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# Safety Data Sheet

In compliance with 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Product identifier:

**Sierralite 252 HS**  
**Sierralite 402 HS**  
**Sierralite 603 HS**

**1.2 Synonyms:** Talc, steatite, soapstone, hydrous magnesium silicate

**1.3 Identified uses:** Functional mineral for use in paper, paints, ceramics, plastics, personal care, etc.

### 1.4 Supplier:

- Company name: **Imerys Talc America, Inc.**
- Address: 767 Old Yellowstone Trail  
Three Forks, MT 59752  
USA
- Tel: +1 406-285-5300
- Fax: +1 406-285-3323
- E-mail: [msds.talcamerica@imerys.com](mailto:msds.talcamerica@imerys.com)

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### 1.5 Emergency telephone number:

Emergency phone number: +1 303-623-5716  
 Available outside office hours: Yes

## SECTION 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1 GHS Classification: No classification

### 2.2 Label elements:

- GHS Pictogram None
- Signal word None
- Hazard statement None
- Precautionary statements None

Repeated and prolonged exposure to large amounts of talc dust can cause lung injury (pneumoconiosis). Risk of injury is dependent on the duration and level of exposure.

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

The above mentioned products are a natural association of talc, chlorite, magnesite and dolomite.

| Main constituents | CAS Number | EC Number | Amount (%) | Classification |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Chlorite          | 1318-59-8  | 215-285-9 | > 95       | No             |
| Talc              | 14807-96-6 | 238-877-9 | < 5        | No             |

The specific percentages of composition of the ingredients are being withheld as a trade secret.

## SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

### Description of first aid measures:

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air.

**Ingestion:** Drink plenty of water. Never give liquid to an unconscious person.

**Eye contact:** Immediately rinse with water for several minutes.

**Skin contact:** Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water.

## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**5.1 Extinguishing media:** All extinguishing media can be used.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:** The product is not flammable, combustible or explosive. No hazardous thermal decomposition.

**5.3 Advice for fire-fighters:** No specific fire-fighting protection is required. Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:** Use proper respiratory and personal protective equipment. MSHA/NIOSH or OSHA/NIOSH approved respirator recommended. Spilled materials may cause slippery conditions when wet. Care should be exercised when walking on spills on floor or concrete pads.

**6.2 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:** Dry product should be cleaned with a shovel or vacuum cleaner while wearing the personal protective equipment described above. Do not discharge into drains, watercourses or onto the ground. Washing the floor with water is not recommended since it may cause the floor to become slippery. However, if talc is already wet, and only in this case, the floor should be thoroughly flushed with water to remove all slipperiness.

## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**7.1 Precautions for safe handling:** Minimize dust generation and accumulation. If excessive dust is generated, provide adequate ventilation and use proper respiratory and personal protective equipment.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage:** Keep the product dry and in closed containers. Store it in a cool and well-ventilated space.

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**8.1 Control parameters:** Follow workplace regulatory exposure limits for all types of airborne dust (e.g. total dust, respirable dust, and respirable crystalline silica dust). In the U.S., the ACGIH OEL (Occupational Exposure Limit) for talc containing no asbestos fibers and less than 1% crystalline silica is 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> respirable fraction measured as an 8-hour TWA (Time Weighted Average). The OSHA exposure limit for talc is 20 mppcf Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) TWA. For the equivalent limits in other countries, please consult a competent occupational hygienist or the local regulatory authority.

**8.2 Appropriate engineering controls:** Use exhaust ventilation, if required, to maintain dust concentration below recommended exposure limits.

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## 8.3 Personal protection measures:

- (a) **Eye protection:** Wear side shield safety glasses.
- (b) **Hand protection:** Rubber gloves are recommended for prolonged exposure.
- (c) **Respiratory protection:** If a respirator is required, use of a MSHA/NIOSH or OSHA/NIOSH approved respirator is recommended.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**9.1 Appearance:** White or off white to light grey

**9.2 Odor:** Odorless

**9.3 pH:** 9–9.5 (suspension of 10% talc in water)

**9.4 Melting point:** >1300°C

**9.5 Flammability (solid, gas):** Not flammable

**9.6 Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits:** Not explosive. Limits do not apply.

**9.7 Relative density:** 2.58–2.83 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**9.8 Solubility (ies):**

**Solubility in water:** Negligible

**Solubility in hydrofluoric acid:** Yes

**9.9 Decomposition temperature:** >1000°C

**9.10 Explosive properties:** Not explosive

**9.11 Oxidizing properties:** Non-oxidizing

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**10.1 Reactivity:** Inert, not reactive

**10.2 Chemical stability:** Chemically stable

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:** No hazardous reaction

**10.4 Conditions to avoid:** None

**10.5 Incompatible materials:** None known

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:** None

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Carcinogenic Status:**

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**IARC:** In 2006, IARC concluded that inhaled talc not containing asbestos or asbestiform fibers is not classifiable as a human carcinogen (Group 3). IARC ruled that there is limited evidence that the use of talc-based body powder for perineal dusting is a possible risk factor for ovarian cancer (Group 2B). This is not a route of exposure relevant to workers and applies only to one specific use of talc.

**OSHA:** Not listed

**ACGIH:** A4 – not classified as a human carcinogen

**WHMIS:** Class D-2A: very toxic material causing other toxic effects [reference: NTP, *Technical report on the toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of talc (cas no. 14807-96-6) in F344/N rats and B6C3F1 mice (inhalation studies)*. Technical report series, No. 421. Research Triangle Park, N.C.: EPA. (1993)]. Chronic toxic effect: impaired pulmonary function in rats at 6 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**NTP:** Not listed

## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**12.1 Aquatic Toxicity:** No known effects

**12.2 Persistence and degradability:** This product is an inorganic substance and therefore is not considered biodegradable.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential:** Not relevant

**12.4 Mobility in soil:** Negligible

**12.5 Other adverse effects:** No specific adverse effects known

## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**13.1 Waste disposal information:** Talc is not considered a hazardous waste as defined by the US EPA RCRA (40 CFR 261) regulations. Observe all applicable federal, state and local regulations when handling, storing or disposing of this substance.

**13.2 Disposal of packaging:** Where possible, recycling is preferable to disposal. Recycling and disposal of packaging should be carried out by an authorized waste management company in compliance with local regulations. Responsibility for proper waste disposal lies with the owner of the waste.

## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**14.1 US Department of Transportation (DOT):** No classification assigned

**14.2 Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods:** No classification assigned

**14.3 Land Transport – ADR/RID:** No classification assigned

**14.4 Air Transport – IATA/ICAO:** No classification assigned

**14.5 Maritime Transport – IMDG:** No classification assigned

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**14.6 Harmonized Tariff Code:** Talc – crushed or powdered. 2526.20.00 (stat suffix 00).

**14.7 EPA TSCA 12(B) Export Notification:** Not listed

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### 15.1 International regulations:

**Industrial Safety and Health Law:** This product does not contain harmful or controlled hazardous substances under ISHL. It contains <1% crystalline silica.

**Toxic Chemical Control Act:** This product does not contain chemical substances regulated as toxic, observational, restricted or banned under TCCA.

**Dangerous Substance Management Law:** This product does not contain chemical substances regulated under DSML.

**Waste Management Law:** Dispose of this product in accordance with the waste treatment standards prescribed in Waste Management Law.

**15.2 Other regulations based on domestic or foreign laws:** The following inventories have been investigated as to the publicly available portion of the lists:

| MINERAL  | CAS No.    | EINECS (EU) | AICS (Australia) | CEPA (DSL/NDL) (Canada) | KECI Korean Gazette No. (Korea) | ENCS/ISHL (Japan) |
|----------|------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Chlorite | 1318-59-8  | 215-285-9   | No               | Yes* (DSL)              | KE-05489                        | Yes*              |
| Talc     | 14807-96-6 | 238-877-9   | Yes              | Yes (DSL)               | KE-32773                        | Yes*              |

| MINERAL  | IECSC (China) | PICCS (Philippines) | TSCA (USA) | Swiss ID No. (Switzerland) | NZIoC (New Zealand) | CSNN (Taiwan) |
|----------|---------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Chlorite | Yes           | Yes                 | Yes*       | Not Listed                 | Yes                 | Yes           |
| Talc     | Yes           | Yes                 | Yes        | G-6939                     | Yes                 | Yes           |

Yes\*: There exists a broad category for naturally occurring chemicals, so these minerals are covered by definition, but not specifically listed.

**15.3 Chemical safety assessment:** Exempted from REACH registration in accordance with Annex V.7

### 15.4 Other pertinent classifications/regulations:

**California PROP 65 Status:** Talc is not listed.

**State Right-To-Know:** Talc is listed in Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida.

**Clean Air Act – Ozone depleting chemicals (ODC):** None

**CONEG Approved Packaging:** Yes

**National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Ratings (0-4 scale):**

Health = 0

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Fire = 0

Reactivity = 0

## National Paint and Coating Association (NPCA) – Hazardous Material Identification System (HMIS)

Health: 1\* (chronic potential)

Flammability: 0

Physical: 0

Personal protection: dust respirator, safety glasses or goggles, gloves

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### 16.1 Date of last revision: February 23, 2015

- Version 1.0: Updated to GHS format.

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## Notice to reader:

This safety data sheet complements the technical data sheets but does not replace them. The information it contains is based on our present knowledge of the product on the date indicated. It is given in good faith. Users should be warned about the risks associated with using the product for a different purpose than that for which it was developed, and particularly for uses for which we are not qualified to give advice.

These regulatory prescriptions are provided with a view to helping users meet their obligations when using this product. This list should not be considered exhaustive and does not exempt users from ensuring that they are not required to comply with any further prescriptions other than those mentioned above concerning product possession and handling for which they are solely responsible.

Only the original English version is authoritative.

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