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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Merck Animal Health urges each user or recipient of this MSDS to read the entire data sheet to become aware of the hazards associated with this material.

SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSTANCE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

MSDS NAME: CAVALRY 9

SYNONYM(S): COVEXIN Plus

MSDS NUMBER: SP001759

EMERGENCY NUMBER(S): (908) 423-6000 (24/7/365) English Only

Transportation Emergencies - CHEMTREC:
(800) 424-9300 (Inside Continental USA)
(703) 527-3887 (Outside Continental USA)

Rocky Mountain Poison Center (For Human Exposure):
(303) 595-4869

Animal Health Technical Services:
For Animal Adverse Events: Small Animals and Horses: (800) 224-5318
For Animal Adverse Events: Livestock: (800) 211-3573
For Animal Adverse Events: Poultry: (800) 219-9286

INFORMATION: Safety/Environmental Affairs (901) 320-2384

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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Liquid
Clear light brown with an off-white precipitate
Odor unknown
May cause allergic reactions in susceptible individuals.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

The toxicological properties of the mixture(s) have not been fully characterized in humans or animals. However, there are data to describe the toxicological properties of the individual ingredients. The following summary is based upon available information about the individual ingredients of the mixture(s), or of the expected properties of the mixture(s). Only information about the ingredients that are expected to contribute significantly to the potential health hazard profile of the formulation(s) are presented.

This product is a vaccine for use in animals. Pathogenic clostridial bacterial strains may cause infection to damaged skin. Local irritation to the eyes, skin, or respiratory tract may occur following direct contact or inhalation of the product. As with any vaccine, exposure may cause hypersensitivity reactions.

LISTED CARCINOGENS

No carcinogens or potential carcinogens listed by OSHA, IARC, NTP or ACGIH are present in concentrations >0.1% in this mixture.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This product contains a preservative or preservatives which may cause allergic-type reactions, including anaphylactic shock, in susceptible individuals.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

PRODUCT USE: Vaccine

CHEMICAL FORMULA: Mixture.

The formulation for this product is proprietary information. Only hazardous ingredients in concentrations of 1% or greater and/or carcinogenic ingredients in concentrations of 0.1% or greater are listed in the Chemical Composition table. Active ingredients in any concentration are listed. For additional information about carcinogenic ingredients see Section 2.

The product(s) may contain preservatives, as listed, in concentrations less than 1%.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

INGREDIENT	CAS NUMBER	PERCENT
C. sordellii toxoid (inactivated)		<10
C. tetani toxoid (inactivated)		<10
C. novyi Type B toxoid (inactivated)		<10
C. chauvoei whole cell culture (inactivated)		<10
C. perfringens Type D toxoid (inactivated)		<10
C. septicum toxoid (inactivated)		<10
C. haemolyticum toxoid (inactivated)		<10
C. perfringens Type C toxoid (inactivated)		<10
Aluminum Hydroxide	21645-51-2	<10
Gentamicin Sulfate (Preservative)	1405-41-0	<1
Preservative (Thimerosal)	54-64-8	<1

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This MSDS is written to provide health and safety information for individuals who will be handling the final product formulation during research, manufacturing, and distribution. For health and safety information for individual ingredients used during manufacturing, refer to the appropriate MSDS for each ingredient. Refer to the package insert or product label for handling guidance for the consumer.

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If any trouble breathing, get immediate medical attention. Administer artificial respiration if breathing has ceased. If irritation or symptoms occur or persist, consult a physician.

SKIN CONTACT: In case of skin contact, while wearing protective gloves, carefully remove any contaminated clothing, including shoes, and wash skin thoroughly with soap and water. If irritation or symptoms occur or persist, consult a physician.

EYE CONTACT: In case of eye contact, immediately rinse eyes thoroughly with plenty of water. If wearing contact lenses, remove only after initial rinse, and continue rinsing eyes for at least 15 minutes. If irritation occurs or persists, consult a physician.

INGESTION: Rinse mouth and drink a glass of water. Do not induce vomiting unless under the direction of a qualified medical professional or Poison Control Center. If symptoms persist, consult a physician.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: This product is a vaccine. Accidental injection may cause local swelling, irritation or necrosis at the injection site. This preparation contains a preservative or antibiotic or both which may cause allergic reactions in susceptible individuals.

SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FLAMMABILITY DATA:

Flash Point: Not determined (liquids) or not applicable (solids).

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:

Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

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SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

SUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:

Carbon dioxide (CO₂), extinguishing powder or water spray.

See Section 9 for Physical and Chemical Properties.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS:

Keep personnel away from the clean-up area. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8.

SPILL RESPONSE / CLEANUP:

All spills should be handled according to site requirements and based on precautions cited in the MSDS. In the case of liquids, use proper absorbent materials. For laboratories and small-scale operations, incidental spills within a hood or enclosure should be cleaned by using a HEPA filtered vacuum or wet cleaning methods as appropriate. For large dry or liquid spills or those spills outside enclosure or hood, appropriate emergency response personnel should be notified. In manufacturing and large-scale operations, HEPA vacuuming prior to wet mopping or cleaning is required.

See Sections 9 and 10 for additional physical, chemical, and hazard information.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING:

Keep containers adequately sealed during material transfer, transport, or when not in use. Wash face, hands, and any exposed skin after handling. Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this substance or mixture.

Appropriate handling of this material is dependent on many factors, including physical form, duration and frequency of process or task, and effectiveness of engineering controls. Site-specific risk assessments should be conducted to determine the feasibility and the appropriateness of all exposure control measures. See Section 8 (Exposure Controls) for additional guidance.

STORAGE:

Store between 2 and 8 deg C. Do not freeze. Store out of direct sunlight.

See Section 8 for exposure controls and additional safe handling information.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

The health hazard risks of handling this material are dependent on many factors, including physical form, duration and frequency of process or task, and effectiveness of engineering controls. Site-specific risk assessments should be conducted to determine the feasibility and the appropriateness of all exposure control measures. Exposure controls for normal operating or routine procedures follow a tiered strategy. Engineering controls are the preferred means of long-term or permanent exposure control. If engineering controls are not feasible, appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) may be considered as alternative control measures. Exposure controls for non-routine operations must be evaluated and addressed as part of the site-specific risk assessment.

RECOMMENDED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE):

Respiratory Protection:	Respiratory protective equipment (RPE) may be required for certain laboratory and large-scale manufacturing tasks if potential airborne breathing zone concentrations of substances exceed the relevant exposure limit(s). Workplace risk assessment should be completed before specifying and implementing RPE usage. Potential exposure points and pathways, task duration and frequency, potential employee contact with the substance, and the ability of the substance to be rendered airborne during specific tasks should be evaluated. Initial and ongoing strategies of quantitative exposure measurement should be obtained as required by the workplace risk assessment. All RPE must conform to local and regional specifications for efficacy and performance. Consult your site or corporate health and safety professional for additional guidance.
Skin Protection:	Gloves that provide an appropriate barrier to the skin are recommended if there is potential for contact with this material. Consult your site safety staff for guidance.
Eye Protection:	Safety glasses with side shields. Use of goggles or full face protection may be required based on hazard, potential for contact, or level of exposure. Consult your site safety staff for guidance.

Body Protection:

In small-scale or laboratory operations, lab coats or equivalent protection is required. Disposable Tyvek or other dust impermeable suit should be considered based on procedure or level of exposure. Use of additional PPE such as shoe coverings, gauntlets, hood, or head covering may be necessary. Consult your site safety staff for guidance.

In large-scale or manufacturing operations, disposable Tyvek or other dust impermeable suit is recommended and based on level of exposure. Use of additional PPE such as shoe coverings, gauntlets, hood, or head covering may be necessary. Consult your site safety staff for guidance.

EXPOSURE LIMIT VALUES

INGREDIENT	CAS NUMBER	ACGIH TLV (TWA)	OSHA PEL (TWA)
Aluminum Hydroxide	21645-51-2	1 mg/m ³	

No exposure limits are available for the active ingredient(s) or any other hazardous ingredient in this formulation.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

FORM: Liquid
COLOR: Clear light brown with an off-white precipitate
ODOR: Odor unknown
BOILING POINT / RANGE: 100 deg C
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: Ca. 1.00
SOLUBILITY:
 Water: Soluble

See Section 5 for flammability/explosivity information.

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY/ REACTIVITY:
 Stable under normal conditions.

INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS / CONDITIONS TO AVOID:
 None known.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS / REACTIONS:
 No dangerous decomposition is expected if used according to manufacturer's specifications.

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

The information presented below pertains to the following individual ingredients, and not to the mixture(s).

ACUTE TOXICITY DATA

This material or product has not been tested for acute toxicity.

REPEAT DOSE TOXICITY DATA**SUBCHRONIC / CHRONIC TOXICITY:**

Rats fed 6 to 10 mg of aluminum (as aluminum hydroxide) daily showed significant impairment of growth by the third and fourth week. Dietary administration of 14,470 ppm for 28 days to rats produced no adverse effects.

REPRODUCTIVE / DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY:

Pregnant rats or mice given aluminum hydroxide at doses of 192-768 mg/kg/day or 66.5-300 mg/kg/day, respectively, during organogenesis produced no teratogenic effects.

MUTAGENICITY / GENOTOXICITY:

Aluminum compounds were negative in standard mutagenic assays.

CARCINOGENICITY:

This material or product has not been evaluated for carcinogenicity.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**ECOTOXICITY DATA**

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There are no ecotoxicity data available for this product or its components.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

There are no environmental data available for this product or its components.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

MATERIAL WASTE:

Disposal must be in accordance with applicable federal, state/provincial, and/or local regulations. Incineration is the preferred method of disposal, when appropriate. Operations that involve the crushing or shredding of waste materials or returned goods must be handled to meet the recommended exposure limit(s).

PACKAGING AND CONTAINERS:

Disposal must be in accordance with applicable federal, state/provincial, and/or local regulations.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

This material is not subject to the transportation regulations of DOT, IATA, IMO, and the ADR.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA LISTING

INGREDIENT	TSCA
Aluminum Hydroxide	X
Preservative (Thimerosal)	X

U.S. STATE REGULATIONS

INGREDIENT	California Proposition 65	CARTK	NJRTK	CTRTK	MARTK
Preservative (Thimerosal)	D	X			

INGREDIENT	PARTK	MNRTK	MIRTK	RIRTK
Preservative (Thimerosal)	X		X	

Fields in the above tables that do not contain data indicate that those materials have not been listed by local regulations.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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