

SECTION 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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Products: NRL Nucleic Acid Testing External Quality Assessment Schemes (NAT EQAS)

SECTION 2: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| Component |
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| Human serum |
| Human plasma |
| Phosphate buffered saline |
| OptiMatrix™ (Human plasma) |
| Leptospiral Broth |
| MEM (1x) with Earle's salts |

CAS# Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable Percentage Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable Exposure Limit None established None established None established None established None established

SECTION 3: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Potentially Biohazardous Material:

This material has the potential to transmit infectious agents and should be handled according to Biosafety Level 2. Products for LEPN435 and MTBN435 have been heat inactivated. Products for RESP435 have been heat treated. Products for RESP435 and RESV435 have been gamma-irradiated. The other materials have not been inactivated via heat, chemicals or radiation.

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical attention.

Harmful if swallowed.

Wear suitable protective clothing (lab coat, gloves, and safety glasses).

PBS: SPECIAL INDICATION OF HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND THE ENVIRONMENT Not hazardous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Eyes: In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with a large amount of water for at least 15 minutes while holding the eyelids open to assure that the entire surface is flushed. Seek medical attention.

Skin: In case of contact, immediately wash the contact area thoroughly with soap and a large amount of water. Seek medical attention.

Inhalation: Not Applicable

Ingestion: Avoid swallowing the material. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsing person. If conscious, rinse mouth with water. Seek medical attention.

SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media: This product is not combustible. Use any media appropriate for the surrounding fire.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures: Wear self contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent exposure to eyes and skin.

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Unusual Fire and Explosion hazards: May emit toxic vapours under fire conditions.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Promptly clean up all spills. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment to avoid exposure.

Contain the spill. Absorb the spill using absorbent materials and decontaminate the spill with a strong (10%) bleach solution or another germicidal agent. Dispose of all cleanup materials in accordance with disposal practices for infectious waste at your institution. (Local, State, and Federal regulations may apply). Wash the spill area after material pick up is complete.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handle this material as if capable of transmitting infectious agents. Observe routine biosafety precautions in handling. Use of personal protection to include, but not limited to, laboratory coat or gown, gloves and eye safety glasses is strongly recommended.

Wash thoroughly after handling. Store as labelled.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Laboratory coat or gown, gloves, safety glasses Emergency shower and eye wash Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing Wash thoroughly after handling Biosafety Level 2 precautions

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance & Form: The serum or plasma may be in liquid or solid (if frozen) form; its normal appearance is a pale amber liquid. On occasion, some particulate matter (fibrin) is normal. Leptospiral broth may be in liquid or solid (if frozen) form. It is a colourless liquid.

pH 6.0-8.0 Neutral

SECTION 10: STABILITY & REACTIVITY

Stability: This material is stable under normal temperatures and pressures, is non-corrosive and polymerization will not occur. This material is not incompatible with other laboratory materials.

Conditions to avoid: Avoid excess heat

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Potentially Biohazardous Material: Harmful if swallowed or absorbed through skin.

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Not Applicable

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Decontamination of excess material using bleach solution (10%) is recommended. Waste handling requirements are dependent upon local ordinances and therefore it is recommended that the community standards as well as state and local regulations be consulted regarding the proper disposal of potentially infectious material.

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SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

IATA/ICAO AIR TRANSPORTATION Proper Shipping Name: Biological Substance, Category B UN Number: Exempt Hazard Class/Packing Group: Hazard Class: 6.2 / Packaging Group: N/A Labels Required: In accordance with section 7 IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations IATA Packaging Requirements: In accordance with Packing Instructions 650, IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

Not Applicable

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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