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General Product Information 2023

Water Conditioning Products

With the growing number of individual questionnaires, Morton Salt, Inc. has prepared this information packet to meet our customers' documentation requirements for water conditioning products. We kindly ask for you to use the information in this packet in place of completing individual forms or requesting individual documents. Thank you for considering Morton Salt, Inc.

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The data provided herein is based on information we believe to be reliable. It is offered in good faith, but without guarantee, as conditions and methods of use of our products are beyond our control.

Animal Origin - TSE/BSE, Materials of Animal or Plant Origin, Animal Testing

During manufacturing and storage, no material of animal or plant origin is used, so that contamination with these products/substances can be omitted.

Products manufactured by Morton Salt, Inc. are not derived from or contain any material of a mammalian animal origin as defined by 21 CFR 589.2000 and 589.2001. Therefore, these products are also free of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE). Additionally, the products have not been tested for cosmetic, personal care or other applications on or using animals by Morton Salt, Inc.; nor are there any plans to do so in the future.

Business Continuity Plan

In the event of a business disruption, internal and external networks have been established to direct the business and carry out critical responsibilities to assure there is no disruption in meeting customer needs. These networks will be manned with selected individuals that are trained on all aspects of emergency preparedness and are subject matter experts. The Corporate Crisis Team will provide expert guidance and be on call 24/7.

In addition, Morton Salt, Inc. will partner with external agencies to monitor, and if necessary, establish procedures necessary to manage through a crisis. For example, Department of Transportation, World Health Organization, U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Canadian Center for Disease Prevention and Control.

California List of Chemicals, Proposition 65

This statement is to provide you, a customer of Morton Salt, Inc. ("Morton Salt"), information regarding Morton Salt's compliance with California's Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (also known as "Prop 65"). As you may know, Prop 65 is a California law that applies to any product sold in California1 and requires businesses to provide warnings to Californians about exposures to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm. The Prop 65 list of chemicals, which is regularly updated, is available at https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/proposition-65-list. Prop 65 is a "right-to-know" type of law, which means that while it requires that parties provide certain warnings about possible exposures to chemicals in products, Prop 65 does not require the elimination of chemicals from products. Morton Salt has coordinated both with its suppliers and internally to evaluate which, if any, of Morton Salt's products trigger the warning requirements under Prop 65.

Morton has determined that our current product offerings are either: (i) products that do not contain chemicals which are listed on the Prop 65 list, or (ii) products for which no warning is otherwise required under the Prop 65 laws.

Morton Salt is committed to complying with Prop 65 warning requirements and will continue to evaluate whether its products require Prop 65 warnings. Morton Salt will update you about any changes to the products we sell to you or to the law that would require Morton Salt to provide warnings under Prop 65.

California Transparency in Supply Chain Act of 2010 (the "Act")

Morton Salt, Inc. ("Morton") certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, the materials incorporated into the products supplied by Morton Salt, Inc. to our direct customers, comply with the local, state, and federal laws of the United States regarding slavery and human trafficking.

C.M.R. and Nanotechnology

Products manufactured by Morton Salt, Inc. and Windsor Salt Ltd. do not contain substances that are considered Carcinogens, Mutagens, or Toxic for Reproduction.

To the best of our knowledge, these products are not manufactured using nano-engineered materials. The particle size range of the following materials are outside the nano-material range of 1 - 100 nanometers (0.001 - 0.100 μm).

Code of Conduct

Please reach out to <u>TECHNICALDOCUMENTS@mortonsalt.com</u> to request a copy of the code of conduct.

Diacetyl Statement

Products manufactured by Morton Salt, Inc and Windsor Salt, Ltd. do not contain natural or synthetic Diacetyl (Butanedione ,2,3-Butanedione). The salt is not exposed or contaminated by Diacetyl during processing, storage, packaging, or handling.

Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Conflict Minerals)

To the best of our knowledge Morton Salt Inc. and Windsor Salt Ltd. products do not contain Tin, Tantalum, Tungsten, Gold.

Ethylene Oxide, Irradiation, Sewage Sludge

Products manufactured by Morton Salt and Windsor Salt are not subjected to ethylene oxide, ionizing radiation, or sewage sludge; nor, to the best of our knowledge, are any of the components of these products.

Food Grade Status of Products for Water Conditioning

Water conditioning products manufactured by Morton Salt, Inc. are not food grade products, and GMP guidelines are not followed.

These products are intended for regenerating the ion exchange resin of water softeners. During water softening, hard water ions (calcium and magnesium) are removed from the water and replaced with sodium or potassium through a process known as ion exchange. When the resin beads of the softener are saturated with calcium and magnesium hardness ions, the softener is regenerated with a salt brine, replacing the calcium and magnesium with sodium or potassium. Following brining, the

resin is thoroughly rinsed with water to flush away residual brine, calcium and magnesium, and the regeneration is completed. The softened water supply does not have direct or indirect contact with the salt brine, so softened water from a properly functioning water softener is acceptable for use in food grade operations.

Because the salt itself is not handled in a food grade manner, these water softening products are not intended for any other use that would provide direct or indirect contact with edible food products. Furthermore, these products do not contain any substances that would be considered a health hazard, but their use is strictly intended for water softener regeneration.

Microbiological

Salt products are packed dry with less than 0.1% moisture. Any moisture present is saturated brine which exhibits an aw of about 0.75. Dry salt will therefore have an aw of 0.75 or less and is likely to approach an aw of 0.0. If the water activity is 0.85 or less in the finished product, it is not subject to the regulations of 21 CFR Parts 108, 113, and 114. The water activity of salt is below this threshold. Sodium chloride and potassium chloride are bacteriostatic substances with a low water activity. Since these products do not support microbiological growth, microbiological standards are not included in the specification, nor are microbiological environmental studies performed at any Morton Salt or Windsor Salt facilities.

Pesticide

Products manufactured by Morton Salt, Inc. and Windsor Salt Ltd. do not contain pesticide or pesticide residue. The salt is not exposed or contaminated by pesticides during processing, storage, packaging, or handling.