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### NICKEL AND NICKEL COMPOUNDS

Nickel

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EINECS-No.: 231-111-4

Nickel Sulphate

CAS-No.: 7786-81-4

EINECS-No.: 232-104-9

Nickel Carbonate

CAS-No.: 3333-67-3

EINECS-No.: 222-068-2

Nickel Chloride

CAS-No.: 7718-54-9

EINECS-No.: 231-743-0

Nickel Dinitrate

CAS-No.: 13138-45-9

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## Foreword

This Draft Risk assessment Report is carried out in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) 793/93<sup>1</sup> on the evaluation and control of the risks of “existing” substances. “Existing” substances are chemical substances in use within the European Community before September 1981 and listed in the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances. Regulation 793/93 provides a systematic framework for the evaluation of the risks to human health and the environment of these substances if they are produced or imported into the Community in volumes above 10 tonnes per year.

There are four overall stages in the Regulation for reducing the risks: data collection, priority setting, risk assessment and risk reduction. Data provided by Industry are used by Member States and the Commission services to determine the priority of the substances which need to be assessed. For each substance on a priority list, a Member State volunteers to act as “Rapporteur”, undertaking the in-depth Risk Assessment and recommending a strategy to limit the risks of exposure to the substance, if necessary.

The methods for carrying out an in-depth Risk Assessment at Community level are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) 1488/94<sup>2</sup>, which is supported by a technical guidance document<sup>3</sup>. Normally, the “Rapporteur” and individual companies producing, importing and/or using the chemicals work closely together to develop a draft Risk Assessment Report, which is then presented at a Meeting of Member State technical experts for endorsement. The Risk Assessment Report is then peer-reviewed by the Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment (CSTEE) which gives its opinion to the European Commission on the quality of the risk assessment.

This Draft Risk Assessment Report is currently under discussion in the Competent Group of Member State experts with the aim of reaching consensus. During the course of these discussions, the scientific interpretation of the underlying scientific information may change, more information may be included and even the conclusions reached in this draft may change. The Competent Group of Member State experts seek as wide a distribution of these drafts as possible, in order to assure as complete and accurate an information basis as possible. The information contained in this Draft Risk Assessment Report does not, therefore, necessarily provide a sufficient basis for decision making regarding the hazards, exposures or the risks associated with the priority substance.

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## 0 OVERALL RESULTS OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT<sup>4</sup>

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### Environment

- (X) **Conclusion (i)** There is a need for further information and/or testing.
- (X) **Conclusion (ii)** There is at present no need for further information and/or testing and no need for risk reduction measures beyond those which are being applied already.
- (X) **Conclusion (iii)** There is a need for limiting the risks; risk reduction measures which are already being applied shall be taken into account.

Conclusion (i) is reached because:

- There is a need for additional testing to provide robust data for the derivation of the PNEC<sub>sediment</sub>.

Conclusion (ii) is reached because:

- The risk assessment has shown that exposure of nickel at the regional scale results in no risk for most scenarios in the aquatic and terrestrial compartments. Additionally, no regional risk was shown for secondary poisoning.

Conclusion (iii) is reached because:

- The risk assessment has shown that exposure of nickel at the regional scale causes potential risk to aquatic organisms in waters with high pH and low Dissolved Organic Carbon. Also, subsets of soils from Spain and the UK show potential risk. Several instances of risk to the aquatic and terrestrial compartments were observed for specific sites in the Local Scale risk characterization.

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<sup>4</sup> Conclusion (i) There is a need for further information and/or testing.  
 Conclusion (ii) There is at present no need for further information and/or testing and no need for risk reduction measures beyond those which are being applied already.  
 Conclusion (iii) There is a need for limiting the risks; risk reduction measures which are already being applied shall be taken into account.

***NOTE: THIS TEXT IS DRAFT AND IS SUBJECT TO REVISION. THESE CONCLUSIONS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FINAL UNTIL AFTER MAY 30TH 2008.***



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