

# VAQTA®



## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name** VAQTA®

**Other Names**

**Manufacturer's Product Code** 80600001 VAQTA Adult 1.0mL x 1 Syringe Hepatitis A Vaccine Inact 1.0mL VAQTA (Adult) Syringe

80600002 VAQTA (Adult) Vial Hepatitis A Vacc Inact 1.0mL

**Use** Hepatitis A Vaccine

**Manufacturer's Name** MERCK & CO., INC.

**Address** One Merck Drive, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889-0100 USA

**Telephone** (908) 423-1000

**Emergency Telephone** 1-908-423-6000

**Supplier's Name** Seqirus Pty. Ltd. (ABN 26 160 735 035)

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Not classified as hazardous according to the criteria of the WHS Regulations**

**GHS Classification(s)** None Allocated

**Signal Word** No signal word

**Pictogram(s)** No Pictogram(s)

**Hazard Statement(s)** None Allocated

**Prevention statement(s)** None Allocated

**Response** None Allocated

**Storage** None Allocated

**Disposal** None Allocated

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### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

<i>Chemical name:</i>	<i>CAS Number:</i>	<i>Proportion:</i>
Hepatitis A protein	-	< 0.01 %
Other non-hazardous ingredients	-	Up to 100%

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- Eye** In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- Ingestion** Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately.
- Skin** In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.
- Inhaled** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- Advice to Doctor** Treat supportively and symptomatically. For additional guidance refer to the current prescribing information or the local poison control centre.

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

- Fire/Explosion Hazard** None known
- Fire Extinguishing Media** In case of fire, use water spray (fog), foam, dry chemical, or CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Hazchem Code** Not applicable

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Minor Spills** Contain spilled material. Add absorbent (soil may be used in the absence of other suitable materials) scoop up material and place in a sealed, liquid-proof container for disposal.
- Major Spills** Contain spilled material. Dike spilled material or otherwise contain material to ensure runoff does not reach a waterway. Place spilled material in an appropriate container for disposal. Minimize contact of spilled material with soils to prevent runoff to surface waterways.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Avoid direct contact with skin and eyes. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Keep container tightly closed. Store vials at 2-8°C.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Exposure Standards** No exposure limits set by SWA or ACGIH.

**Engineering Controls** None required when handling sealed vials.  
Adequate ventilation should be provided if there is risk of aerosol formation.

**Personal Protection** Eye / Face Protection – None required when handling sealed vials. Safety glasses with side shields should be worn when handling bulk liquid formulation or filling vials.

Skin Protection - Additional body garments should be used based upon the task being performed (e.g., gloves, sleevelets, apron, gauntlets, disposable suits).

Respiratory Protection - No respiratory protection required when handling bulk liquid formulation or sealed vials. As an adjunct to engineering controls, use an approved, properly fitted, powered air purifying respirator, or respirator of equivalent or greater protection if the potential exists for exposure to airborne aerosols.

Additional Protective Equipment - Work uniform or laboratory coat.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance** Slightly opaque white suspension

**Odour** Not available

**pH** Not available

**Boiling Point/Melting Point** Not available

**Vapour Pressure** Not available

**Vapour Density** Not available

**Specific Gravity** Not available

**Flashpoint** Not applicable

**Flammability Limits** Not applicable

**Solubility in Water** No available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity** Not available

**Stability** Not available

**Decomposition Products** Not known

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Skin** Non-irritating to the skin.

**Eye** Non-irritating to the eyes.

**Inhalation** Not available

**Ingestion** Not available

**Chronic Health Effects** This compound is a vaccine indicated for immunization against infection caused by hepatitis A virus. VAQTA has not been evaluated for its carcinogenic or mutagenic potential, or its potential to impair fertility. In clinical trials, injection-site complaints were the most frequently reported complaints. Other side effects reported in clinical trials included fatigue, fever, stomach pain, throat inflammation, muscle pain, diarrhoea, vomiting, menstruation disorder, and headache. Not listed as a carcinogen by OSHA, NTP or IARC.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Not available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Avoid contact of spilled material and runoff with soil and surface waterways. Dispose of or treat all spill residues including contaminated soils following all applicable regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**Not classified as a dangerous good by the criteria of the ADG Code**

**UN Number** Not applicable

**Proper Shipping Name** Not applicable

**Transport Hazard Class** Not applicable

**Packing Group** Not applicable

**Hazchem Code** Not applicable

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Poisons Schedule Number** Schedule 4 (S4) – Prescription only medicine

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Date of Issue** 20 March 2017  
**Reason for update** Update business details  
Update to GHS format

**Abbreviations**

**SWA** Safe Work Australia  
**WHS** Work, Health and Safety  
**GHS** Globally Harmonised System  
**ACGIH** American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
**ADG Code** Australian Dangerous Goods Code  
**UN Number** United Nations Number  
**CAS Number** Chemical Abstract Service Number

**Contact Point**

Company Contact: +61 3 9389 1984 (24hr)  
Australian Poisons Information Centre, 24 hour service: 13 11 26  
Australian Police, Fire Brigade or Ambulance: 000

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