# Instructions for the safe handling of AGM Lead-Acid Batteries

(Absorbent Glass Material)

# 1. Identification of the article and the company

Data on the product: Trade name

# AGM battery with absorbed diluted sulphuric acid

Data on the manufacturer:

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#### 2. Hazard identification

No hazards in case of an intact battery and observation of the instructions for use.

AGM batteries have two significant characteristics:

- They contain absorbed diluted sulphuric acid, which may cause severe acid burns, when the material is touched.
- During the charging process they develop hydrogen gas and oxygen, which under certain circumstances may turn into an explosive mixture.

# For this reason, the batteries have been marked with the following hazard symbols:



The significance of the hazard symbols is:

- 1. No smoking, no open flames, no sparks.
- 2. Wear safety goggles.
- 3. Keep away from children.
- 4. Sulphuric acid.
- 5. Observe operating instructions.
- 6. Explosive gas mixture.

Additionally: Do not clean batteries with dry wishers, use only wet wishers.

# 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

EINECS-No.	CAS-No.	Description	Content [% of weight] <sup>1</sup>	Classification 67/548/EEC (DSD)	Classification 1272/2008 (CLP)
231-100-4	7439-92-1	Lead and lead alloys	~ 32	-	-
231-100-4	7439-92-1	Active mass (battery lead paste)	~ 32	Xn; R20/22 R33 T <sup>2</sup> , Repr. Cat. 1; R61 Repr. Cat. 3; R 62 R52/53 <sup>3</sup>	GHS 07, Acute Tox. 4, H 302, H 332 GHS 08, Repr. 1 A, H 360 GHS 08, STOT RE 2, H 373 Aquatic Chronic 3, H 412 Signal word: Danger
231-639-5	7664-93-9	Absorbed diluted sulphuric acid <sup>4</sup>	~ 29	C-Corrosive R 35	GHS 05, H314 Signal word: Danger
-	-	Plastic container <sup>5</sup>	~ 7	-	-

Content may vary

- As a result of the harm to the unborn children lead compounds are classified as toxic for reproduction, Category 1. As this category is not described with a specific hazard symbol, lead compounds have to be labelled with the "skull" symbol. Lead compounds are not classified "toxic".
- The former classification of lead compounds as toxic for the aquatic environment R50/53 had been triggered from test results generated in the 1980's for soluble lead compounds (e.g. lead acetate). The hardly soluble lead compounds such as battery lead oxide were not tested at that time. Tests on battery lead oxide were carried out in 2001, 2005 and 2006. The respective test results conclude that battery lead oxide is not toxic for the environment, neither R50 nor R50/53 nor R51/53. From this it follows that the general classification for lead compounds (R50/R53) does not apply to battery paste. As the result of this the Risk Phrase R52/53 (Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment) applies to battery lead oxide and active mass.
- Concentration of the absorbed, diluted sulphuric acid varies in accordance to the state of charge.
- Composition of the plastic may vary due to different customer requirements.

The information below is of relevance only, if the battery is broken and direct contact to the contained mixture occurred.

# Absorbed, diluted sulphuric acid

Hazard Statement according 67/548/EEC (DSD):

R 35 Causes severe burns.

# Precautionary Statements according 67/548/EEC (DSD):

S 2	Keep out of reach of children
S 16	Keep away from sparks or naked flame - No smoking
S 26	In case of contact with eyes rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
S 45	In case of accident or if you feel unwell seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible

# Hazard Statement according EC 1272/2008 (CLP):

H314 Causes serve skin burns and eye damages

# Precautionary Statements according EC 1272/2008 (CLP):

P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P301+P330+P331	If swallowed: rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection.
P260	Due not breath dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P303+P361+P353	If on skin (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated
	clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

# **Battery lead paste:**

R 61

# Precautionary Statements according 67/548/EEC (DSD):

R 20/22	Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed.
R 33	Danger of cumulative effects.
R 62	Possible risk of impaired fertility.
R 52/53	Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in
	the aquatic environment.

May cause harm to the unborn child.

# Precautionary Statements according 67/548/EEC (DSD):

S 52	Not recommended for interior use on large surface areas.
S 45	In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice
	immediately.
S 60	Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information on recovery/recycling.
S 61	Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions / Safety
	data sheets.

# Hazard Statements according EC 1272/2008 (CLP):

H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H332	Harmful if inhaled.
H360	May damage the unborn child. Suspected of damaging fertility.
H373	May cause damage to organs (the central nervous system and system
	For reproduction) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Precautionary Statements according EC 1272/2008 (CLP):

P101 If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and

understood.

P263 Avoid contact during pregnancy/while nursing.

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

P308+P313 If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container according to the local waste

management regulations.

#### 4. First-aid measures

The information below is of relevance only, if the battery is broken and direct contact to the contained mixture occurred.

# Absorbed, diluted sulphuric acid:

after contact to skin rinse with water; remove and wash wetted

clothing

after inhalation of acid mist\*) inhale fresh air

after contact with the eyes\*)

rinse under running water for several minutes
after swallowing\*)

drink a lot of water immediately, and swallow

activated carbon, do not induce vomiting.

Seek to advice a doctor.

# **Battery lead paste:**

after skin contact: clean with water and soap

after inhalation of lead

compounds: inhale fresh air

after contact with the eyes: rinse under running water for several minutes

after swallowing: wash mouth with water

Seek advice of a medical doctor

# 5. Fire-fighting measures

- Suitable extinguishing agents: Water,  $CO_2$  or dry powder fire extinguishing

agents

- Special protective equipment: Protective goggles, respiratory protective

equipment, acid proof clothing

### 6. Accidental release measures

Cleaning / take-up procedures

Use a bonding agent, such as sand, use lime or sodium carbonate for neutralisation; dispose with due regard to the official local regulations; do not permit penetration into the sewage system, the earth or water bodies.

# 7. Handling and storage

Store under roof in cool ambiance-charged lead-acid batteries do not freeze up to -50°C; prevent short circuits. Seek agreement with local water authorities in case of larger quantities. If batteries have to be stored in storage rooms, it is imperative that the instructions for use are observed.

Additional Information about the storage of lead-acid batteries can be requested from Johnson Controls Autobatterie GmbH Co. KGaA.

# 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

8.1 No exposure caused by lead and lead containing battery paste when handling properly.

8.2 In case of a broken battery and with direct contact with compounds

Dermal: Sulfuric acid is corrosive. DNEL values for

local dermal effects are not derived.

Inhalation 0,1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Personal protective equipment

In case of broken battery and with direct contact with its compounds:

Eye protection: Safety glasses (are necessary during recharging also)

Recommend safety gloves for contact with compounds:

Type of material: nitrile rubber
Thickness of material: 0,11 mm
Breakthrough time of material: > 480 minutes

# 9. Physical and chemical properties

Diluted sulphuric ac	cid (30 to 38.5 %)	Lead	
Appearance		Appearance	
	liquid	form:	solid
	colourless	colour:	grey
odour:	odourless	odour:	odourless
Safety-related data		Safety-related data	
pH-value(25°C):	0,3 (49 mg/l water)	pH-value(25°C):	7 – 8 (100 mg/l water)
solidification point:	-35 to -60 °C ′	solidification point:	327 °C
boiling point:	approx. 108 to	boiling point:	1.740 °C
	144°C	solubility in water:	low (0.15 mg/l)
solubility in water:	Sulphuric acid is	(25 °C)	
(25°C)	miscible with	density (20 °C):	11.35 g/cm³
	water	vapour pressure (20 °C)	-
density (20 °C):	(1.2 to 1.3) g/cm <sup>3</sup>	flash point:	non combustible
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# 10. Stability and reactivity

Absorbed, diluted sulphuric acid

#### 10.1 Reactivity

Attacks many metals producing extremely flammable hydrogen gas which can form explosive mixtures with air.

Destroys organic materials, such as cardboard, wood, textiles.

# 10.2 Chemical stability

Thermal decomposition at 338 °C

# 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reaction with many metals produced extremely flammable hydrogen gas which can form explosive mixtures with air.

### 10.4 Incompatible materials

Vigorous reactions with alkalis.

#### 10.5 Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should be produced.

#### 11. Toxicological information

# Sulphuric acid

### Information on toxicological effects

Sulphuric acid immediately dissociates to the hydrogen and sulphate ions, with the hydrogen ion being responsible for the local toxicity (irritation and corrosivity) of sulphuric acid.

# **Acute toxicity**

Oral, rat, LD50: 2140 mg/kg bw (similar to OECD 401)

Inhalation, rat LC50: 375 mg/m³ air (OECD Guideline 403)

Dermal: No data on acute dermal toxicity in animals are available. Although this is a potential route of exposure for workers, testing is not justified for scientific reasons and on animal welfare grounds. The effects of acute dermal exposure to sulphuric acid on animals can be readily predicted, and the data from human exposure are sufficient to characterise the effects.

No classification for acute toxicity is proposed according to current EU criteria.

#### Irritation and corrosion

Skin irritation / corrosion: corrosive

Eye irritation: corrosive

Sulphuric acid is listed on Annex I of Directive 67/548/EEC with classification as 'CORROSIVE' (R35) 'Causes severe burns'. Specific concentration limits are R35 for concentrations of >=15%:

'IRRITANT' (R36/38)'Irritating to eyes and skin for concentrations of >=5% to <15%.

No studies of dermal irritation / corrosion have been performed with the substance and none are proposed, based on scientific considerations and for reasons of animal welfare.

#### Sensitisation

No classification is proposed for skin sensitisation or respiratory sensitisation based on theoretical considerations and in the absence of any findings in exposed humans following occupational use over a long period of time.

# Subacute, subchronic and prolonged toxicity Repeated dose toxicity

Inhalation (subacute, inhalation: aerosol, nose only), rat NOAEC: 0.3 mg/m³ air (OECD Guideline 412). Target organs: respiratory: larynx

Classification for severe effects after repeated or prolonged exposure (R48) is not proposed.

#### Mutagenicity

Genetic toxicity: negative.

No classification is proposed for genotoxicity

#### Carcinogenicity:

The available animal data do not support the classification of sulphuric acid for carcinogenicity.

# Reproductive toxicity:

Inhalation, rabbit, mouse: NOAEC: 19.3 mg/m³ air (OECD Guideline 414). No classification is proposed for reproductive or developmental toxicity

#### STOT-single exposure

Sulfuric acid is not classified for STOT SE.

# STOT-repeated exposure

Sulfuric acid is not classified for STOT RE.

#### **Aspiration hazard**

Sulfuric acid is not classified for aspiration hazard.

# Other information on acute toxicity

No other information available.

# - Battery lead paste:

# Information on toxicological effects

The toxicity of this product has not been tested. The assessment of the toxicity has been done using the test data with similar inorganic lead compounds.

#### Toxicokinetic assessment:

Inorganic lead compounds are slowly absorbed by ingestion and inhalation and poorly absorbed through the skin. If absorbed, lead will accumulate in the body with low rates of excretion, leading to long-term build up. Part of risk management is to take blood samples from workers for analysis to ensure that exposure levels are acceptable.

# Acute toxicity:

Sparingly soluble inorganic lead compounds have generally been found to be of relatively low acute toxicity by ingestion, in contact with skin, and by inhalation. Nevertheless current EU regulations require this substance to be classified as harmful by ingestion and inhalation.

#### **Toxicity data:**

LD50 (oral, rat) > 2000 mg/kg LD50 (dermal, rat) > 2000 mg/kg LC50 (4 hr inhalation, rat) > 5 mg/L

No toxicity data available for Lead metal (lead metal powder, particle < 1mm).

#### Irritation and corrosion

**Skin**: Studies of similar sparingly soluble inorganic lead compounds have shown that they are not corrosive or irritating to the skin of rabbits. This is supported by the lack of reports of irritant effects from occupational settings.

**Eyes**: Studies of lead monoxide and similar sparingly soluble inorganic lead compounds have shown that they are not corrosive or irritating to the eyes of rabbits.

**Respiratory:** No symptoms of respiratory irritation were noted during long-term inhalation studies involving lead monoxide.

#### Sensitation

There is no evidence that sparingly soluble inorganic lead compounds cause respiratory or skin Sensitization.

#### Subacute, subchronic and prolonged toxicity

# Germ cell mutagenicity:

The evidence for genotoxic effects of highly soluble inorganic lead compounds is contradictory, with numerous studies reporting both positive and negative effects. Responses appear to be induced by indirect mechanisms, mostly at very high concentrations that lack physiological relevance.

# Carcinogenicity:

There is evidence that highly soluble inorganic lead compounds may have a carcinogenic effect, particularly on the kidneys of rats. However, the mechanisms by which this effect occurs are still unclear. Epidemiology studies of workers exposed to inorganic lead compounds have found a limited association with stomach cancer. This has led to the classification by IARC that inorganic lead compounds are probably carcinogenic to humans (Group 2A).

#### Reproductive toxicity:

Exposure to high levels of inorganic lead compounds may cause adverse effects on male and female fertility, including adverse effects on sperm quality. Prenatal exposure to inorganic lead compounds is also associated with adverse effects on neurobehavioral development in children.

#### STOT-single exposure:

Sparingly soluble inorganic lead compounds have generally been found to be of relatively low acute toxicity by ingestion, in contact with skin, and by inhalation, with no evidence of any local or systemic toxicity from such exposures, reproductive function and the central nervous system.

# STOT-repeated exposure:

Inorganic lead compounds are cumulative poisons and may be absorbed into the body through ingestion or inhalation. Inorganic lead compounds have been documented in observational human studies to produce toxicity in multiple organ systems and body function including the haematopoietic (blood) system, kidney function.

#### **Aspiration hazard**

Inorganic lead compounds is not classified for aspiration hazard.

#### Other information on acute toxicity

No other information available.

# 12. Ecological information

# - Diluted sulphuric acid

# **Toxicity**

# **Aquatic toxicity**

This substance is not classified as hazardous to the aquatic environment. Results on aquatic toxicity in freshwater:

#### **Short-term toxicity**

Fish, Lepomis macrochirus, LC50 (96 h): > 16-< 28 mg/L. (no information on test methodology)

Aquatic invertebrates, Daphnia magna, EC50 (48 h):> 100 mg/L(OECD Guideline 202)
Algae (based on: growth rate), Desmodesmus subspicatus, EC50 (72 h): > 100 mg/L(OECD Guideline 201)

# Long-term toxicity

Fish, Jordanella floridae, NOEC (65 d): 0.025 mg/L (no information on test methodology) Aquatic invertebrates, Tanytarsus dissimilis, NOEC: 0.15 mg/L (no information on test methodology)

#### Toxicity to other organisms

# Toxicity to aquatic micro-organisms

Aquatic micro-organisms, activated sludge, NOEC (37 d): ca. 26 g/L (Non-standard study investigating effects on bacteria in sewage sludge)

# Persistence and degradability

# **Biodegradation**

Sulphuric acid is a simple inorganic substance, which will not biodegrade. The substance dissociates readily in water to form hydrogen ions and sulphate ions (at environmentally relevant pH) and is totally miscible with water. The hydrogen ions, although not degraded as such due to their elemental nature will react with and be neutralised by (OH) to form water. The sulphate ions are incorporated into the various mineral species present in the environment. No further information is necessary.

# **Chemical degradation**

# Hydrolysis:

Sulphuric acid is a strong mineral acid (pKa = 1.92) that dissociates readily in water to hydrogen ions and sulphate ions (at all environmentally relevant pH levels), and is totally miscible with water. At all environmentally relevant concentrations, the substance will therefore exist as the environmentally ubiquitous sulphate (SO42-) anion and hydronium (H3O+) cation, that reacts with hydroxyls to form water. No further studies on hydrolysis or additional information are required.

# **Phototransformation:**

Sulphuric acid is a strong mineral acid that will react with minerals and other soil constituents e. g. carbonates, liberating carbon dioxide, and forming the corresponding sulphate. Phototransformation will not occur.

#### Bioaccumulative potential

Sulphuric acid is a strong mineral acid (pKa =1.92) that dissociates readily in water to hydrogen ions and sulphate ions (at environmentally relevant pH) and is totally miscible with water. The resulting hydrogen ions and sulphate ions are naturally present in water/sediment and no bioaccumulation of these ions is predicted.

# Mobility in soil

Sulphuric acid is a strong mineral acid that dissociates readily in water to hydrogen ions and sulphate ions (at environmentally relevant pH) and is totally miscible with water. The resulting hydrogen ions and sulphate ions are naturally present in water/sediment. The hydrogen ions will contribute to local pH and are potentially mobile; sulphate ions may be incorporated into naturally occurring mineral species.

#### Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Sulphuric acid is neither a PBT nor a vPvB substance.

#### Other adverse effects

No other information available.

#### - Battery lead paste

#### **Toxicity**

# **Aquatic toxicity**

Battery lead oxide which is comparable to the inorganic lead compounds within a lead acid battery is classified as R 52/53 (aquatic chronic 3, H412)

#### Short term toxicity:

Toxicity for fish 96 h LC 50 > 100 mg/l Toxicity for daphnia 48 h EC 50 > 100 mg/l Toxicity for alga 72 h IC 50> 10 mg/l

#### Bioaccumulative potential

Inorganic lead is considered to be bioaccumulative in the environment, and may accumulate in aquatic and terrestrial plants and animals. The following bioaccumulation/bioconcentration factors have been derived for Pb inorganic compounds:

#### Aquatic compartment:

Bioaccumulation/bioconcentration factors in freshwater: 1,553 L/kg (wet weight)

# Soil compartment:

Bioaccumulation/bioconcentration factors in soil: 0.39 kg/kg (dry weight).

# Mobility in soil

This product contains inorganic lead compounds which are sparingly soluble and are expected to be adsorbed onto soils and sediments. Mobility is expected to be low.

# Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

The PBT and vPvB criteria in Annex XIII of the REACH Regulation do not apply to inorganic substances.

#### Other adverse effects

No other information available.

# 13. Disposal considerations

The point of sale, the manufacturers and importers of batteries take back used batteries, and render them to the secondary lead smelters for processing.

Johnson Controls has established a collection system called ecosteps. More information is available on:

http://www.johnsoncontrols.de/content/de/de/products/power\_solutions/recycling.html

Spent lead-acid batteries (EWC 160601\*) are subject to the regulation of EU (Battery Directive) and its adoptions into national legislation on the composition and end-of-life management of batteries. They are marked with the recycling / return symbol and with a crossed-out roller container. Other battery chemistries have to be separated from lead-acid batteries to avoid any risks during transport and recycling.

# 14. Transport information

Land Transport		
Land Transport	UN N°:	UN2800
	Classification ADR/RID:	Class 8
	Proper Shipping Name:	Packing Group ADR: not assigned
	Label required:	not assigned
	ADR/RID:	AGM batteries are non- spillable
		batteries (special provision 238)
		and are exempted from all
		ADR/RID provisions if they are
Coo Trononort	Con Transport (IMDC Code	protected from short circuit
Sea Transport	Sea Transport (IMDG Code)	
	UN N°:	UN 2800
	Classification:	Class 8
	Proper Shipping Name:	BATTERIES (ACCUMULATORS),
		WET, NON-SPILLABLE, ELECTRIC
		STORAGE
	Packing Group:	not assigned
	EmS:	not assigned
	Label required:	not assigned
		Illable batteries (special provision
	238) and are exempted from all IMDG codes if they are	
Air Transport	protected from short circuit	
Air Transport	Air Transport (IATA-DGR)	
	UN N°:	UN 2800
	Classification:	Class 8
	Proper Shipping Name	BATTERIES
		WET, NON-SPILLABLE, ELECTRIC
		STORAGE
	Packing Group:	not assigned
	Label required:	not assigned
	AGM batteries are non-spillable batteries (special provision	
	A 67) and are exempted from all IATA DGR codes if they are	
		.,

protected from short circuit

Notice:

# Special provision 238 ADR/RID/IMDG Code:

a.) Batteries can be considered as non-spillable provided that they are capable of withstanding the vibration and pressure differential test given below, without leakage of battery fluid

#### Vibration test:

The battery is rigidly clamped to the platform of a vibration machine and a simple harmonic motion having an amplitude of 0.8 mm (1.6 mm maximum total excursion) is applied. The frequency is varied at the rate of 1 Hz/min between the limits of 10 Hz and 55 Hz. The entire range of frequencies and return is traversed in 95  $\pm$  5 minutes for each mounting position (direction of vibration) of the battery. The battery is tested in three mutually perpendicular positions (to include testing with fill openings and vents, if any, in an inverted position) for equal time periods.

Pressure differential test:

Following the vibrations test, the battery is stored for six hours at 24 °C  $\pm$  4°C while subjected to a pressure differential of at least 88 kPa. The battery is tested in three mutually perpendicular positions (to include testing with fill openings and vents, if any, in an inverted position) for at least six hours in each position.

b.)

Non-spillable batteries are not subject to the requirements of ADR if, at a temperature of 55°C, the electrolyte will not flow from a ruptured or cracked case and there is no free liquid to flow and if, as packaged for carriage, the terminals are protected from short circuit.

#### A67 IATA DGR:

A67 Non-spillable batteries meeting the requirements of Packing instruction 872 are not subject to these Regulations if, at a temperature of 55°C (131°F), the electrolyte will not flow from a ruptured or cracked case. The battery must not contain any free or unabsorbed liquid. Any electrical battery or battery powered device, equipment or vehicle having the potential of dangerous evolution of heat must be prepared for transport so as to prevent:

- a) A short circuit (e.g. in the case of batteries, by the effective insulation of exposed terminals; or in the case of equipment, by disconnection of the battery and protection of exposed terminals);
   and
- b) Unintentional activation

The words "Not Restricted" and the Special Provision number must be included in the description of the substance on the Air Waybill as required by 8.2.6. when an Air Waybill is issued.

# 15. Regulatory information

In accordance with Battery Directive and national laws lead-acid batteries have to be marked by a crossed out refuse bin with the chemical symbol for lead Pb shown below, together with the ISO return/ recycling symbol.





The manufacturer, respectively the importer of the batteries shall be responsible for labelling batteries with the symbols. In addition, a consumer / user information on the significance of the symbols has to be attached.

#### 16. Other information

#### 16.1 Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms

- AF Assessment factor
- CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006
- DNEL Derived no-effect level
- DSD Council Directive 67/548/EEC (Dangerous Substances Directive)
- EC50 Concentration of the substance that causes 50 % reduction of a certain effect on test organisms
- EWC European Waste Catalogue
- LC50 -Concentration of the substance that causes 50 % mortality of the test population
- NOAEC No observed adverse effect concentration
- NOAEL- No observed adverse effect level
- OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- PBT/vPvB Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic/ very persistent and very bioaccumulative
- PNEC Predicted no-effect concentration
- REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
- STOT RE Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure
- STOT SE Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure
- STP Sewage treatment plant

#### 16.2 Emergency telephone numbers

Europe-wide emergency number: 112 Contact a poison control centre. List of phone numbers:

AUSTRIA (Vienna Wien) +43 1 406 43 43; BELGIUM (Brussels Bruxelles) +32 70 245 245; BULGARIA (Sofia) +359 2 9154 409; CZECH REPUBLIC (Prague Praha) +420 224 919 293; DENMARK (Copenhagen) 82 12 12 12; ESTONIA (Tallinn) 112; FINLAND (Helsinki) +358 9 471 977; FRANCE (Paris) +33 1 40 0548 48; GERMANY (Berlin) +49 30 19240; GREECE (Athens Athinai) +30 10 779 3777; HUNGARY (Budapest) 06 80 20 11 99; ICELAND (Reykjavik) +354 525 111, +354 543 2222; IRELAND (Dublin) +353 1 8379964; ITALY (Rome) +3906 305 4343; LATVIA (Riga) +371 704 2468; LITHUANIA (Vilnius) +370 5 236 20 52 or +370 687 53378; MALTA (Valletta) 2425 0000; NETHERLANDS (Bilthoven) +31 30 274 88 88; NORWAY (Oslo) 22 591300; POLAND (Gdansk) +48 58301 65 16 or +48 58 349 2831; PORTUGAL (Lisbon Lisboa) 808 250 143; ROMANIA (Bucharest) +40 21 3183606; SLOVAKIA (Bratislava) +421 2 54 77 4166; SLOVENIA (Ljubljana) + 386 41 650500; SPAIN (Barcelona) +34 93 227 98 33 or +34 93 227 54 00 bleep 190; SWEDEN (Stockholm) 112 or +46 833 12 31 (mon-fri 9.00-17.00); UNITED KINGDOM (London) 112 or 0845 4647 (NHS Direct).

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