

Product name: ZETASPERSE® 3600

SAFETY DATA SHEET

Classification (REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008) as amended by GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720, and UK SI 2020/1567

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifier

Product name:
ZETASPERSE® 3600

Chemical name:
Blend of polyvinyl copolymer and ethoxylated alcohol

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses: Industrial use

Uses advised against: None known.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Rellinghauser Str. 1-11
45128 Essen
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E-mail : productsafety-sp@evonik.com

1.4 Emergency telephone number:

24-Hour Health : +49 2365 49 2232
Emergency : +49 2365 49 4423 (Fax)

National Poison Information Service (NPIS)
England, Scotland and Wales: NHS: 111

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

The product has been classified according to the legislation in force.

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Health Hazards

Skin sensitizer Category 1 H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.

2.2 Label Elements

Product name: ZETASPERSE® 3600


Signal Words: Warning

Hazard Statement(s): H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Precautionary Statements
Prevention:

 P261: Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
 P280: Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

 P302+P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
 P333+P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
 P362+P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Disposal:

P501: Dispose of contents/ container to an approved facility in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.

Hazardous ingredients which must be listed on the label:

2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol

2.3 Other hazards

None known.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients
Chemical name:

Blend of polyvinyl copolymer and ethoxylated alcohol

3.2 Mixtures

Chemical name	Concentration	CAS-No.	EC No.	UK-REACH Registration No.	REACH Registration No.	M-Factor:	Notes
Alcohols, C11-15-secondary, ethoxylated	20 - <50%	68131-40-8	614-295-4	-	-	No data available.	
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol	5 - <10%	126-86-3	204-809-1	UK-01-982540637-0-8	01-211995439-0-39	No data available.	

* All concentrations are percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

This substance has workplace exposure limit(s).

This substance is listed as SVHC.

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Chemical name	Classification	Notes
Alcohols, C11-15-secondary, ethoxylated	Classification: Eye Irrit.: 2: H319; Supplemental label information: None known.	None.
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol	Classification: Eye Dam.: 1: H318; Skin Sens.: 1B: H317; Aquatic Chronic: 3: H412; Supplemental label information: None known.	None.

The full text for all H-statements is displayed in section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures
4.1 Description of first aid measures

General information:	Remove soiled or soaked clothing immediately
Inhalation:	fresh air supply, consult a doctor if feeling unwell.
Skin Contact:	In case of contact with skin wash off with soap and water. In case of discomfort: Supply with medical care.
Eye contact:	In case of contact with eyes rinse thoroughly with water. In case of discomfort: Supply with medical care.
Ingestion:	Thoroughly clean the mouth with water In case of discomfort: Supply with medical care.
Personal Protection for First-aid Responders:	No data available.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms:	Up to now no symptoms are known.
Hazards:	No data available.

4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treatment:	Treat symptomatically.
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SECTION 5: Firefighting measures
5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media:	foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder, water spray.
Unsuitable extinguishing media:	High volume water jet.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:

In the event of fire the following can be released: - carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide Under certain conditions of combustion traces of other toxic substances cannot be excluded

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Special fire fighting procedures:	No specific precautions.
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Special protective equipment for fire-fighters:

Do not inhale explosion and/or combustion gases. Use self-contained breathing apparatus and wear protective suit

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

Use personal protective equipment.

6.1.1 For non-emergency personnel:

No data available.

6.1.2 For emergency responders:

No data available.

6.2 Environmental Precautions:

Do not allow to enter drains or waterways Prevent product from getting into subsoil/soil.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Pick up with absorbent material (e.g. sand, sawdust, general-purpose binder). Dispose of absorbed material in accordance with the regulations.

6.4 Reference to other sections:

For further information on exposure monitoring and disposal see sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Technical measures:

No data available.

Local/Total ventilation:

No data available.

Safe handling advice:

Provide good ventilation of working area (local exhaust ventilation if necessary). Do not inhale gases/vapours/aerosols. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

Contact avoidance measures:

No data available.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Safe storage conditions:

Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep away from direct sunlight. Protect from frost. Do not store together with oxidizing agents.

Safe packaging materials:

No data available.

7.3 Specific end use(s):

No further recommendations.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control Parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits

None of the components have assigned exposure limits.

Biological Limit Values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

DNEL-Values

Remarks: DNEL-Values

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Critical component	Type	Route of Exposure	Health Warnings	Remarks
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol	General population	Eyes	Local effect;	Medium hazard (no threshold derived)
	Workers	Eyes	Local effect;	Medium hazard (no threshold derived)
	Workers	Inhalation	Systemic, long-term; 2.86 mg/m ³	Repeated dose toxicity
	General population	Oral	Systemic, long-term; 0.29 mg/kg	Repeated dose toxicity
	Workers	Dermal	Systemic, long-term; 0.812 mg/kg	Repeated dose toxicity
	General population	Inhalation	Systemic, long-term; 0.505 mg/m ³	Repeated dose toxicity
	General population	Dermal	Systemic, long-term; 0.29 mg/kg	Repeated dose toxicity

PNEC-Values

Remarks: PNEC-Values

Critical component	Environmental compartment	PNEC-Values	Remarks
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol	Aquatic (freshwater)	0.04 mg/l	
	Aquatic (marine water)	0.004 mg/l	
	Sediment (freshwater)	0.32 mg/kg	
	Sediment (marine water)	0.032 mg/kg	
	Sewage treatment plant	7 mg/l	
	Soil	0.028 mg/kg	Soil

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate Engineering Controls: No data available.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection: Safety glasses

Hand Protection: Material: Nitrile rubber.
 Break-through time: 480 min
 Glove thickness: 0.1 mm

Skin and Body Protection: protective clothing

Respiratory Protection: in case of formation of vapours/aerosols: Short term: filter apparatus, combination filter A-P2

Hygiene measures: Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Remove soiled or soaked clothing immediately. Use skin protective preparation as preventive skin protection.

Environmental Controls: The environmental regulations on the control and monitoring of environmental exposures are to be observed.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state: liquid

Form: liquid

Color: Amber

Odor: ammoniacal

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Odor Threshold:	not measured
Freezing point:	not measured
Boiling Point:	94 °C
Flammability:	not measured
Upper/lower limit on flammability or explosive limits	
Explosive limit - upper:	not measured
Explosive limit - lower:	not measured
Flash Point:	> 100 °C
Auto-ignition temperature:	not measured
Decomposition Temperature:	not measured
pH:	9 at 25 °C Concentration: 100 g/l Concentration: 10 % in Water
Viscosity	
Dynamic viscosity:	300 mPa.s at 21 °C
Kinematic viscosity:	286 mm ² /s at 21 °C
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility in Water:	Soluble
Solubility (other):	not measured
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	not measured
Vapor pressure:	25 hPa at 21 °C
Relative density:	not measured
Density:	1.05 g/cm ³ at 25 °C
Relative vapor density:	not measured

9.2 Other information

Explosive properties:	not measured
Oxidizing properties:	not oxidizing
Self-ignition:	not measured
Metal Corrosion:	Not corrosive to metals
Evaporation Rate:	not measured

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity:	see section "Possibility of hazardous reactions".
10.2 Chemical Stability:	The product is stable under normal conditions.
10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:	No hazardous reactions with proper storage and handling
10.4 Conditions to avoid:	direct sunlight Freezing.
10.5 Incompatible Materials:	Oxidizing agents.

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10.6 **Hazardous Decomposition Products:** None with proper storage and handling.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information
11.1 Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation: Information on effects are given below.

Skin Contact: Information on effects are given below.

Eye contact: Information on effects are given below.

Ingestion: Information on effects are given below.

Acute toxicity (list all possible routes of exposure)
Oral

Product: Not classified for acute toxicity based on available data.

Components:

Alcohols, C11-15-secondary, ethoxylated Not toxic after single exposure, No data available.

2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol LD 50, Rat, Female, Male, > 5,000 mg/kg

Dermal

Product: Not classified for acute toxicity based on available data.

Components:

Alcohols, C11-15-secondary, ethoxylated Not toxic after single exposure, No data available.

2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol LD 50, Rabbit, > 5,000 mg/kg, OECD 402

Inhalation

Product: No data available.

Components:

Alcohols, C11-15-secondary, ethoxylated Not toxic after single exposure, Vapour, No data available.

2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol Not toxic after single exposure, Dust and mist, No data available.

LC 50, Rat, 4 h, > 5 mg/l, Dust and mist

Vapour, Not toxic after single exposure, No data available.

Repeated dose toxicity

Product: No data available.

Components:

Alcohols, C11-15-secondary, ethoxylated No data available.

2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol NOAEL - No Observable Adverse Effect Level, Rat, Oral, daily, 500 mg/kg

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Product: No data available.

Components:

Alcohols, C11-15-secondary, ethoxylated No data available.

2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol Not irritating, OECD 404, Rabbit, 4 h

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Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation**Product:** Not irritating, OECD 437, Bovine cornea, Not irritating**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated Irritating.2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-
yne-4,7-diol Risk of serious damage to eyes., US-EPA-method, Rabbit**Respiratory or Skin Sensitization****Product:** No data available.**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated No data available.2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-
yne-4,7-diol Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA), OECD 429, Mouse, Skin sensitizer**Carcinogenicity****Product:** No data available.**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated No data available.2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-
yne-4,7-diol No data available.**Germ Cell Mutagenicity**

No data available.

In vitro**Product:** No data available.**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated No data available.2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-
yne-4,7-diol Ames test, OECD 471: , negative, Own study
Chromosomal aberration, OECD 473: , negative, Own study
gene mutation test, OECD 476: , negative, Own study**In vivo****Product:** No data available.**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated No data available.2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-
yne-4,7-diol No data available.**Reproductive toxicity****Product:** No data available.**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated No data available.2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-
yne-4,7-diol Oral**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure****Product:** No data available.**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated No data available.2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-
yne-4,7-diol No data available.

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Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure

Product: No data available.

Components:

Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated No data available.
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-
yne-4,7-diol No data available.

Aspiration Hazard

Product: Not classified

Components:

Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated Not classified
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-
yne-4,7-diol Not applicable

11.2 Information on other hazards

Other information

Product: No data available.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity:

Acute hazards to the aquatic environment:

Fish

Product: No data available.

Components:

Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated No data available.
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-
5-yne-4,7-diol LC 50, Pimephales promelas, 96 h, 36 mg/l OECD 203
LC 50, Cyprinus carpio, 96 h, 42 mg/l OECD 203
NOEC, Cyprinus carpio, 96 h, 10 mg/l OECD 203

Aquatic Invertebrates

Product: No data available.

Components:

Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated No data available.
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-
5-yne-4,7-diol EC 50, Daphnia magna, 48 h, 88 mg/l OECD 202
EC 50, Daphnia magna, 48 h, 91 mg/l OECD 202
NOEC, Daphnia magna, 48 h, 43 mg/l OECD 202

Toxicity to Aquatic Plants

Product: No data available.

Components:

Alcohols, C11-15-
secondary, ethoxylated No data available.
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-
yne-4,7-diol EC 50 (Algae (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata), 72 h): 15 mg/l (OECD 201)
EC 10 (Algae (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata), 72 h): 1.8 mg/l (OECD 201)
ErC50 (Algae (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata), 72 h): 82 mg/l (OECD 201)

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Toxicity to microorganisms

Product: No data available.
Components:
Alcohols, C11-15- No data available.
secondary, ethoxylated
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5- EC 50, activated sludge, 3 h, Approximate, 630 mg/l, OECD 209
yne-4,7-diol

Toxicity to soil dwelling organisms

Product: No data available.
Components:
Alcohols, C11-15- No data available.
secondary, ethoxylated
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5- No data available.
yne-4,7-diol

Toxicity to terrestrial organisms

Product: No data available.
Components:
Alcohols, C11-15- No data available.
secondary, ethoxylated
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5- No data available.
yne-4,7-diol

Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment:

Fish

Product: No data available.
Components:
Alcohols, C11-15- No data available.
secondary, ethoxylated
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec- No data available.
5-yne-4,7-diol

Aquatic Invertebrates

Product: No data available.
Components:
Alcohols, C11-15- No data available.
secondary, ethoxylated
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec- No data available.
5-yne-4,7-diol

Toxicity to Aquatic Plants

Product: No data available.
Components:
Alcohols, C11-15- No data available.
secondary, ethoxylated
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5- No data available.
yne-4,7-diol

Toxicity to microorganisms

Product: No data available.
Components:
Alcohols, C11-15- No data available.
secondary, ethoxylated
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5- EC 50, activated sludge, 3 h, Approximate, 630 mg/l, OECD 209
yne-4,7-diol

Toxicity to soil dwelling organisms

Product name: ZETASPERSE® 3600

Product: No data available.**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15- secondary, ethoxylated No data available.
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol No data available.**Toxicity to terrestrial organisms****Product:** No data available.**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15- secondary, ethoxylated No data available.
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol No data available.**12.2 Persistence and Degradability****Biodegradation****Product:** No data available.**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15- secondary, ethoxylated No data available.
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol 5 %, 28 d, OECD 301 B, The product is not biodegradable., aerobic
8 - 12 %, 60 d, OECD 301 B, The product is not biodegradable., aerobic
25.4 %, 57 d, OECD 302 A, The product is not biodegradable., aerobic**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential****Bioconcentration Factor (BCF)****Product:** No data available.**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15- secondary, ethoxylated No data available.
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol No data available.**Partition Coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)****Product:** not measured**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15- secondary, ethoxylated No data available.
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol 2.8, 22 °C, OECD 117, Yes**12.4 Mobility in soil:****Product** No data available.**Components:**Alcohols, C11-15- secondary, ethoxylated No data available.
2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-yne-4,7-diol No data available.**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:****Product** No data available.**Components:**

Alcohols, C11-15-secondary ethoxylated No data available.

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2,4,7,9-Tetramethyldec-5-
yne-4,7-diol No data available.

12.6 Other adverse effects:

Other hazards

Product: Do not allow to enter soil, waterways or waste water canal.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

General information: No data available.

Disposal methods: In accordance with local authority regulations, take to special waste incineration plant

Contaminated Packaging: If empty contaminated containers are recycled or disposed of, the receiver must be informed about possible hazards.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN/ID No.

Not regulated as a dangerous good

14.2 UN proper shipping name

Not regulated as a dangerous good

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

Not regulated as a dangerous good

14.4 Packing group

Not regulated as a dangerous good

14.5 Environmental hazards

Not regulated as a dangerous good

14.6 Special precautions for user

Not applicable

14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture:

EU. Directive 2012/18/EU (SEVESO III) on major accident hazards involving dangerous substances, Annex I: Not applicable

15.2 Chemical safety assessment: No chemical safety assessment was carried out for this product.

International regulations

Product name: ZETASPERSE® 3600
Montreal protocol

Not applicable

Stockholm convention

Not applicable

Rotterdam convention

Not applicable

Kyoto protocol

Not applicable

SECTION 16: Other information
Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways; ADR - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CLP - Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECHA - European Chemicals Agency; EC-Number - European Community number; ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EIGA - European Industrial Gases Association; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; SVHC - substance of very high concern; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TRGS - Technical Rule for Hazardous Substances; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Key literature references and sources for data: No data available.

Classification and procedure used to derive the classification for mixtures according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 as amended.	Classification procedure
Skin sensitizer, Category 1	On basis of test data

Wording of the statements in section 2 and 3

H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
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H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Training information: Comply with national laws regulating employee instruction.

Revision Information Changes since the last version are highlighted in the margin. This version replaces all previous versions.

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