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# IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

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Material Name: VISINE® Original

Trade Name:

Visine

**Chemical Family:** 

Mixture

Intended Use:

minor eye irritation and redness

## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Hazardous

Hazardous			0/
Ingredient	CAS Number	EU EINECS List	70
Tetrahydrozoline hydrochloride	522-48-5	208-329-3	0.05
Benzalkonium chloride	8001-54-5	Not listed	*
Boric acid	10043-35-3	233-139-2	*
Sodium borate	1303-96-4	Not listed	*

Ingredient	CAS Number	EU EINECS List	%
Edetate disodium	139-33-3	205-358-3	*
Sodium chloride	7647-14-5	231-598-3	*
Purified water	7732-18-5	231-791-2	*

Additional Information:

\* Proprietary

Ingredient(s) indicated as hazardous have been assessed under standards for workplace

safety.

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Appearance:

Clear, colorless solution

Signal Word:

None required

Statement of Hazard:

Non-hazardous in accordance with international standards for workplace safety.

**Eye Contact:** 

May cause minor eye irritation.

Skin Contact:

May cause irritation based on components.

Inhalation: Ingestion:

May cause mucous membrane and respiratory tract irritation.

Known Clinical Effects:

Not acutely toxic (based on animal data). See 'Other potential health effects', below. Adverse effects associated with the therapeutic use of Visine may include minor burning,

stinging or redness of the eye, and transient dilation of pupils.

**Potential Health Effects:** 

Ingestion of tetrahydrozoline hydrochloride may cause changes in blood pressure, irregular or rapid heart rate, faintness, drowsiness, headache, nausea, and stroke. Individuals sensitive to

this material or other materials in its chemical class may develop allergic reactions.

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EU Indication of danger:

Not classified

Note:

This document has been prepared in accordance with standards for workplace safety, which require the inclusion of all known hazards of the product or its ingredients regardless of the potential risk. The precautionary statements and warnings included may not apply in all cases. Your needs may vary depending upon the potential for exposure in your workplace.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye Contact:** 

Flush with water for 15 minutes. If irritation occurs or persists, get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** 

Remove clothing and wash affected skin with soap and water. If irritation occurs or persists,

get medical attention.

Ingestion:

Get medical attention. Do not induce vomiting unless directed by medical personnel. Never

give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Inhalation:

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Extinguishing Media:** 

As for primary cause of fire.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** 

May emit toxic fumes of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, hydrogen,

chlorine and ammonium fumes

Fire Fighting Procedures:

Wear approved positive pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective turn

out gear.

Fire / Explosion Hazards:

Not flammable.

Additional Information:

This product is a nonflammable aqueous solution.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Health and Safety Precautions:** 

Personnel involved in clean-up should wear appropriate personal protective equipment (see

Section 8). Minimize exposure.

Measures for Cleaning / Collecting:

Absorb spills with non-combustible absorbent material and transfer into a labeled container for

disposal. Clean spill area thoroughly.

Measures for Environmental

Protections:

Place waste in an appropriately labeled, sealed container for disposal. Care should be taken to avoid environmental release.

Additional Consideration for Large

Spills:

Collect spill with a non-combustible absorbent material. Transfer all waste to a labeled

container and move it to a secure holding area.

Additional Information:

Review Sections 3, 8 and 12 before proceeding with clean up.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

General Handling:

Use adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and

clothing.

**Storage Conditions:** 

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.

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Storage Temperature:

15-30°C (59-86°F)

#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Boric** acid

**ACGIH OELs - Notice of Intended Changes** 

Listed

Sodium borate

**ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TWA)** 

5 mg/m3 TWA

**ACGIH OELs - Notice of Intended Changes** 

Listed

The exposure limit(s) listed for solid components are only relevant if dust or mist may be generated.

The purpose of the Occupational Exposure Band (OEB) is to separate substances into different hazard categories and provide an exposure control and containment strategy for the compound as detailed in this section. The OEB given is based upon an analysis of all currently available data; as such, this value may be subject to alteration when new information becomes available.

Tetrahydrozoline hydrochloride

Pfizer Occupational Exposure OEB3 (control exposure to the range of >10ug/m³ to < 100ug/m³)

Band (OEB):

**Engineering Controls:** 

Engineering controls should be used as the primary means to control exposures. Local and

general ventilation should be used as necessary, when handling this material in bulk.

**Personal Protective Equipment:** 

Hands:

Not required for the normal use of this product. Wear protective gloves when working with

large quantities.

Eyes:

Not required for the normal use of this product. Wear safety glasses or goggles if eye contact

is possible.

Skin:

Not required for the normal use of this product. Long sleeves and pants (impervious clothing)

should be worn for protection when handling this material in bulk.

Respiratory protection:

Not required for the normal use of this product. If the applicable Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL) is exceeded, wear an appropriate respirator with a protection factor sufficient to control

exposures to below the OEL.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

**Physical State:** 

Sterile solution

Color:

Colorless

Molecular Formula:

Mixture

Molecular Weight:

Mixture

Solubility:

Soluble: Water

pH:

6.3-6.5

Flash Point (°C): Specific Gravity: Non-flammable

1.005-1.008

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:

Stable

Conditions to Avoid:

None known

Incompatible Materials:

Oxidizing agents, reducing agents

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Thermal decomposition products include carbon and nitrogen oxides, hydrogen, chlorine, and

ammonium fumes

Polymerization:

Will not occur

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### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**General Information:** 

The information in this section includes the potential hazards of the individual ingredients and

the formulated product.

**Product Level Toxicity Data** 

**Acute toxicity** 

**Species** 

Route

**End Point** 

Dose (mg/kg)

Rat

Oral

LD 50

>40

Irritation / Sensitization

**Study Type** 

**Species** 

Result

Eye Irritation

Rabbit

Negative

Ingredients:

Acute Toxicity: (Species, Route, End Point, Dose)

**Boric** acid

Rat Oral LD50 2500 mg/kg

Benzalkonium chloride

Oral LD50 240 mg/kg

Sodium chloride

Rat Oral LD50 3000 mg/kg Mouse Oral LD 50 4 g/kg

Tetrahydrozoline hydrochloride

Oral LD50 785 mg/kg

Irritation / Sensitization: (Study Type, Species, Severity)

Boric acid

Skin Irritation Human Mild

Benzalkonium chloride

Skin Irritation Rabbit Moderate Eye Irritation Rabbit Severe

Sodium chloride

Eye Irritation Rabbit Moderate Skin Irritation Rabbit Mild

Repeated Dose Toxicity: (Duration, Species, Route, Dose, End Point, Target Organ)

Sodium chloride

10 Day(s) Rat Oral 12500 mg/kg LOAEL Kidney, Ureter, Bladder

Reproduction & Development Toxicity: (Duration, Species, Route, Dose, End Point, Effect(s))

Prenatal & Postnatal Development Rat Oral 74 mg/kg/day NOAEL Developmental toxicity Prenatal & Postnatal Development Rat Oral 55 mg/kg/day NOAEL Fetotoxicity

Reproductive & Fertility-Males Mouse Oral 4500 ppm LOAEL Fertility

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Carcinogen Status:

None of the components of this formulation are listed as a carcinogen by IARC, NTP or OSHA.

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Environmental Overview:** 

The environmental characteristics of this mixture have not been fully evaluated. Releases to

the environment should be avoided.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal Procedures:** 

Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

#### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not regulated for transport under USDOT, EUADR, IATA, or IMDG regulations.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**EU Symbol:** 

None required

EU Indication of danger:

Not classified

#### **OSHA Label:**

None required

Non-hazardous in accordance with international standards for workplace safety.

#### Canada - WHMIS: Classifications

### WHMIS hazard class:

None required

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

### Ingredients:

Tetrahydrozoline hydrochloride

EU EINECS List

208-329-3

Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)

Listed

#### Edetate disodium

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EU EINECS List 205-358-3
Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b) Listed

Boric acid

EU EINECS List 233-139-2 Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b) Listed

Sodium chloride

EU EINECS List 231-598-3 Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b) Listed

**Purified water** 

EU EINECS List 231-791-2 Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b) Listed

Sodium borate

Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b) Listed

### **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

Reasons for Revision:

Updated Section 2 - Composition / Information on Ingredients. Updated Section 3 - Hazard Identification. Updated Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures. Updated Section 8 - Exposure Controls / Personal Protection. Updated Section 15 - Regulatory Information.

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