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**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

GHS

United States

English

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**Section 1. Identification**

<b>Product name</b>	VEEGUM® CER	<b><u>In case of emergency</u></b>
<b>Code</b>	71406	1-203-295-2140
<b>Supplier/Manufacturer</b>	Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC 33 Winfield Street Norwalk, CT 06855	Distributed by: Laguna Clay Company 14400 Lomas Ave City of Industry, CA 91746 1-800-4Laguna info@lagunaclay.com www.lagunaclay.com
<b>Chemical name</b>	Magnesium Aluminum Silicate, CMC	Chemtrec: 1-800-424-9300 Outside US: +1-703-527-3887
<b>Synonym</b>	Smectite clay, Bentonite, CAS No. 1302-78-9	
<b>Material uses</b>	Thickener/suspending agent	
<b>Product type</b>	Solid.	

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

Not applicable.

**Section 2. Hazards identification**

<b>OSHA/HCS status</b>	This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).
<b>Classification of the substance or mixture</b>	COMBUSTIBLE DUSTS
<b><u>GHS label elements</u></b>	
<b>Signal word</b>	Warning
<b>Hazard statements</b>	MAY FORM COMBUSTIBLE DUST CONCENTRATIONS IN AIR.
<b><u>Precautionary statements</u></b>	
<b>General</b>	Read label before use. Keep out of reach of children. If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. Avoid excessive dust generation. Avoid breathing dust. Use only with adequate ventilation.
<b>Supplemental label elements</b>	Keep container tightly closed. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Prevent dust accumulation.
<b>Hazards not otherwise classified</b>	Not an acute hazard. May cause mechanical eye or skin irritation in high concentrations. Prolonged inhalation may cause lung injury. Material will become slippery when wet.

**Section 3. Composition/information on ingredients**

<b>Substance/mixture</b>	Mixture
<b>Chemical name</b>	Magnesium Aluminum Silicate, CMC

<b>Ingredient name</b>	<b>CAS number</b>	<b>% by weight</b>
smectite clay	12199-37-0	72
sodium carboxymethylcellulose	9004-32-4	28

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## Section 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

## Section 4. First aid measures

### Description of necessary first aid measures

<b>Eye contact</b>	Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting upper and lower eyelids. If irritation develops and persists, seek medical attention.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Flush skin with plenty of water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If respiratory distress develops, seek medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Unlikely to be toxic by ingestion. Rinse mouth out with water. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Seek medical attention if significant quantities have been ingested or symptoms occur.

### Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

#### Potential acute health effects

<b>Eye contact</b>	Not a primary eye irritant. May cause mechanical irritation.
<b>Skin contact</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Inhalation</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Ingestion</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

#### Over-exposure signs/symptoms

<b>Eye contact</b>	No specific data.
<b>Skin contact</b>	No specific data.
<b>Inhalation</b>	No specific data.
<b>Ingestion</b>	No specific data.

### Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

<b>Notes to physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.
<b>Specific treatments</b>	No specific treatment.
<b>Protection of first-aiders</b>	No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

See toxicological information (Section 11)

## Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

### Extinguishing media

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	This product is not combustible. Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	No restrictions on extinguishing media for this product.

### Specific hazards arising from the chemical

#### **Hazardous thermal decomposition products**

No specific fire or explosion hazard. This product is not flammable and does not support fire.

There are no hazardous decomposition products.

### Special protective actions for fire-fighters

Product may become slippery when wet.

### Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

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## Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

### Remark(s)

#### **Dust Explosion Data**

- Dust explosion category: St 1 (weak explosion characteristic) [ $>0$  to 200 bar. m/s]
- Dust-specific constant (max) (bar. m/s): 18
- Maximum explosion pressure (Pmax) (bar rel): 2.5

## Section 6. Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

#### **For non-emergency personnel**

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Shut off all ignition sources. No flares, smoking or flames in hazard area. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.

#### **For emergency responders**

If specialized clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".

#### **Environmental precautions**

Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

#### **Small spill**

Minimize dust generation.

Move containers from spill area. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

#### **Large spill**

Minimize dust generation.

Move containers from spill area. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see Section 1 for emergency contact information and Section 13 for waste disposal.

## Section 7. Handling and storage

### Precautions for safe handling

#### **Protective measures**

Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Do not ingest. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid the creation of dust when handling and avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Prevent dust accumulation. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Electrical equipment and lighting should be protected to appropriate standards to prevent dust coming into contact with hot surfaces, sparks or other ignition sources. Take precautionary measures against electrostatic discharges. To avoid fire or explosion, dissipate static electricity during transfer by grounding and bonding containers and equipment before transferring material. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.

#### **Advice on general occupational hygiene**

Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.

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## Section 7. Handling and storage

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in a segregated and approved area. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10) and food and drink. Eliminate all ignition sources. Separate from oxidizing materials. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

### Recommended Storage

Store away from direct sunlight in dry conditions. Close container after use.

## Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Control parameters

#### Occupational exposure limits

Ingredient name	Exposure limits
smectite clay	<b>OSHA PEL (United States).</b> TWA: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> total dust; 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable dust (PNOR) <b>ACGIH TLV (United States).</b> TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> total dust; 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable dust (PNOS)
sodium carboxymethylcellulose	<b>OSHA PEL (United States).</b> TWA: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> total dust; 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable dust (PNOR) <b>ACGIH TLV (United States).</b> TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> total dust; 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable dust (PNOS)

### Appropriate engineering controls

The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapor or dust concentrations below any lower explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

### Environmental exposure controls

Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

### Individual protection measures

#### Hygiene measures

Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

#### Eye/face protection

Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: safety glasses with side-shields. Recommended: splash goggles

#### Skin protection

##### Hand protection

Protective gloves should be worn under normal conditions of use.

##### Body protection

Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

##### Other skin protection

Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

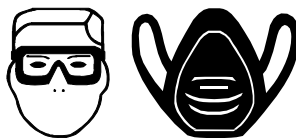
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## Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Respiratory protection

Use a properly fitted, particulate filter respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator. Recommended: disposable particulate mask

### Personal protective equipment (Pictograms)



## Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

<b>Physical state</b>	Solid. [Powder or flakes]
<b>Color</b>	Off-white to tan.
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless.
<b>pH</b>	Not available.
<b>Melting point</b>	Not available.
<b>Boiling point</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flash point</b>	Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Relative density</b>	2.6
<b>Solubility in water</b>	Insoluble
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available.

## Section 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	Not reactive.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	The product is stable.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Avoid the creation of dust when handling and avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Take precautionary measures against electrostatic discharges. To avoid fire or explosion, dissipate static electricity during transfer by grounding and bonding containers and equipment before transferring material. Prevent dust accumulation.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Reactive or incompatible with the following materials: oxidizing materials
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

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## Section 11. Toxicological information

### Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Not available.

#### Irritation/Corrosion

Not available.

#### Sensitization

Not available.

#### Mutagenicity

Not available.

#### Carcinogenicity

Not available.

#### Reproductive toxicity

Not available.

#### Teratogenicity

Not available.

#### Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Not available.

#### Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Not available.

#### Aspiration hazard

Not applicable.

### **Information on the likely routes of exposure**

Not available.

### Potential chronic health effects

#### **General**

Not available.

#### **Carcinogenicity**

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

#### **Mutagenicity**

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

#### **Teratogenicity**

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

#### **Developmental effects**

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

#### **Fertility effects**

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Numerical measures of toxicity

#### Acute toxicity estimates

Not available.

### **Other information**

Not available.

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## Section 12. Ecological information

### Toxicity

Not available.

### Persistence and degradability

Not available.

### Bioaccumulative potential

Not available.

### Other adverse effects

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

## Section 13. Disposal considerations

### Disposal methods

The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of all authorities with jurisdiction. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Care should be taken when handling emptied containers that have not been cleaned or rinsed out. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

## Section 14. Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Classes	PG*	Label	Additional information
<b>DOT Classification</b>	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
<b>TDG Classification</b>	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
<b>ADR/RID Class</b>	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
<b>IMDG Class</b>	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
<b>IATA-DGR Class</b>	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-

PG\* : Packing group

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## Section 15. Regulatory information

### U.S. Federal regulations

**United States inventory (TSCA 8b)** All components are listed or exempted.

### SARA 302/304

#### Composition/information on ingredients

No products were found.

### SARA 311/312

**Classification** Fire hazard

### State regulations

**Massachusetts** None of the components are listed.

**New York** None of the components are listed.

**New Jersey** None of the components are listed.

**Pennsylvania** None of the components are listed.

### California Prop. 65

**WARNING:** This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

### International regulations

**Canada inventory** All components are listed or exempted.

**Europe inventory** All components are listed or exempted.

### International lists

**Australia inventory (AICS):** All components are listed or exempted.

**China inventory (IECSC):** All components are listed or exempted.

**Japan inventory:** All components are listed or exempted.

**Korea inventory:** All components are listed or exempted.

**Malaysia Inventory (EHS Register):** All components are listed or exempted.

**New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC):** All components are listed or exempted.

**Philippines inventory (PICCS):** All components are listed or exempted.

**Taiwan inventory (CSNN):** All components are listed or exempted.

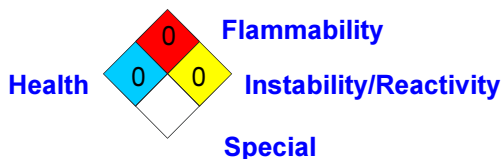
## Section 16. Other information

### Hazardous Material Identification System (U.S.A.)

Health	*	1
Flammability		0
Physical hazards		0
Personal protection		E

\* Chronic Potential

### National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)



The customer is responsible for determining the PPE code for this material.

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### Key to abbreviations



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## Section 16. Other information

ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate

BCF = Bioconcentration Factor

GHS = Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

IATA = International Air Transport Association

IBC = Intermediate Bulk Container

IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods

LogPow = logarithm of the octanol/water partition coefficient

MARPOL 73/78 = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978. ("Marpol" = marine pollution)

UN = United Nations

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