

## 1.General information

The aqueous solubility of this substance is 77.0 mg/L (25°C), the partition coefficient (1-octanol/water) (log K<sub>ow</sub>) is – 0.09, and the vapor pressure is  $5.26 \times 10^{-9}$  mmHg (= $7.02 \times 10^{-7}$  Pa) (25°C) (calculated value).

The main uses of this substances are pharmaceuticals (sulfonamides for treating bacterial infections) and veterinary drugs (antibacterial agent). Further, data regarding the production quantity of this substance for human pharmaceuticals could not be obtained. The sales volume (bulk conversion) of this substance as veterinary drugs in fiscal 2018 was 0.047 t.

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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 reported to be around 0.029  $\mu$ g/L for public freshwater bodies, and generally less than 0.005  $\mu$ g/L for seawater.

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## 3.Initial assessment of ecological risk

With regard to acute toxicity for sulfadiazine, the following reliable data were obtained: a 96-h EC<sub>50</sub> of 110  $\mu$ g/L for growth inhibition in the diatom *Phaeodactylum tricornutum*, a 48-h EC<sub>50</sub> of 25,000  $\mu$ g/L for the crustacean *Daphnia magna*, a 96-h exceeding LC<sub>50</sub> 96,000  $\mu$ g/L for the fish species *Oryzias latipes* (medaka), and a 96-h EC<sub>50</sub> exceeding 50,000  $\mu$ g/L for swimming inhibition in the dugesiid triclad *Dugesia gonocephala*. Accordingly, based on these acute toxicity values and an assessment factor of 100, a predicted no effect concentration (PNEC) of 1.1  $\mu$ g/L was obtained.

With regard to chronic toxicity for sulfadiazine, the following reliable data was obtained: a 96-h NOEC of 10  $\mu$ g/L for swimming exhibition in the diatom *P. tricornutum*. Accordingly, based on these chronic toxicity values and an assessment factor of 100, a PNEC of 0.1  $\mu$ g/L was obtained.

The value of 0.1 µg/L obtained from the chronic toxicity to the diatom was used as the PNEC for this substance.

The PEC/PNEC ratio was 0.3 for freshwater bodies and less than 0.05 for seawater. Accordingly, <u>based on a</u> <u>comprehensive review of the above findings, efforts to collect data are needed.</u>

Environmental concentration data need to be augmented for this substance taking into consideration major emission sources. Further, <u>efforts to collect data regarding chronic toxicity towards crustacean and fish species</u> are needed.

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Species	Acute/ chronic	Endpoint	Assessment coefficient	Predicted no effect concentration PNEC (µg/L)	Water body	Predicted environmental concentration PEC (µg/L)	PEC/ PNEC ratio	Comprehensive judgment
Diatom	Chronic	NOEC Growth inhibition	100	0.1	Freshwater	0.029	0.3	
					Seawater	<0.005	<0.05	
4. Conclusions								
		Conclusions						Judgment
Ecological	risk Requi	uiring information collection.						
[Risk judgm	nents] (): No	○: No need for further work ▲: Requiring information collection						
■: Candidates for further work ×: Impossibility of risk characterization								