

SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product identifier

Product form	: Substance
Substance name	: Common Cement SANS 50197-1
Type of product	: Industrial product
EC-No.	: 266-043-4
CAS-No.	: 65997-15-1
Other means of identification	: AfriSam Rapid Hard Cement; AfriSam High Strength Cement; AfriSam All Purpose Cement; AfriSam Roadstab Cement; AfriSam Starbuild Cement

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

Use of the substance/mixture	: Construction product
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1.3. Supplier's details

AfriSam (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd
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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number	: 011 670 5500
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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to the United Nations GHS

Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 2	H315
Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 1	H318
Skin sensitisation, category 1B	H317
Specific target organ toxicity – Single exposure, Category 3, Respiratory tract irritation	H335
Full text of H-statements: see section 16	

2.2. Label elements

Labelling according to the United Nations GHS

Hazard pictograms (GHS ZA)



Signal word (GHS-ZA)

: Danger

Hazard statements (GHS ZA)

: H315 - Causes skin irritation.
H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318 - Causes serious eye damage.
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statements (GHS ZA)

: P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P264 - Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling.
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P302+P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
P304+P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

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P305+P351+P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.
P321 - Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instruction on this label).
P332+P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P333+P313 - If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P362+P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P403+P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P501 - Dispose of contents/container to hazardous or special waste collection point, in accordance with local, regional, national and/or international regulation.

2.3. Other hazards

Adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects : May cause respiratory irritation, Causes skin irritation, May cause an allergic skin reaction, Causes serious eye damage.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Product identifiers: See section 1.1

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to the United Nations GHS
Common Cement SANS 50197-1 (Main constituent)	CAS-No.: 65997-15-1	100	Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Skin Sens. 1B, H317 STOT SE 3, H335

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3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general : Call a poison center or a doctor if you feel unwell.
First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center or a doctor if you feel unwell.
First-aid measures after skin contact : Wash skin with plenty of water. Take off contaminated clothing. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
First-aid measures after eye contact : Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after ingestion : Call a poison center or a doctor if you feel unwell.

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

Symptoms/effects after inhalation : May cause respiratory irritation.
Symptoms/effects after skin contact : Irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Serious damage to eyes.

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

Treat symptomatically.

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SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray. Dry powder. Foam.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire : None known.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Protection during firefighting : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

No additional information available

6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Emergency procedures : Ventilate spillage area. Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid uncontrolled release to the environment.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up : Mechanically recover the product.
Other information : Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling : Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear personal protective equipment.
Hygiene measures : Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions : Store in dry protected location to prevent any moisture contact.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

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OEL TWA	2 mg/m ³ This value is for particulate matter containing no asbestos and ≤1 crystalline silica; respirable fraction.
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8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls : Ensure good ventilation.

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Environmental exposure controls : Avoid uncontrolled release to the environment.

8.3. Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Hand protection : Protective gloves. Wear suitable skin barrier.
Eye protection : Safety glasses
Skin and body protection : Wear suitable protective clothing
Respiratory protection : In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment

Personal protective equipment symbol(s):



8.4. Exposure limit values for the other components

No additional information available

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Solid
Appearance : Powder. solid inorganic material . finely ground.
Colour : Grey. white.
Odour : odourless.
Odour threshold : No odour threshold, odourless
pH : 11 – 13,5 T = 20°C in solution, water-solid ratio 1:2
pH solution : No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1) : No data available
Relative evaporation rate (ether=1) : No data available
Melting point : > 1250 °C
Freezing point : Not applicable
Boiling point : No data available
Flash point : Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature : Not applicable
Decomposition temperature : No data available
Flammability (solid, gas) : Non flammable.
Vapour pressure : No data available
Vapour pressure at 50 °C : No data available
Relative vapour density at 20 °C : No data available
Relative density : 2,75 – 3,2
Relative density of saturated gas/air mixture : No data available
Density : No data available
Relative gas density : No data available
Solubility : Water: 0,1 – 1,5 g/l (T = 20 °C): slight
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow) : No data available
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow) : No data available
Viscosity, kinematic : Not applicable
Viscosity, dynamic : No data available
Explosive properties : No data available
Oxidising properties : No data available
Explosive limits : Not applicable
Lower explosion limit : No data available
Upper explosion limit : No data available
Particle size : 5 — 30 µm Main particle size

9.2. Other information

No additional information available

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SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

10.5. Incompatible materials

No additional information available

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (oral)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (dermal)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: Not classified
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Causes skin irritation. pH: 11 – 13,5 T = 20°C in solution, water-solid ratio 1:2
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye damage. pH: 11 – 13,5 T = 20°C in solution, water-solid ratio 1:2
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
STOT-single exposure	: May cause respiratory irritation.
STOT-repeated exposure	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified

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Viscosity, kinematic	Not applicable
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SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general	: The product is not considered harmful to aquatic organisms nor to cause long-term adverse effects in the environment.
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute)	: Not classified
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic)	: Not classified

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12.2. Persistence and degradability

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Persistence and degradability	No additional information available
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12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Bioaccumulative potential	No additional information available
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12.4. Mobility in soil

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Mobility in soil	No additional information available
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12.5. Other adverse effects

Ozone	: Not classified
Other adverse effects	: No additional information available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Disposal methods

Waste treatment methods	: As per the Waste Classification and Management Regulations (GN R.634 of 2013), the empty paper bags are pre-classified as post-consumer packaging and regarded as a General Waste, and hence do not require further classification. With reference to the National Norms and Standards for Disposal of Waste to Landfill (GN R.636 of 2013) these may be disposed of to an appropriately licenced Class C (or GLB+) landfill providing that these are free of residual product; however, preference would be for their recycling or recovery. Hardened cement is regarded as a hazardous by virtue of being an expired, spoilt or unusable hazardous product in terms of GN R.634. However, previous analysis on AfriSam Returned Readymix has confirmed this to be suitable for disposal at a Class C (or GLB+) landfill facility, again with a preference towards recycling or recovery. Where product remains in the packaging, and in the absence of further information, these would be regarded as Hazardous Waste under GN R.634 (Mixed Waste: General Waste, excluding domestic waste, which contains hazardous waste or hazardous chemicals), necessitating disposal at an appropriately licenced Class A (or Hh / HH) landfill, again with a preference towards recycling or recovery.
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SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with SANS / IMDG / IATA

SANS	IMDG	IATA
14.1. UN number		
Not regulated for transport		
14.2. Proper Shipping Name		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.4. Packing group		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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SANS	IMDG	IATA
14.5. Environmental hazards		
Dangerous for the environment : No	Dangerous for the environment : No Marine pollutant : No	Dangerous for the environment : No
No supplementary information available		

14.6. Special precautions for user

SANS

No data available

IMDG

No data available

IATA

No data available

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health, and environmental national regulations specific for the product

No additional information available

SECTION 16: Other information

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8.1	OEL TWA	Added	

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Abbreviations and acronyms

: ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways
CAS-No. - Chemical Abstract Service number
ADR - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate
BCF - Bioconcentration factor
BLV - Biological limit value
BOD - Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)
CLP - Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
COD - Chemical oxygen demand (COD)
DMEL - Derived Minimal Effect level
DNEL - Derived-No Effect Level
EC-No. - European Community number
ED - Endocrine disrupting properties
EC50 - Median effective concentration
EN - European Standard
IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA - International Air Transport Association
IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods
IOELV - Indicative Occupational Exposure Limit Value
LC50 - Median lethal concentration
LD50 - Median lethal dose
LOAEL - Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
N.O.S. - Not Otherwise Specified
NOAEC - No-Observed Adverse Effect Concentration
NOAEL - No-Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOEC - No-Observed Effect Concentration
OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEL - Occupational Exposure Limit
PBT - Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic
PNEC - Predicted No-Effect Concentration
REACH - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006
RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail
SDS - Safety Data Sheet
STP - Sewage treatment plant
TLM - Median Tolerance Limit
TRGS - Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances
VOC - Volatile Organic Compounds
ThOD - Theoretical oxygen demand (ThOD)
WGK - Water Hazard Class
vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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Other information

Full text of H-statements	
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