2 CAS No.: 79617-96-2 Substance: Sertraline

Chemical Substances Control Law Reference No.:

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Molecular Formula: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N Structural Formula:

Molecular Weight: 306.23

## 1. General information

The aqueous solubility of this substance is  $3.8\times10^3$  mg/L (25°C) (pH=5.3) (hydrochloride), the partition coefficient (1-octanol/water) (log  $K_{ow}$ ) is 5.29 (calculated value) or 2.18 (hydrochloride, calculated value), and the vapor pressure is  $1.56\times10^{-4}$  Pa (calculated value) or  $1.11\times10^{-9}$  Pa (hydrochloride, calculated value). Data could not be obtained regarding biodegradability (aerobic degradation) and hydrolyzability.

The main use of sertraline hydrochloride is as a selective reuptake inhibitor for serotonin. In addition, the production quantity of this substance calculated based on production of sertraline hydrochloride was 6.5 t in 2019.

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## 2. Exposure assessment

Because this substance is not classified as a Class 1 Designated Chemical Substance under the PRTR Law, release and transfer quantities could not be obtained. Predictions of proportions distributed to individual media by use of a Mackay-type level III fugacity model indicate that if equal quantities were released to the atmosphere, water bodies, and soil, the proportion distributed to soil would be largest.

The predicted environmental concentration (PEC), which indicates exposure to aquatic organisms, was around  $0.0036 \mu g/L$  for public freshwater bodies and generally  $0.00044 \mu g/L$  for seawater.

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## 3. Initial assessment of ecological risk

With regard to acute toxicity, the following reliable data were obtained: a 96-h IC<sub>50</sub> of 12.1 μg/L for growth inhibition in the green alga species *Raphidocelis subcapitata*, a 48-h LC<sub>50</sub> of 120 μg/L for the crustacean species *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, a 96-h LC<sub>50</sub> of 143 μg/L for the fish species *Pimephales promelas* (fathead minnow), and a 36-h EC<sub>50</sub> of 60 μg/L for abnormal embryonic development in the Pacific oyster *Crassostrea gigas*. Accordingly, based on these acute toxicity values and an assessment factor of 100, a predicted no effect concentration (PNEC) of 0.12 μg/L was obtained.

With regard to chronic toxicity, the following reliable data were obtained: a 96-h IC<sub>10</sub> of 4.6  $\mu$ g/L for growth inhibition in the green alga species *R. subcapitata* and a 14-d NOEC of 4.8  $\mu$ g/L for F0-generation growth inhibition in the crustacean species *C. dubia*. Accordingly, based on these chronic toxicity values and an assessment factor of 100, a predicted no effect concentration (PNEC) of 0.046  $\mu$ g/L was obtained.

The PEC/PNEC ratio is 0.08 for freshwater bodies and 0.01 for seawater; accordingly further work to assess the ecological risk this substance is considered unnecessary at this time. A comprehensive review of the above findings draws the same conclusion.

Hazard	assessment (basis	for PNEC)	Predicted no effec		Exposure assessment			
Species	Acute/ chronic	Endpoint	Assessment coefficient	concentration PNEC (µg/L)	Water body	Predicted environmental concentration PEC (µg/L)	PEC/ PNEC ratio	Comprehensive judgment
Green algae	Chronic	$IC_{10}$	100	0.046	Freshwater	0.0036	0.08	0
Green argue	Cinonic	Growth inhibition	100	0.040	Seawater	0.00044	0.01	

	Conclusions	Judgment
Ecological risk	No need for further work	0

[Risk judgments] O: No need for further work

▲: Requiring information collection

■: Candidates for further work

×: Impossibility of risk characterization