regulations in force. Collect contaminated extinguishing water separately, do not allow it to reach sewage or effluent systems.

**SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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

**6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel**
Avoid direct contact with the product. Remove all sources of ignition – do not eat, drink or smoke, do not use open fire, do not use sparking tools. Follow instructions given by emergency responders.

**6.1.2. For emergency responders**
Caution - spillages may be slippery. Pentane can form explosive mixture with air. The pentane vapour is heavier than air; beware of pits and confined spaces. Remove or make safe all sources of ignition. Avoid friction, sparks, or other means of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Use only non-sparking tools.

**6.2. Environmental precautions**
Protect sink basins. Do not discharge into drains. Avoid releasing to the environment.

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

**6.3.1. Methods and material for containment**
None.

**6.3.2. Methods and material for cleaning up**
Collect mechanically into labelled container using non-sparking tools such as shovels made of wood or aluminium. The product can also be collected pneumatically. Reuse or dispose of in accordance with regulations in force.

**6.4. Reference to other sections**
N/A.

**SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**7.1. Precautions for safe handling**
Do not breathe vapours or dust. Do not breathe vapours and fumes releasing from heated product. Remove vapours with the use of proper ventilation equipment. Avoid formation and accumulation of dust. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Keep fire extinguishers in vicinity. Do not allow formation of explosive mixtures of pentanes and air. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not use open flame. Use antistatic tools. Provide all devices with grounding/earthing. Provide good room ventilation, particularly at ground level (pentane vapours are heavier than air). Protect against moisture. Protect from direct sunlight. Protect against heat. Keep container tightly sealed. Processing machines must be fitted with local exhaust ventilation. Avoid the formation and deposition of dust. Avoid release of the product into drains.

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

**Storage conditions**
Expandable polystyrene is to be stored in original tightly sealed containers (with the use of PE/PA6 barrier film) in well ventilated areas or under a roofing, away from sources of open flame, heat and ignition. Protect the product against freezing. Storage areas should conform to the requirements of the ATEX Directive.
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According to Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 (REACH)
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Keep container tightly closed, in a cool, well ventilated place.
Keep away from direct sunlight and other sources of heat or ignition. Keep away from rain and moist conditions.
Take precautionary measures against static discharges. The electrical system should be spark-free.

Storage stability
Keep only in the original container in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place away from sources of ignition, heat or flame.

Packaging materials
The product is packed by the manufacturer to aluminium containers equipped with a tight closure or to cardboard boxes (octabins) with a PE/PA6 bag (liner) inside.

7.3. Specific end use(s)
Not applicable.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1. Control parameters
8.1.1. Occupational exposure limits

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8.1.2. DN(M)EL levels
8.1.2.1. DN(M)EL levels – workers
Not established
8.1.2.2. DN(M)EL levels – general population
Not established

8.1.3. PNEC levels
Not established

8.2. Exposure controls
8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls
Ventilation of the workplace.

8.2.2. Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment
8.2.2.1. Eye/face protection
Safety glasses.
8.2.2.2. Skin protection
Hand protection
Wear suitable gloves. Recommended: Impervious gloves (EN 374). Breakthrough time of the glove material: refer to the information provided by the gloves’ producer.
Other
Wear suitable antistatic protective clothing and antistatic safety shoes or antistatic boots.

8.2.2.3. Respiratory protection
In case of insufficient ventilation wear mask with organic vapours filter.

8.2.2.4. Thermal hazards
The product creates no thermal hazards.

8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls
Avoid release to the environment. Do not discharge into drains.
Emissions from vents and processing equipment have to be controlled in order to determine whether they are in compliance with in force regulations on environmental protection. Based on results of such controls the need for implementation of relevant environmental risk management measures can be determined.

8.3. Further information
Not applicable

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SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) appearance Solid, Small spherical beads, white
b) odour faint pentane-like
c) odour threshold data not available
d) pH not applicable
e) melting point/freezing point 60 °C - 80°C (softening temperature)
f) initial boiling point and boiling range N/A – decomposes
g) flash point n-pentane: – 49°C
isopentane: – 51°C
h) evaporation rate not applicable
i) flammability (solid, gas) In use may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.
j) upper/lower flammability or expl. limits lower explosive limit:
   n-pentane: 7.8 % v/v
   isopentane: 7.6 % v/v
   upper explosive limit:
   n-pentane: 1.3 % v/v
   isopentane: 1.0 %v/v
dusts: ca. 20 g/m³
k) vapour pressure n-pentane:
   56.2 kPa @ 20°C
   158.7 kPa @ 50°C
isopentane:
   77.1 kPa @ 20°C
   208.6 kPa @ 50°C
l) vapour density N/A
m) relative density ca. 1.05 g/cm³ @ 20°C
n) solubility insoluble in water
   soluble in aromatic hydrocarbons, ketones and esters N/A
o) partition coefficient logK_o/w N/A
p) auto-ignition temperature n-pentane: 285°C
   isopentane: 420°C
c) decomposition temperature ca. 230°C
r) viscosity N/A
s) explosive properties In use may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.
t) oxidizing properties N/A

9.2. Other information

u) heat of combustion data not available
v) heat of polymerization N/A
w) bulk density ca. 550 - 650 kg/ m³ @ 20°C

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1. Reactivity
The product is of low reactivity.

10.2. Chemical stability
The product is stable in the given conditions of storage and use of stabilizers is not required (see Section 7.2).
The product releases pentane vapours under all conditions, but the release rate is much more higher at the temperatures exceeding 20 ° 25°C.
At the temperatures exceeding 70 ° 80°C beads begin to soften and increase their volume.
At the temperature 90 ° 110°C pentane which is being released intensively causes increase of the beads volume by ca. 20 ° 40 times (expansion).
After processing with evolution of pentane decomposition of polymer starts at the temperature exceeding ca. 230°C and above 300°C the decomposition process is much more intensive.

10.3. **Possibility of hazardous reactions**
In use may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.

10.4. **Conditions to avoid**

10.5. **Incompatible materials**
Strong oxidants, organic solvents.

10.6. **Hazardous decomposition products**
Thermal decomposition of the product may produce i.a. styrene, acidic vapours and carbon monoxide, pentane, traces of hydrogen bromide.

**SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No data on toxicological properties of the product as such is available. Hazards which the product creates to the human health and life have been assessed in accordance with rules applicable for mixtures (see also Section 2 of this Safety Data Sheet).

11.1. **Information on toxicological effects**

11.1.1. **Acute toxicity**
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

11.1.2. **Skin corrosion/irritation**
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

11.1.3. **Serious eye damage/irritation**
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

11.1.4. **Respiratory or skin sensitisation**
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

11.1.5. **Germ cell mutagenicity**
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

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

11.1.7. **Reproductive toxicity**
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

11.1.8. **STOT-single exposure**
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

11.1.9. **STOT-repeated exposure**
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

11.1.10. **Aspiration hazard**
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

11.2. **Information on likely routes of exposure**
Dermal, inhalation.

11.3. **Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics**
Symptoms of overexposure to pentane include drowsiness and dizziness, headache, loss of coordination, dazed state.

11.4. **Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**
Overexposure to contained in the product pentane mixture may cause CNS depression.

**SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

This environmental hazard assessment is based on information available on similar products. This product contains a substance which is classified as dangerous for the environment. However recent studies on aquatic organisms have shown that EPS-beads, while containing this substance, do not need to be classified for environmental hazard.

12.1. **Toxicity**
Aquatic invertebrates:
12.2. Persistence and degradability
Polystyrene contained in the product is not readily biodegradable. Pentane which releases from the product is readily biodegradable according to OECD criteria. In the atmosphere pentane is rapidly oxidized in photochemical reactions with half-life of 1 to 10 days.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential
It is expected that polystyrene contained in the product does not exhibit bioaccumulative potential. Pentanes which release from the product may undergo bioaccumulation.

12.4. Mobility in soil
Data not available.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
The product contains no substances that meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB in accordance with Annex XIII.

12.6. Other adverse effects
Data not available.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1. Waste treatment methods
Primary, product wastes should be recovered. Wastes, which could not be recovered should be biologically, chemically or physically transformed or stored on landfill. Landfilling should be performed only for those wastes, destruction of which is technically impossible or ecologically or economically unjustified. Recovery or destruction of product wastes has to be performed in accordance with regulations in force, in special assigned facility and/or equipment meeting the appropriate requirements.


Recover or recycle if possible. Remove all packaging for recovery or disposal. Normal disposal is via incineration operated by an accredited disposal contractor. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state or national legislation. Returnable packaging may be reused after decontamination.

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

ADR/RID, IMDG, ICAO/IATA packaging and carriage provisions apply. Packaging shall be loaded on to closed or sheeted vehicles or containers.

14.1. UN number
2211

14.2. UN proper shipping name
POLYMERIC BEADS, EXPANDABLE

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)
9

14.4. Packing group
III

14.5. Environmental hazards
The mixture is not environmentally hazardous according to the criteria of the UN Model Regulations.

14.6. Special precautions for user
None.

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code
Not applicable.
SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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


15.2. Chemical safety assessment

Chemical safety assessment has been carried out for those components of the mixture for which it was required.

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

16.1. Revised sections

Not applicable.

16.2. List of relevant R phrases, hazard statements, safety phrases and/or precautionary statements given under Sections 2 to 15 and (if applicable) full text of any statements which are not written out in full under the aforementioned Sections

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour
H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways
H336 May cause drowsiness or dizziness
H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
vPvB Very persistent and very bioaccumulative (substance)
PBT Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (substance)
PNEC Predicted No Effect Concentration
DNEL Derived No Effect Levels
LC50 Lethal Dose 50%, dose required to kill half the members of a tested population after a specified test duration
EC50 Concentration of a tested substance causing 50% changes in response (e.g. on growth) during a specified time interval.

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