



SAFETY DATA SHEET

VALTTI KALUSTE- JA TERASSIÖLJY

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

1.1 Product identifier

Product name : VALTTI KALUSTE- JA TERASSIÖLJY
 Product code : 0050428|0050429|0050430
 Product description : Wood oil

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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 Product Safety,
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Telephone number : 112
 (24h)

Supplier or Manufacturer

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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]

Flam. Liq. 3, H226
 STOT SE 3, H336
 Asp. Tox. 1, H304
 Aquatic Chronic 3, H412

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

2.2 Label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H226 - Flammable liquid and vapor.
 H336 - May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
 H304 - May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
 H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statements

General	: P102 - Keep out of reach of children. P101 - If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.
Prevention	: P261 - Avoid breathing mist/vapors/spray. P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. P210 - Keep away from sparks and open flames. - No smoking. P273 - Avoid release to the environment.
Response	: P301 + P310 - IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. P331 - Do NOT induce vomiting.
Storage	: Not applicable.
Disposal	: Not applicable.
Hazardous ingredients	: hydrocarbons, C9-C11, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics, <2% aromatics
Supplemental label elements	: Contains 3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate and ethyl methyl ketoxime. May produce an allergic reaction. Wear protective gloves.

2.3 Other hazards

Other hazards which do not result in classification	: Note! Risk of self-ignition of used cleaning rags, paper wipes etc. Contaminated materials can create fire some hours later and should be soaked in water and placed in a closed metal container before disposal.
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SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.2 Mixtures		: Mixture		
Product/ingredient name	Identifiers	%	Classification Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]	Notes
hydrocarbons, C9-C11, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics, <2% aromatics	REACH #: 01-2119463258-33 EC: 919-857-5 CAS: -	≥50 - ≤75	Flam. Liq. 3, H226 STOT SE 3, H336 Asp. Tox. 1, H304 EUH066	H,P
hydrocarbons, C9, aromatics	REACH #: 01-2119455851-35 EC: 918-668-5 CAS: -	≤10	Flam. Liq. 3, H226 STOT SE 3, H335 STOT SE 3, H336 Asp. Tox. 1, H304 Aquatic Chronic 2, H411 EUH066	H,P
2-(2-butoxyethoxy)ethanol	REACH #: 01-2119475104-44 EC: 203-961-6 CAS: 112-34-5 Index: 603-096-00-8	≤3	Eye Irrit. 2, H319	-
3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate	EC: 259-627-5 CAS: 55406-53-6	≤0,92	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)	-
ethyl methyl ketoxime	REACH #: 01-2119539477-28 EC: 202-496-6 CAS: 96-29-7 Index: 616-014-00-0	≤0,3	Acute Tox. 4, H312 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Skin Sens. 1, H317 Carc. 2, H351	-
amines, N-tallow alkyltrimethylenedi-, oleates	EC: 263-186-4 CAS: 61791-53-5	≤0,025	Skin Corr. 1B, H314 Aquatic Acute 1, H400 (M=100) See Section 16 for the full text of the H statements declared above.	-

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.

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment, are PBTs or vPvBs or have been assigned a workplace exposure limit 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 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Inhalation	: Remove to fresh air. Keep person warm and at rest. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Get medical attention.
Skin contact	: Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water or use recognized skin cleanser. Do NOT use solvents or thinners.
Ingestion	: Aspiration hazard if swallowed. Can enter lungs and cause damage. If accidentally swallowed rinse the mouth with plenty of water (only if the person is conscious) and obtain immediate medical attention. Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Do NOT induce vomiting.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

Contains:

3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate

ethyl methyl ketoxime

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, CO ₂ , 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	: Flammable liquid and vapor. Fire will produce dense black smoke. Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard. The vapor/gas is heavier than air and will spread along the ground. Vapors may accumulate in low or confined areas or travel a considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back. Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion 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	: Move containers from fire area if this can be done without risk. 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.
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Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

- 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** : Shut off all ignition sources. No flares, smoking or flames in hazard area. Provide adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Avoid direct skin contact with product. See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment.
- 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 a 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** : Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Prevent the creation of flammable or explosive concentrations of vapors in air and avoid vapor concentrations higher than the occupational exposure limits. Isolate from sources of heat, sparks and open flame. In addition, the product should only be used in areas from which all naked lights and other sources of ignition have been excluded. Electrical equipment should be protected to the appropriate standard. Mixture may charge electrostatically: always use earthing leads when transferring from one container to another. No sparking tools should be used.
Skin contact with the product and exposure to spray mist and vapor should be avoided. Avoid inhalation of dust from sanding. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. 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.
Risk of self-ignition! Materials such as cleaning rags and paper wipes, sanding dust and overspray containing the product, may spontaneously self-ignite some hours later. To avoid the risks of fires, all contaminated materials should be placed in a metal container filled with water and sealed or dried preferably outdoors or incinerated immediately. Contaminated materials should be removed from the workplace at the end of each working day and be stored outside.
- 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. No smoking. Store and use away from heat, sparks, open flame or any other ignition source. 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. 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

Product/ingredient name	Exposure limit values
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2-butoxyethoxy)ethanol	EU OEL (Europe, 12/2009). Notes: list of indicative occupational exposure limit values TWA: 67,5 mg/m ³ 8 hours. TWA: 10 ppm 8 hours. STEL: 101,2 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. STEL: 15 ppm 15 minutes.

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. Where reasonably practicable, this should be achieved by the use of local exhaust ventilation and good general extraction. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment. If these are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of particulates and solvent vapors below the OEL, suitable respiratory protection must be worn (see Personal protection). Comply with the health and safety at work laws.

Individual protection measures

- Eye/face protection** : Use safety eyewear designed to protect against splash of liquids (EN166).
- 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):
 < 1 hour (breakthrough time): nitrile rubber
 > 8 hours (breakthrough time): fluor rubber, laminated foil
 Not recommended: PVC or natural rubber (latex) gloves
- Skin protection** : Wear suitable protective clothing. This product is classified as flammable. If necessary, personnel should wear antistatic clothing made of natural fibers or of high-temperature-resistant synthetic fibers.
- Respiratory protection** : If ventilation is inadequate, use respirator that will protect against organic vapor and dust/mist. During spray-application use respirators with combination filter A/P3 (EN405:2001). Wear a half mask or full face respirator with gas and vapor filter A and dust filter P2 during sanding (EN140:1998, EN405:2001). During continuous and long-term work the use of motor-driven or air-fed respirators is recommended (EN12941:1998). 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** : Strong.
- Odor threshold** : Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.

pH	: Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
Melting point/freezing point	: <-15°C (hydrocarbons, C9-C11, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics, <2% aromatics)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	: 150 to 200°C (hydrocarbons, C9-C11, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics, <2% aromatics)
Flash point	: 36 °C (hydrocarbons, C9-C11, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics, <2% aromatics)
Evaporation rate	: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant due the nature of the product.
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not applicable. Product is a liquid.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	: Lower: 0,6% (hydrocarbons, C9-C11, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics, <2% aromatics) Upper: 7% (hydrocarbons, C9-C11, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics, <2% aromatics)
Vapor pressure	: 0,3 kPa [room temperature] (hydrocarbons, C9-C11, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics, <2% aromatics)
Vapor density	: >3 (hydrocarbons, C9-C11, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics, <2% aromatics)
Density	: 0,9 g/cm ³
Solubility(ies)	: insoluble in water.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/ water	: Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	: 250°C (hydrocarbons, C9-C11, n-alkanes, isoalkanes, cyclics, <2% aromatics)
Decomposition temperature	: Not relevant for the hazard assessment of the product.
Viscosity	: Kinematic (40°C): <20,5 mm ² /s
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** : May present an explosion hazard when material is suspended in air in confined areas or equipment and subjected to spark, heat or flame.
- 10.4 Conditions to avoid** : Avoid extreme heat and freezing. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).
- 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 classified as hazardous according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended.

Exposure to component solvent vapor concentrations in excess of the stated occupational exposure limit may result in adverse health effects such as mucous membrane and respiratory system irritation and adverse effects on the kidneys, liver and central nervous system. Symptoms and signs include headache, dizziness, fatigue, muscular weakness, drowsiness and, in extreme cases, loss of consciousness. Repeated or prolonged contact with the mixture may cause removal of natural fat from the skin, resulting in non-allergic contact dermatitis and absorption through the skin. If splashed in the eyes, the liquid may cause irritation and reversible damage. Ingestion may cause nausea, diarrhea and vomiting.

Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate	LD50 Oral	Rat	1470 mg/kg	-

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:

3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate

Contains small amounts of sensitizing substances:

ethyl methyl ketoxime

Mutagenicity

Not classified.

Carcinogenicity

Not classified.

Reproductive toxicity

Not classified.

Teratogenicity

Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Not classified.

Aspiration hazard

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

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

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Exposure
hydrocarbons, C9, aromatics	LC50 1 mg/l	Fish	96 hours
3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate	EC50 0,053 mg/l	Algae	72 hours
	EC50 0,16 mg/l	Daphnia	48 hours
	LC50 0,067 mg/l	Fish	96 hours
	NOEC 0,05 mg/l	Daphnia - Daphnia magna	21 days
amines, N-tallow alkyltrimethylenedi-, oleates	EC50 >0,001 mg/l	Daphnia	48 hours

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Product/ingredient name	Test	Result	Dose	Inoculum
hydrocarbons, C9, aromatics	-	78 % - 28 days	-	-
Product/ingredient name	Aquatic half-life	Photolysis	Biodegradability	
hydrocarbons, C9, aromatics	-	-	Readily	

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Product/ingredient name	LogP _{ow}	Bioconcentration factor [BCF]	Potential
ethyl methyl ketoxime	0,63	2.5 to 5.8	low
2-(2-butoxyethoxy)ethanol	1	-	low

12.4 Mobility in soil

Soil/water partition coefficient (K_{oc}) : 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)

Waste code	Waste designation
08 01 11*	waste paint and varnish containing organic solvents or other hazardous substances

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 : **Risk of self-ignition!** Materials such as cleaning rags and paper wipes, sanding dust and overspray containing the product, may spontaneously self-ignite some hours later. To avoid the risks of fires, waste like this should be placed in a metal container filled with water and sealed before disposal, or dried preferably outdoors or incinerated immediately.

SECTION 14: Transport information

	ADR/RID	IMDG	IATA
14.1 UN number	UN1263	UN1263	UN1263
14.2 UN proper shipping name	PAINT	PAINT	PAINT
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	3	3	3
14.4 Packing group	III	III	III
14.5 Environmental hazards	No.	No.	No.
Additional information	Special provisions 640 (E) Tunnel code (D/E)	Emergency schedules (EmS) F-E,S-E	-

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.

Product/ingredient name	Carcinogenic effects	Mutagenic effects	Developmental effects	Fertility effects
ethyl methyl ketoxime	Carc. 2, H351	-	-	-

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]

Classification**Justification**

Flam. Liq. 3, H226
STOT SE 3, H336
Asp. Tox. 1, H304
Aquatic Chronic 3, H412

On basis of test data
Calculation method
Calculation method
Calculation method

Full text of abbreviated H statements

: H226 Flammable liquid and vapor.
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
H312 Harmful in contact with skin.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318 Causes serious eye damage.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H331 Toxic if inhaled.
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.
H336 May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
H351 Suspected of causing cancer.
H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.
H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Full text of classifications [CLP/GHS]

: Acute Tox. 3, H331 ACUTE TOXICITY (inhalation) - Category 3
Acute Tox. 4, H302 ACUTE TOXICITY (oral) - Category 4
Acute Tox. 4, H312 ACUTE TOXICITY (dermal) - Category 4
Aquatic Acute 1, H400 AQUATIC HAZARD (ACUTE) - Category 1
Aquatic Chronic 1, H410 AQUATIC HAZARD (LONG-TERM) - Category 1
Aquatic Chronic 2, H411 AQUATIC HAZARD (LONG-TERM) - Category 2
Aquatic Chronic 3, H412 AQUATIC HAZARD (LONG-TERM) - Category 3
Asp. Tox. 1, H304 ASPIRATION HAZARD - Category 1
Carc. 2, H351 CARCINOGENICITY - Category 2
EUH066 Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.
Eye Dam. 1, H318 SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE/ EYE IRRITATION - Category 1
Eye Irrit. 2, H319 SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE/ EYE IRRITATION - Category 2
Flam. Liq. 3, H226 FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS - Category 3
Skin Corr. 1B, H314 SKIN CORROSION/IRRITATION - Category 1B
Skin Sens. 1, H317 SKIN SENSITIZATION - Category 1
STOT RE 1, H372 SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (REPEATED EXPOSURE) - Category 1
STOT SE 3, H335 SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (SINGLE EXPOSURE) (Respiratory tract irritation) - Category 3
STOT SE 3, H336 SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (SINGLE EXPOSURE) (Narcotic effects) - Category 3

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