
Executive summary

At the request of the Minister of Social Affairs and Employment, the Health Council of the Netherlands evaluates the effects on the reproduction of substances at the workplace. The evaluation and subsequent classification, according to the Directive 93/21/EEC of the European Union, are performed by the Subcommittee on the Classification of Reproduction Toxic Substances of the Dutch Expert Committee on Occupational Safety of the Health Council, hereafter called the committee. In the present report, the committee reviewed ascorbic acid.

The committee's recommendations are:

- for effects on fertility, the committee recommends not classifying ascorbic acid due to a lack of appropriate data.
 - for developmental toxicity, the committee recommends not classifying ascorbic acid due to a lack of appropriate human data and due to sufficient animal data.
 - for effects during lactation, the committee recommends not labelling ascorbic acid due to a lack of appropriate data.
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