UN GHS REVISION 7

Safety Data Sheet
Paraffin Wax

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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1 GHS Product identifier

Product name	Paraffin Wax
Product number	PARAPRO
Brand	Hurst Scientific

1.3 Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Histology — tissue infiltration and embedding medium.

1.4 Supplier's details

Name	Hurst Scientific
Address	2 Transit Place, 6112 Forrestdale WA, Australia
Telephone	1300 778 068
email	sales@hurstscientific.com.au

1.5 Emergency phone number

Australian Poisons Information Centre 13 11 26

Australian Emergency Services 000

SECTION 2: Hazard identification

General hazard statement

Not classified as a Hazardous substance according to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and Safe Work Australia criteria.

Classified as NON-Dangerous goods according to the ADG Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (7th Edition).

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS classification in accordance with: UN GHS revision 7

Not classified as hazardous under the WHS Regulations (UN GHS revision 7).

2.2 GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictograms	Not applicable
Signal word	Not applicable

Hazard statement(s)

None.

Precautionary statement(s)

None.

2.3 Other hazards

Molten product is hot and may cause thermal burns. Heated material may evolve wax fumes. No information available on PBT / vPvB status or endocrine disrupting properties.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Components

Component	Concentration
Paraffin Wax (CAS: 8002-74-2)	100%

SECTION 4: First-aid measures

4.1 Description of necessary first-aid measures

Eye contact

Flush eyes with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, holding the eyelids apart. If the product is hot, flush immediately and seek urgent medical attention. If irritation develops or persists, seek medical attention.

Skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing and wash affected area with soap and water thoroughly. If the product is molten, cool the skin with a large amount of water; do not attempt to remove material bonded to the skin and do not apply salves or ointments. Seek medical attention for any thermal burn or if irritation develops.

Inhalation

Evacuate to fresh air immediately. If unconscious, place in recovery position and provide artificial respiration if breathing ceases. Seek medical attention.

Ingestion

DO NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth out with copious amounts of water and seek medical attention.

First-aid facilities

Eye wash station, safety shower and First Aid kit.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important symptoms and effects are described in Section 2 (hazard statements) and Section 11 (toxicological information).

4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically. For advice, contact the Poisons Information Centre (Australia 13 11 26; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

5.1 Suitable extinguishing media

Use an extinguishing medium suitable for the surrounding fire and other material involved. Water spray, dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide or foam. Do not scatter spilled material with high-pressure water streams.

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Combustion may produce toxic and irritating gases.

5.3 Special protective actions for fire-fighters

Fire fighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) operated in positive-pressure mode and full protective clothing. Fight the fire from a safe location.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid contact with molten material. Wear suitable protective equipment (see Section 8). Evacuate non-essential personnel from the area.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent the spill from entering drains, sewers and waterways. In the event of a major spill, contain the material and notify the relevant authorities.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

At ambient temperature, pick up or sweep the spilled material using clean tools and place it into a labelled, sealable container for disposal. If the material is molten, allow it to solidify and cool before picking or scraping it up. Ventilate the area.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid contact with molten material. Avoid breathing fumes from heated material. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Keep containers tightly closed and upright when not in use. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Inspect containers regularly for damage or leaks.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Paraffin Wax (CAS: 8002-74-2)
AU/SWA (AU): TWA: 2 mg/m³

8.2 Appropriate engineering controls

Ensure an adequate ventilation or exhaust system is in place.

8.3 Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Eye/face protection

The use of a face shield, chemical goggles or safety glasses with side shield protection as appropriate. Must comply with Australian Standard AS 1337 and be selected and used in accordance with AS 1336.

Skin protection

Clean impervious clothing should be worn. Clothing for protection against chemicals should comply with AS 3765 Clothing for Protection Against Hazardous Chemicals.

Hand protection

Use occupational protective gloves complying with AS 2161 (Selection, Use and Maintenance).

Respiratory protection

If engineering controls are not effective in controlling airborne exposure then an approved respirator with a replaceable particulate filter should be used. Reference should be made to Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715, Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices; and AS/NZS 1716, Respiratory Protective Devices.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

Basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Solid
Appearance	Solid at ambient temperature; liquid when molten
Colour	No data available
Odour	Odourless
Odour threshold	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	52 - 62 °C
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	> 300 °C
Flammability	May be combustible at high temperatures
Lower and upper explosion limit/flammability limit	No data available
Flash point	> 200 °C
Explosive properties	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	> 200 °C
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Oxidising properties	No data available
pH	No data available
Kinematic viscosity	No data available
Solubility	Insoluble in water
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	No data available
Vapour pressure	No data available
Evaporation rate	No data available
Density and/or relative density	0.83 - 0.86 g/cm³ at 15 °C
Relative vapour density	No data available
Particle characteristics	No data available
Supplemental information regarding physical hazard classes	No data available
Further safety characteristics (supplemental)	No data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

Stable under normal conditions of storage and handling.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reaction with oxidising agents may generate heat and cause fire.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Extreme heat. Avoid storing in direct sunlight and avoid extremes of temperature.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidising agents, strong acids, strong bases.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Thermal breakdown during a fire or at very high temperatures may evolve oxides of carbon, wax fumes and smoke.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Oral LD_{50}: >5000 mg/kg; Dermal LD_{50}: >5000 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation

Not expected to be a skin irritant.

Serious eye damage/irritation

Not expected to be an eye irritant.

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Not expected to be a respiratory or skin sensitiser.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Not considered to be a mutagenic hazard.

Carcinogenicity

Not considered to be a carcinogenic hazard.

Reproductive toxicity

Not considered to be toxic to reproduction.

Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) - single exposure

Not expected to cause toxicity to a specific target organ.

Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) - repeated exposure

Not expected to cause toxicity to a specific target organ through repeated exposure.

Aspiration hazard

Not expected to be an aspiration hazard.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

Toxicity

Not known to be hazardous to water

Persistence and degradability

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

Has the potential to bioaccumulate; however, metabolism or physical properties may reduce bioconcentration or limit bioavailability

Mobility in soil

Low water solubility; floats and is expected to migrate from water to land. Expected to partition to sediment and wastewater solids

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No data available

Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

Other adverse effects

No data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

Product disposal

Dispose of in accordance with local authority guidelines.

Packaging disposal

Dispose of in accordance with local authority guidelines.

Waste treatment

Dispose of in accordance with local authority guidelines.

Sewage disposal

Do not contaminate drains and waterways.

Other disposal recommendations

Nil.

SECTION 14: Transport information

ADG (Australian Dangerous Goods Code, 7th Edition)

Not classified as dangerous goods according to the ADG Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (7th Edition).

IMDG (International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code)

Not classified as dangerous goods according to the IMDG Code.

IATA (International Air Transport Association Dangerous Goods Regulations)

Not classified as dangerous goods according to the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

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Australia SUSMP — Poison Schedule: Not Scheduled (NS)

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out for this product.

SECTION 16: Other information

16.1 Further information/disclaimer

References

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3. Safe Work Australia, Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants (2013).
4. National Transport Commission Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code), Volume 1, Edition 7.9 (2023).
5. Standards Australia, Dangerous Goods Initial Emergency Response Guide: Australian Handbook (SAA/SNZ HB76); Homebush (2004).

16.2 Preparation information

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