



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product Name Rigitone Big Boards

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Recommended use Internal linings in buildings

Uses advised against No specific uses advised against are identified

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Supplier

Saint-Gobain Construction Products (Ireland) Limited  
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone ROI: 1800 744480  
NI: 0845 3990159  
(Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm)

Europe emergency contact number: 112

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

**Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

This mixture is classified as not hazardous according to regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]

### 2.2. Label elements

#### **Hazard statements**

Not classified

#### **Additional information**

As supplied, this product does not meet the requirements for labelling

### 2.3. Other hazards

The product does not contain any substance(s) classified as PBT or vPvB. Cutting and handling may create dust. Product dust may be irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system. Sharp edges and corners may cause cuts and abrasions.

### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1 Substances

Not applicable

#### 3.2 Mixtures

Article consisting of perforated gypsum board and lining (acoustic tissue)

Chemical name	Weight-%	REACH registration number	EC No	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]	Specific concentration limit (SCL)	M-Factor	M-Factor (long-term)
Calcium sulfate dihydrate 7778-18-9	50 - 100	01-211944491 8-26-XXXX	231-900-3	Not Classified [C]	-	-	-

[C] - Components with occupational exposure limits and/or biological occupational exposure limits requiring monitoring

**Full text of H- and EUH-phrases: see section 16**

#### Acute Toxicity Estimate

**If LD50/LC50 data is not available or does not correspond to the classification category, then the appropriate conversion value from CLP Annex I, Table 3.1.2, is used to calculate the acute toxicity estimate (ATE<sub>mix</sub>) for classifying a mixture based on its components**

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50 - 4 hour - dust/mist - mg/L	Inhalation LC50 - 4 hour - vapour - mg/L	Inhalation LC50 - 4 hour - gas - ppm
Calcium sulfate dihydrate 7778-18-9	> 2000	-	> 3.26	-	-

This product does not contain candidate substances of very high concern at a concentration  $\geq 0.1\%$  (Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), Article 59)

### SECTION 4: First aid measures

#### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

<b>General advice</b>	Get medical attention if irritation or other symptoms occur. Take a copy of the Safety Data Sheet when going for medical treatment.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Not an expected route of exposure. IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Not an expected route of exposure. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash skin with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

**Ingestion** IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water. Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

#### **4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

**Symptoms** Harmful dust may be released during cutting or grinding process. Product dust may be irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system. May cause discomfort if swallowed. Prolonged contact may cause redness and irritation.

#### **4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Note to doctors** Treat symptomatically.

### **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

#### **5.1. Extinguishing media**

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** Dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, alcohol-resistant foam or water spray. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media** Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire.

#### **5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical** None known based on information supplied.

**Hazardous combustion products** Harmful gases or vapours. Oxides of sulphur. Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

#### **5.3. Advice for firefighters**

**Specific/special fire-fighting measures** Avoid breathing vapours. Evacuate area. Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

#### **6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

**Personal precautions** Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Wear personal protective clothing (see section 8). Avoid breathing dust. Avoid contact with eyes. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Wash thoroughly after handling.

**For emergency responders** Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.

#### **6.2. Environmental precautions**

**Environmental precautions** Collect spillage. Avoid release to the environment. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

#### **6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

**Methods for containment** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

**Methods for cleaning up** Use personal protection recommended in Section 8. Clear up spills immediately and

dispose of waste safely. Stay upwind. Collect spillage. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid generation of dust. Prevent product from entering drains. After cleaning, flush away traces with water. Wash thoroughly after handling. Dispose of wastes in an approved waste disposal facility.

**Prevention of secondary hazards** Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.

#### 6.4. Reference to other sections

**Reference to other sections** See section 8 for more information. See Section 11 for more information. See section 13 for more information.

## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

**Advice on safe handling** Read carefully and follow all instructions. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear personal protective equipment. See section 8 for more information. Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingstuffs. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Minimise dust generation and accumulation. Do not breathe dust. Ensure adequate ventilation.

**General hygiene considerations** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and after work. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

**Storage Conditions** Store away from incompatible materials. Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in a cool, well ventilated area. Keep away from heat, sparks, flame and other sources of ignition (i.e., pilot lights, electric motors and static electricity). Keep away from combustible material.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

#### **Specific use(s).**

The identified uses for this product are detailed in Section 1.2

## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### 8.1. Control parameters

**Exposure Limits** Exposure to these ingredients as inhalable or respirable dust is minimal during normal use. Avoid generation of dust.

Chemical name	European Union	Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Croatia
Calcium sulfate dihydrate 7778-18-9	-	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 10.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-
Chemical name	France	Germany	Germany MAK	Greece	Hungary
Calcium sulfate dihydrate 7778-18-9	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	TWA: 4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 1.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Chemical name	Ireland	Italy	Italy REL	Latvia	Lithuania
Calcium sulfate dihydrate 7778-18-9	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-
Chemical name	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	Norway	Poland
Calcium sulfate dihydrate 7778-18-9	-	-	-	-	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Chemical name	Portugal	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain

Calcium sulfate dihydrate 7778-18-9	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	TWA: 4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 1.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Chemical name	Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom
Calcium sulfate dihydrate 7778-18-9	-		TWA: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 4.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)** No information available.

#### Calcium sulfate dihydrate (7778-18-9)

Type	Exposure route	Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)	Safety factor
Worker: Long term, Systemic health effects	Inhalation	21.17 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-
Worker: Short term, Systemic health effects	Inhalation	5082 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-
General Population: Long term, Systemic health effects	Inhalation	5.29 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-
General Population: Short term, Systemic health effects	Inhalation	3811 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-
General Population: Long term, Systemic health effects	Oral	1.52 mg/kg bw/d	-
General Population: Short term, Systemic health effects	Oral	11.4 mg/kg bw/d	-

**Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)** No information available.

#### Calcium sulfate dihydrate (7778-18-9)

Environmental compartment	Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)
Microorganisms in sewage treatment	100 mg/l

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering controls

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

If there is a risk of contact: Tight sealing safety goggles. Eye protection must conform to standard EN 166.

#### Hand protection

Repeated or prolonged contact: Wear suitable gloves. During cutting, grinding or sanding operations, wear protective gloves if handling sharp or rough edges.

#### Skin and body protection

No special protective equipment required.

#### Respiratory protection

Harmful dust may be released during cutting or grinding process. When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Dust mask for dust formation. Disposable filtering half mask respirators should comply with European Standard EN149 or EN405. Ensure all respiratory protective equipment is suitable for its intended use and is 'CE'-marked. Check that the respirator fits tightly and the filter is changed regularly.

#### General hygiene considerations

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and after work. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Environmental exposure controls Avoid creating dust.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Board
Physical state	Solid
Colour	Gypsum core: white, white-beige, white-grey Paper-liner: white; white-grey Lining: grey
Odour	Odourless
Odour threshold	No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
Melting point / freezing point	No data available	None known
Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available	None known
Flammability	No data available	None known
Flammability Limit in Air		None known
Upper flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Flash point	No data available	None known
Autoignition temperature	No data available	None known
Decomposition temperature	140 °C	None known
pH	No data available	None known
pH (as aqueous solution)	No data available	No information available
Kinematic viscosity	No data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	No data available	None known
Water solubility	2 g/l	@ 20 °C
Solubility(ies)	No data available	None known
Partition coefficient	No data available	None known
Vapour pressure	No data available	None known
Relative density	No data available	None known
Bulk density	No data available	
Liquid Density	No data available	
Vapour density	No data available	None known
Particle characteristics		
Particle Size	No information available	
Particle Size Distribution	No information available	

### 9.2. Other information

#### 9.2.1. Information with regards to physical hazard classes

Not applicable 140 °C 140 °C

#### 9.2.2. Other safety characteristics

No information available

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

Reactivity None under normal use conditions.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stability Stable under normal conditions. Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Explosion data**

Sensitivity to mechanical impact None.

Sensitivity to static discharge None.

**10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Possibility of hazardous reactions None under normal processing.

**10.4. Conditions to avoid**

Conditions to avoid Dust formation. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

**10.5. Incompatible materials**

Incompatible materials None known based on information supplied.

**10.6. Hazardous decomposition products**

Hazardous decomposition products None under normal use conditions.

**SECTION 11: Toxicological information****11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008****Information on likely routes of exposure****Product Information**

<b>Inhalation</b>	Harmful dust may be released during cutting or grinding process. Inhalation of dust in high concentration may cause irritation of respiratory system.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Not an expected route of exposure. Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Prolonged contact may cause redness and irritation. Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Not an expected route of exposure. May cause gastrointestinal discomfort.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics**

**Symptoms** Product dust may be irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system. May cause discomfort if swallowed. Prolonged contact may cause redness and irritation.

**Numerical measures of toxicity**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Component Information**

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Calcium sulfate dihydrate	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	> 3.26 mg/l

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Component Information	
Calcium sulfate dihydrate (7778-18-9)	
Method	OECD Test No. 404: Acute Dermal Irritation/Corrosion
Exposure route	Dermal
Effective dose	0.5 g
Exposure time	4 hours
Results	non-irritant

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Component Information	
Calcium sulfate dihydrate (7778-18-9)	
Method	OECD Test No. 405: Acute Eye Irritation/Corrosion
Exposure route	Eye
Effective dose	0.1 g
Results	non-irritant

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Component Information	
Calcium sulfate dihydrate (7778-18-9)	
Method	OECD Test No. 406: Skin Sensitisation
Exposure route	Dermal
Results	Not a skin sensitiser

**Germ cell mutagenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Component Information	
Calcium sulfate dihydrate (7778-18-9)	
Method	OECD Test No. 471: Bacterial Reverse Mutation Test
Species	in vitro
Results	Not mutagenic
Method	OECD Test No. 474: Mammalian Erythrocyte Micronucleus Test
Species	in vivo
Results	Not mutagenic

**Carcinogenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Reproductive toxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**STOT - single exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**STOT - repeated exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Aspiration hazard** Not applicable.

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

### 11.2.1. Endocrine disrupting properties

**Endocrine disrupting properties** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

### 11.2.2. Other information

**Other adverse effects** None known based on information supplied.



**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1. Toxicity**

**Ecotoxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met. Not considered to be harmful to aquatic life.

Component Information	
Calcium sulfate dihydrate (7778-18-9)	
Results	Not toxic at limit of water solubility

**12.2. Persistence and degradability**

**Persistence and degradability** No information available.

Component Information			
Calcium sulfate dihydrate (7778-18-9)			
Method	Exposure time	Value	Results
-	-	-	Substance is inorganic. Not relevant

**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential**

**Bioaccumulation** No information available.

**12.4. Mobility in soil**

**Mobility in soil** No information available.

**Mobility** Insoluble in water.

**12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

**PBT and vPvB assessment** The product does not contain any substance(s) classified as PBT or vPvB.

Chemical name	PBT and vPvB assessment
Calcium sulfate dihydrate	The substance is not PBT / vPvB

**12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties**

**Endocrine disrupting properties** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

**12.7. Other adverse effects**

**Other adverse effects** None known based on information supplied.

**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations****13.1. Waste treatment methods**

**Waste from residues/unused products** The generation of waste should be minimised or avoided wherever possible. Recover or recycle if possible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way.

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

**Contaminated packaging** Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

**Waste codes / waste designations according to EWC / AVV** According to the European Waste Catalogue, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### IMDG

14.1 UN number or ID number	Not regulated
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Not regulated
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not regulated
14.4 Packing group	Not regulated
14.5 Environmental hazards	Not applicable
Marine pollutant	Not applicable
14.6 Special Precautions for Users	
Special Provisions	None
14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments	No information available

### RID

14.1 UN number	Not regulated
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Not regulated
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not regulated
14.4 Packing group	Not regulated
14.5 Environmental hazards	Not applicable
14.6 Special Precautions for Users	
Special Provisions	None

### ADR

14.1 UN number or ID number	Not regulated
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Not regulated
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not regulated
14.4 Packing group	Not regulated
14.5 Environmental hazards	Not applicable
14.6 Special Precautions for Users	
Special Provisions	None

### IATA

14.1 UN number or ID number	Not regulated
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Not regulated
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not regulated
14.4 Packing group	Not regulated
14.5 Environmental hazards	Not applicable
14.6 Special Precautions for Users	
Special Provisions	None
Note:	None

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

**European Union**

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work.

**Authorisations and/or restrictions on use:**

This product does not contain substances subject to authorisation (Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex XIV). This product does not contain substances subject to restriction (Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex XVII).

**Persistent Organic Pollutants**

Not applicable

**Ozone-depleting substances (ODS) regulation (EC) 1005/2009** Not applicable

**International Inventories**

<b>TSCA</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
<b>DSL/NDSL</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
<b>EINECS/ELINCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
<b>ENCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
<b>IECSC</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
<b>KECL</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
<b>PICCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status
<b>AICS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

**Legend:**

<b>TSCA</b>	- United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory
<b>DSL/NDSL</b>	- Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List
<b>EINECS/ELINCS</b>	- European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances
<b>ENCS</b>	- Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances
<b>IECSC</b>	- China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances
<b>KECL</b>	- Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
<b>PICCS</b>	- Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances
<b>AICS</b>	- Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**15.2. Chemical safety assessment**

**Chemical Safety Report** Not applicable

**SECTION 16: Other information****Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet****Legend**

SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation:

PBT Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) Chemicals

vPvB Very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative (vPvB) Chemicals

**Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

TWA TWA (time-weighted average)

Ceiling Maximum limit value

STEL

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STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)

Skin designation

**Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database  
European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)  
EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)  
Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGL(s))  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals  
Food Research Journal  
Hazardous Substance Database  
International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)  
Japan GHS Classification  
Australian National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)  
NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)  
National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)  
National Toxicology Program (NTP)  
New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Programme  
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set  
World Health Organization

**Key literature references and sources for data**

European Chemicals Agency  
<http://echa.europa.eu>

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**This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006**

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