

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

According to  
HSNO Hazardous Substances (Safety Data Sheets) Notice 2017

### Section 1. Identification of the material and the supplier

Product: **Cutback Bitumen 10 – 20pph**  
Other/Trade Names: Cutback Bitumen  
Product Use: Cutback Bitumen are used for the construction of bituminous road and pavement surfaces  
Restriction of Use: Refer to Section 15  
  
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### Section 2. Hazards Identification

**This substance is hazardous according to the EPA Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice 2020.**

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GHS Classification and Category	Hazard Code	Hazard Statement
Flammable Liquids Cat. 4	H227	Combustible liquid.
Hazardous to the aquatic environment chronic Cat. 3	H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Prevention Code	Prevention Statement
P103	Read label before use.
P210	Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames or hot surfaces. No smoking.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective clothing as detailed in Section 8.

Response Code	Response Statement
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use foam or dry chemicals for extinction.

Storage Code	Storage Statement
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

Disposal Code	Disposal Statement
P501	Dispose of according to Local Regulations or Authorities

Other Hazards	Statement
	Risk of burns when handled, stored and transported at elevated temperatures.

	<p>There is a risk of water vapour pressure explosion if heated above 100°C in the presence of water.</p> <p>Toxic, flammable and explosive levels of hydrocarbon vapour, hydrogen sulphide and other poisonous gases/vapors can accumulate in the head spaces of tanks and other confined spaces when handling hot bitumen temperatures.</p>
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### Section 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	Wt%	CAS NUMBER.
Bitumen	60 - 100	8052-42-4
Kerosene	10 - 20	8008-20-6

### Section 4. First Aid Measures

Routes of Exposure:

If in Eyes	If hot material contacts the eyes, immediately cool the affected area under cold water for at least 10 minutes. <b>DO NOT</b> attempt to remove the product from burnt areas. Refer to the CCNZ Bitumen Burns Card (see Section 16) <u>and</u> seek immediate medical assistance. Excessive exposure to fumes may cause eye irritations including redness, swelling, stinging and tearing in susceptible individuals. Remove affected person to a ventilated area.
If on Skin	If hot material contacts the skin, immediately cool the affected area under cold water for at least 10 minutes. <b>DO NOT</b> attempt to remove the product from burnt areas. Refer to the CCNZ Bitumen Burns Card (see Section 16) <u>and</u> seek immediate medical assistance. Material that contacts the skin at ambient temperatures <b>and does not</b> result in burns can be removed using vegetable based oils, or industrial hand cleaners. Do not use thinners or solvents. Repeated skin contact may cause skin irritations or dermatitis in susceptible individuals.
If Swallowed	Do not induce vomiting, wash out mouth thoroughly. If symptoms develop seek medical assistance.
If Inhaled	Remove affected person to a ventilated area. If symptoms persist, seek medical advice. If not breathing, apply artificial respiration and seek urgent medical advice.

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

Symptoms:	Various studies have concluded that there is no evidence of long-term health affects arising from the use of bitumen. Ingestion may cause pain, nausea or gastrointestinal irritations. Inhalation of fumes, mists or aerosols is likely to cause irritations to the nose or throat or coughing.
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### Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

<b>Hazard Type</b>	<p>This product contains kerosene and will generate flammable or explosive vapours in the head space of empty or full tanks, containers and vessels, especially when heated. Kerosene vapour is explosive in the 1 – 6% range. Limit oxygen, and maintain 8 metre distance to ignition sources.</p> <p>There is a significant risk of violent explosion if this product is heated above 100°C in the presence of water.</p>
<b>Hazards from products</b>	Complete or incomplete combustion can produce oxides of carbon, sulfur and nitrogen, hydrogen sulphide and polyaromatic hydrocarbons.

<b>Suitable Extinguishing media</b>	For large fires use foam, or water fog For small fires use CO <sub>2</sub> , dry powder, foam, sand or soil Do not use: Do not use high-pressure water hoses as these may spread the burning material.
<b>Precautions for firefighters and special protective clothing</b>	Fire fighters should wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.
<b>HAZCHEM CODE</b>	2Y (at temperatures above 100°C)

## **Section 6. Accidental Release Measures**

Wear suitable personal protective clothing as described in Section 8 to prevent skin or eye contact with the material. Whenever possible isolate the cause of the spill (i.e. close valves, empty ruptured vessels etc).

### **Small Spills:**

Use absorbent material such as sand or soil to contain the spill. Allow the material to cure and solidify before removing using a shovel or other suitable equipment.

### **Large Spills:**

If the spill occurs on land, use absorbent material such as sand or soil to contain the spill. Allow the material to cure and solidify before removing using earth moving or excavation equipment. Do not allow the material to enter storm water drains, sewage drains or the aquatic environment. If a spillage enters the aquatic environment, contain the spill before removing using a pump.

### **Environmental Impact:**

This product is immiscible with water in all proportions and is harmful to aquatic organisms and should not be allowed to enter storm water, sewage drains or other bodies of water.

### **Waste Disposal:**

This product can be mixed with soil or aggregates and disposed of as clean fill in Local Authority waste disposal facilities.

## **Section 7. Handling and Storage**

### **Precautions for Handling:**

- Use a well-ventilated area.
- Do not store or use in confined spaces.
- Material can be stored at temperatures between 130 – 160°C. Do not heat above 177°C.
- If storing for prolonged periods of time it is advisable not to heat product overnight and or unattended.
- Buildup of mists or vapors in the atmosphere must be prevented.
- Avoid breathing in spray mists or vapors.
- Do not use welding or other ignition sources and avoid sparks. Do not smoke.
- Wear personal protective clothing when handling (see Section 8).
- Avoid accidental release to the environment.

### **Precautions for Storage:**

- Store away from heat, sources of ignition, oxidizing agents, foodstuffs, clothing and out of direct sunlight.
- Keep containers closed when not in use and securely sealed and protected against physical damage.
- Inspect regularly for damages or leaks.
- Do not allow water to contact hot bitumen due to danger of boil over.
- "Code of Practice RNZ9904: The Safe Handling of Bituminous Materials used in Roothing" provides more information on the safe handling and storage of bituminous materials.
- Store away from incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

## Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### WORKPLACE EXPOSURE STANDARDS (provided for guidance only)

Bitumen Fumes:	5mg/m <sup>3</sup>	8 Hour TWA	(NZ/Australian/UK)
	10mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 min TWA	(UK)
	ACGIH (proposed):	0.5mg/m <sup>3</sup> Cyclohexane Soluble Fraction (CHSF)	
Mineral Oil Mist:	5mg/m <sup>3</sup>	8 Hour TWA	(NZ)
	10mg/m <sup>3</sup>	15 min STEL	(NZ)
Kerosene:	100mg/m <sup>3</sup>	8 Hour TWA	(NIOSH)

Workplace Exposure Standard – Time Weighted Average (WES-TWA). The time-weighted average exposure standard designed to protect the worker from the effects of long-term exposure. Workplace Exposure Standard – Short-Term Exposure Limit (WESSTEL). The 15-minute average exposure standard. Applies to any 15- Minute period in the working day and is designed to protect the worker against adverse effects of irritation, chronic or irreversible tissue change, or narcosis that may increase the likelihood of accidents. The WES-STEL is not an alternative to the WES-TWA; both the short-term and time-weighted average exposures apply. Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices NOV 2019 11TH EDITION.

#### Notes:

This product can form mists or aerosols during use.

#### Engineering Controls

Provide adequate ventilation to ensure mists and aerosols remain at a minimum level. Where vapors or mist are generated, particularly in closed areas, and natural ventilation is inadequate, a local exhaust ventilation system is required. Ensure that product cannot be heated above 160°C.

#### Personal Protection Equipment



<b>Eyes</b>	Full face shields are required when transferring hot bitumen between vessels using flexible hoses, or when filling mobile tanks.
<b>Hands and Skin</b>	Wear leather or other impervious gloves to prevent burns and splashes when handling hot valves and hoses. Wear full length overalls that fully cover the arms and legs. The overalls must be zipped up. It is advisable to wear a hat to prevent hot bitumen splashes causing burns to the head. The head should be covered when handling bitumen to prevent burns from splashes or accidental release. Wear safety boots that are oil resistant and have slip resistant soles. Overalls should cover the top of the boot.
<b>Respiratory</b>	Respiratory protection or breathing apparatus are not usually required unless engineering controls are inadequate for providing sufficient ventilation.

## Section 9 Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Black liquid.
<b>Odour</b>	Petroleum solvent odour.
<b>Odour Threshold</b>	Not available
<b>pH</b>	Not available
<b>Boiling Point</b>	approximately 147°C - 199°C for solvent content
<b>Melting Point</b>	Not available
<b>Freezing Point</b>	Not available
<b>Flash Point</b>	>60.5°C
<b>Flammability</b>	Liquid is combustible Vapour above liquid surface is flammable
<b>Upper and Lower</b>	1% - 6% for kerosene vapour in air

<b>Explosive Limits</b>	
<b>Vapour Pressure</b>	3.2 mm Hg @ 15°C for solvent content
<b>Vapour Density</b>	Not available
<b>Density @ 20°</b>	0.96 – 1.02 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Solubilities</b>	Insoluble
<b>Partition Coefficient: N octanol/water</b>	Not available
<b>Auto-ignition Temperature</b>	Insoluble
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	Not available
<b>Viscosity (25°C)</b>	Not available
<b>Particle Characteristics</b>	Not available

## Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

<b>Stability of Substance</b>	This product is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Reactivity</b>	Violent, explosive reaction when heated above 100°C in the presence of water.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Do not heat above 158°C.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Product will degrade in presence of strong oxidizing and reducing agents, such as acids and alkalis.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Normal combustion forms CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O, NO <sub>x</sub> , and SO <sub>x</sub> . Incomplete combustion may produce CO, H <sub>2</sub> S, PCA, PAH, and volatile hydrocarbon and particulate matter.

## Section 11 Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects:

<b>Swallowed</b>	Not triggered however Ingestion may cause pain, nausea or gastrointestinal irritations. Ingestion of hot bitumen cause severe burns.
<b>Dermal</b>	Not triggered.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Not triggered however inhalation of fumes, mists and aerosols may cause throat or lung irritations, nausea, headaches, or dizziness. Symptoms are usually alleviated once the affected person is removed to a well-ventilated area.
<b>Eye</b>	Not triggered however excessive exposure to fumes may cause slight to moderate eye irritation including redness, tearing, swelling and stinging. Irritation quickly subsides once removed from the fumes. Contact with hot bitumen can cause serious burns.
<b>Skin</b>	Not triggered however Repeated skin contact may cause skin irritations and dermatitis. However, this is possibly caused by use of oils, soaps and detergents that are used to remove material from skin. Contact with hot bitumen can cause serious scolding to the skin.

### Chronic Effects:

<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Not triggered.
<b>Reproductive Toxicity</b>	Not triggered.
<b>Germ Cell Mutagenicity</b>	Not triggered.
<b>Aspiration</b>	Not triggered.
<b>STOT/SE</b>	Not triggered.
<b>STOT/RE</b>	Not triggered.
<b>Chronic</b>	Prolonged and/or repeated skin exposure can cause drying and defatting, possibly leading to irritation and dermatitis. Possible risk of irreversible effects.

**Toxicity of individual components:**

Ingredient	Species	Toxicity	Route
Bitumen		No data available	
Kerosene	Guinea pig	LD <sub>50</sub> = 20,000 mg/kg	Oral
	Rabbit	LD <sub>50</sub> = 28,000 mg/kg	Oral
	Rabbit	LD <sub>50</sub> = 180 mg/kg	Intravenous
Petroleum Derivatives	Rat	LD <sub>50</sub> = 3,000 mg/kg	Oral
	Rabbit	LD <sub>50</sub> = >2,000 mg/kg	Dermal

**Section 12. Ecotoxicological Information**

May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	Based on its use as a road surfacing material, bitumen is expected to be highly persistent and not degradable in the environment.
<b>Bioaccumulation</b>	No data Available
<b>Mobility in Soil</b>	Insoluble in water. Semi-solid at ambient temperature.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	No data available

Do not allow to enter waterways.

**Section 13. Disposal Considerations****Disposal Method:**

Mix product with sand, soil or aggregate and allow to cure (dry). Dispose of as clean fill in accordance with local authority regulations. Packaging can often be recycled, otherwise dispose of packaging in a landfill in accordance with local authority regulations.

**Disposal methods to avoid:** Do not dispose of into aquatic environments including drains, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds or the ocean. See Section 6 for additional information.

**Section 14 Transport Information**

This product is **NOT** classified as a Dangerous Good for transport in NZ ; NZS 5433:2012 **when temperature is below 100°C.**

**At temperatures above 100°C** the following is applicable:

**This product is classified as a Dangerous Good for transport in NZ ; NZS 5433:2012**

**Road, Rail, Sea and Air Transport**

<b>UN No</b>	<b>3256</b>
<b>Class - Primary</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Packing Group</b>	<b>III</b>
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	<b>ELEVATED TEMPERATURE LIQUID, FLAMMABLE N.O.S.</b>
<b>Marine Pollutant</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Hazchem Code</b>	<b>2Y</b>

**Section 15 Regulatory Information**

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<b>HSWA &amp; EPA Controls</b>	<b>Trigger Quantity</b>
Certified Handler	Not required
Location Certificate	Not required
Tracking Trigger Quantities	Not required
Signage Trigger Quantities	10 000L
Emergency Response Plan	1000 L
Secondary Containment	1000 L
Restriction of Use	None

## **Section 16 Other Information**

### **Glossary**

Cat	Category
EC <sub>50</sub>	Median effective concentration.
EEL	Environmental Exposure Limit.
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
HSNO	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms.
LC <sub>50</sub>	Lethal concentration that will kill 50% of the test organisms inhaling or ingesting it.
LD <sub>50</sub>	Lethal dose to kill 50% of test animals/organisms.
LEL	Lower explosive level.
OSHA	American Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
TEL	Tolerable Exposure Limit.
TLV	Threshold Limit Value-an exposure limit set by responsible authority.
UEL	Upper Explosive Level
WES	Workplace Exposure Limit

### **References:**

1. EPA Hazardous Substances (Safety Data Sheets) Notice 2017
2. Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices Nov 2017 edition.
3. Assigning a hazardous substance to a HSNO Approval (Aug 2013).
4. Transport of Dangerous goods on land NZS 5433:2012
5. HSW (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017

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