SAFETY DATA SHEET
UNICA AKVA MAALI

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

1.1 Product identifier

Product name : UNICA AKVA MAALI
Product description : A waterborne acrylate paint.

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

Recommended use: Painting work

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Manufacturer or Distributor
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P.O. Box 53
FI-01301 VANTAA
FINLAND
Telephone +358 20 191 2000
Phone number : 112 (24h)
Supplier or Manufacturer
Tikkurila Oyj
Telephone number : +358 20 191 2000 (GMT +2) Mon-Fri 8-16

1.4 Emergency telephone number

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Product definition : Mixture
Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]
Aquatic Chronic 3, H412

The product is classified as hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended.

2.2 Label elements

Signal word : No signal word.
Hazard statements : H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statements
General : Not applicable.
Prevention : P273 - Avoid release to the environment.
Response : Not applicable.
Storage : Not applicable.
Disposal : Not applicable.

Supplemental label elements : Contains 2,4,7,9-tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol, 2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (OIT), reaction mass of: 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one [EC no. 247-500-7] and 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one [EC no. 220-239-6] (3:1) (C(M)IT/MIT (3:1)) and 3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate (IPBC). May produce an allergic reaction.
Wear protective gloves.

This product contains a biocidal product for the preservation of the product during storage. Contains C(M)IT/MIT (3:1).

### 2.3 Other hazards

Other hazards which do not result in classification: None known.

### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.2 Mixtures

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<td>2,4,7,9-tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol</td>
<td>REACH #: 01-2119954390-39 EC: 204-809-1 CAS: 126-86-3</td>
<td>≤0.3</td>
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<td>3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate (IPBC)</td>
<td>EC: 259-627-5 CAS: 55406-53-6</td>
<td>≤0.3</td>
<td>Acute Tox. 4, H302 Acute Tox. 3, H331 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Skin Sens. 1, H317 STOT RE 1, H372 (larynx) Aquatic Acute 1, H400 (M=10) Aquatic Chronic 1, H410 (M=1)</td>
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<td>2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (OIT)</td>
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<td>CAS: 55965-84-9</td>
<td>&lt;0.0015</td>
<td>Acute Tox. 3, H301 Acute Tox. 3, H311 Acute Tox. 3, H331 Skin Corr. 1B, H314 Skin Sens. 1, H317 Aquatic Acute 1, H400 (M=1) Aquatic Chronic 1, H410 (M=1)</td>
<td>See Section 16 for the full text of the H statements declared above.</td>
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There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier, are classified and contribute to the classification of the substance and hence require reporting in this section.

**Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.**

Notes, if applicable, refer to Notes given in Annex VI of 1272/2008/EC.

### SECTION 4: First aid measures

#### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

**General**: In all cases of doubt, or when symptoms persist, seek medical attention. Show this safety data sheet or label to the doctor if possible.

**Eye contact**: Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of lukewarm water, keeping eyelids open. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes.

**Inhalation**: Remove to fresh air.

**Skin contact**: Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water or use recognized skin cleanser. Do NOT use solvents or thinners.
Ingestion: If accidentally swallowed rinse the mouth with plenty of water (only if the person is conscious). If significant amounts have been swallowed or if symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

Contains:
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- 2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (OIT)
- 3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate (IPBC)
- 2,4,7,9-tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol
May produce an allergic reaction.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
None.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media
- Suitable extinguishing media: Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire. Recommended: Alcohol resistant foam, CO₂, powders or water spray/mist.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media: Do not use a direct water jet that could spread the fire.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
- Hazards from the substance or mixture: This product is not classified as flammable. Fire will produce dense black smoke. Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard.
- Hazardous combustion products: When exposed to high temperatures, hazardous decomposition products may be produced, such as carbon monoxide and dioxide, smoke, oxides of nitrogen etc.

5.3 Advice for firefighters
- Special protective actions for fire-fighters: Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. This material is hazardous to aquatic organisms. Fire water contaminated with this material must be contained and prevented from being discharged to any waterway, sewer or drain.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters: Appropriate breathing apparatus may be required.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures: Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions: Hazardous to aquatic environment. Do not allow to enter drains, water courses or soil.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up: Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations. Preferably clean with water or detergent. Avoid using solvents.

6.4 Reference to other sections: See Section 1 for emergency contact information. See Section 13 for additional waste treatment information.
SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling
Skin contact with the product and exposure to spray mist and vapor should be avoided. Avoid inhalation of dust from sanding. See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment. Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled and stored. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Avoid release to the environment.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10) and food and drink. Keep container tightly closed. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Recommended storage temperature is +5°C ...+25°C. Do not allow to freeze. Store in accordance with local regulations.

7.3 Specific end use(s)
None.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters
Occupational exposure limits
No exposure limit value known.

Recommended monitoring procedures
If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment.

DNELs/DMELs
No DNELs/DMELs available.

PNECs
No PNECs available.

8.2 Exposure controls
Appropriate engineering controls
Provide adequate ventilation. Comply with the health and safety at work laws.

Individual protection measures

Eye/face protection
Safety eyewear should be used when there is a likelihood of exposure. Use safety eyewear (EN166), especially during spray-application.

Hand protection
Wear protective gloves. Gloves should be replaced regularly and if there is any sign of damage to the glove material. The instructions and information provided by the glove manufacturer on use, storage, maintenance and replacement must be followed.
Recommended glove material (EN374):
> 8 hours (breakthrough time): nitrile rubber
Not recommended: PVA gloves

Skin protection
Wear appropriate personal protective clothing to prevent skin contact.

Respiratory protection
If ventilation during spray-application is inadequate, use respirators with combination filter AP, gas/dust filter (EN405:2001). Wear a respirator with type P2 filter during sanding (EN149:2001). Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Check that mask fits tightly and change filter regularly.

Environmental exposure controls
For information regarding environmental protection measures, please refer to section 13 for waste handling, section 7 for handling and storage and section 1.2 for relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.
SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance
- Physical state: Liquid.
- Color: Various
- Odor: Mild.
- Odor threshold: Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
- pH: Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.

Physical state
- Melting point/freezing point: 0°C (water)
- Initial boiling point and boiling range: 100°C (water)
- Flash point: > 100 °C
- Evaporation rate: Not relevant due to the nature of the product.
- Flammability (solid, gas): Not applicable. Product is a liquid.
- Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits: Not relevant due to the nature of the product.
- Vapor pressure: 3.2 kPa [room temperature] (water)
- Vapor density: Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
- Density: 1 to 1.2 g/cm³
- Solubility(ies): Miscible in water.
- Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: Not available.
- Auto-ignition temperature: Not relevant due to the nature of the product.
- Decomposition temperature: Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
- Viscosity: Not relevant due to the nature of the product.
- Explosive properties: No explosive ingredients present.
- Oxidizing properties: No oxidizing ingredients present.

9.2 Other information

No additional information.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

See Section 10.5.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage and handling conditions (see Section 7).

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid extreme heat and freezing.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Keep away from the following materials to prevent strong exothermic reactions:
- oxidizing agents
- strong acids
- strong alkalis

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

When exposed to high temperatures, hazardous decomposition products may be produced, such as carbon monoxide and dioxide, smoke, oxides of nitrogen etc.
SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

There is no testdata available on the product itself. The product is not classified as hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended. Long term exposure to spray mist may produce respiratory tract irritation. Prolonged or repeated contact can defat the skin and lead to irritation, cracking and/or dermatitis.

Acute toxicity

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<td>3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate (IPBC)</td>
<td>LD50 Oral</td>
<td>Rat</td>
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<td>2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (OIT)</td>
<td>LD50 Dermal</td>
<td>Rabbit</td>
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<td>LD50 Oral</td>
<td>Rat</td>
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<td>LD50 Oral</td>
<td>Rat</td>
<td>53 mg/kg</td>
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Not classified.

Irritation/Corrosion
Not classified.

Sensitization
The product is not classified as sensitizing by skin contact, but it contains following preservatives or other biocides which may produce an allergic reaction:
1,2-benzisosiazol-3(2H)-one (BIT)
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2-octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (OIT)
2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (MIT)
3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate (IPBC)
Contains small amounts of sensitizing substances: 2,4,7,9-tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol

Mutagenicity
Not classified.

Carcinogenicity
Not classified.

Reproductive toxicity
Not classified.

Teratogenicity
Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
Not classified.

Aspiration hazard
Not classified.
SECTION 12: Ecological information

Ecological testing has not been conducted on this product. Do not allow to enter drains, water courses or soil.

The product is classified as environmentally hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

12.1 Toxicity

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<td>LC50 0.067 mg/l</td>
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<td>NOEC 0.05 mg/l</td>
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<td>LC50 0.047 mg/l</td>
<td>Fish - Oncorhynchus mykiss</td>
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<td>Acute EC50 0.379 mg/l</td>
<td>Algae - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</td>
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<td>Acute EC50 0.16 mg/l</td>
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<td>Acute LC50 0.19 mg/l</td>
<td>Fish - Oncorhynchus mykiss</td>
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<td>Chronic NOEC 0.0012 mg/l</td>
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<td>Chronic NOEC 0.004 mg/l</td>
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12.2 Persistence and degradability

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12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

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<td>2.45</td>
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12.4 Mobility in soil
Soil/water partition coefficient (K<sub>oc</sub>) : Not available.
Mobility : Not available.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT : Not applicable.
vPvB : Not applicable.

12.6 Other adverse effects : Not available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Methods of disposal : Remove as much product as possible from the tools before cleaning. Liquid residue and cleaning liquids are hazardous waste and must not be emptied into drains or sewage system, but handled in accordance with national regulations. Product residues should be left at special companies which have permission for gathering this kind of wastes.

European waste catalogue (EWC)

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<td>08 01 11*</td>
<td>waste paint and varnish containing organic solvents or other hazardous substances</td>
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If this product is mixed with other wastes, the original waste product code may no longer apply and the appropriate code should be assigned. For further information, contact your local waste authority.

Packaging

Methods of disposal : Empty packaging should be recycled or disposed of in accordance with national regulations.

Special precautions : No additional information.

SECTION 14: Transport information

This product is not regulated for carriage according to ADR/RID, IMDG, IATA.

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<td>14.5 Environmental hazards</td>
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14.6 Special precautions for user : Transport within user's premises: always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC Code : Not available.
SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

EU Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)

Other EU regulations

Europe inventory : Not determined.
VOC Directive : This product is in scope of Directive 2004/42/CE.

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

This product contains substances for which Chemical Safety Assessments are still required.

SECTION 16: Other information

Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.

Abbreviations and acronyms:

ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate
CLP = Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation [Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008]
DMEL = Derived Minimal Effect Level
DNEL = Derived No Effect Level
EUH statement = CLP-specific Hazard statement
PBT = Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC = Predicted No Effect Concentration
RRN = REACH Registration Number
vPvB = Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Procedure used to derive the classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]

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<td>H301 Toxic if swallowed.</td>
<td>H302 Harmful if swallowed.</td>
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<td>H311 Toxic in contact with skin.</td>
<td>H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.</td>
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<td>H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.</td>
<td>H318 Causes serious eye damage.</td>
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<td>H319 Toxic if inhaled.</td>
<td>H321 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.</td>
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<td>H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.</td>
<td>H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.</td>
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<td>H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.</td>
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