



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

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**Material Name: Loestrin® 21 - 1/20 and 1.5/30 Tablets (Norethindrone Acetate and Ethinyl Estradiol Tablets, USP)**

**Trade Name:** Loestrin®  
**Chemical Family:** Mixture  
**Intended Use:** Pharmaceutical product used as oral contraceptive

## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Hazardous

Ingredient	CAS Number	EU EINECS List	%
Norethindrone Acetate	51-98-9	200-132-0	1.3-2.0
Ethinyl Estradiol	57-63-6	200-342-2	< 1.0
Alcohol SDA 3A	NOT ASSIGNED	Not listed	*
D & C yellow No. 10	8004-92-0	Not listed	*
Starch	9005-25-8	232-679-6	*
Magnesium stearate	557-04-0	209-150-3	*
Talc (non-asbestiform)	14807-96-6	238-877-9	*

Ingredient	CAS Number	EU EINECS List	%
Acacia	9000-01-5	232-519-5	*
Confectioner's sugar	MIXTURE	Not listed	*
FD&C Yellow No. 6; (Sunset yellow)	2783-94-0	220-491-7	*
Purified water	7732-18-5	231-791-2	*
Lactose NF, monohydrate	64044-51-5	Not listed	*
FD & C Blue No. 1	3844-45-9	223-339-8	*

### Additional Information:

\* Proprietary  
Ingredient(s) indicated as hazardous have been assessed under standards for workplace safety.

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Appearance:** White tablets - 1/20 Green tablets - 1.5/30  
**Signal Word:** WARNING

**Statement of Hazard:** Carcinogen  
May cause reproductive system effects  
May cause harm to the unborn child.

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### Additional Hazard Information:

#### Short Term:

Dust may be absorbed through the skin and cause systemic effects. May be harmful if swallowed. (based on components) . Accidental ingestion may cause effects similar to those seen in clinical use.

#### Long Term:

Occupational exposure to components of this mixture has resulted in menstrual irregularities in women and breast changes (enlargement, mammary secretions), loss of libido, and changes in sex hormone levels in men.

### Known Clinical Effects:

The use of oral contraceptives is associated with increased risks of myocardial infarction, thromboembolism, stroke, hepatic neoplasia, and gallbladder disease. The most common adverse effects seen during clinical use of oral contraceptives are menstrual irregularities.

### EU Indication of danger:

Carcinogenic: Category 1  
Toxic to reproduction: Category 1

### EU Hazard Symbols:



### EU Risk Phrases:

R45 - May cause cancer.  
R60 - May impair fertility.  
R61 - May cause harm to the unborn child.

### Note:

This document has been prepared in accordance with standards for workplace safety, which require the inclusion of all known hazards of the product or its ingredients regardless of the potential risk. The precautionary statements and warnings included may not apply in all cases. Your needs may vary depending upon the potential for exposure in your workplace.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation occurs or persists, get medical attention.
- Skin Contact:** Remove clothing and wash affected skin with soap and water. If irritation occurs or persists, get medical attention.
- Ingestion:** Get medical attention. Do not induce vomiting unless directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
- Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

- Extinguishing Media:** Use carbon dioxide, dry chemical, or water spray.
- Hazardous Combustion Products:** No data available
- Fire Fighting Procedures:** Wear approved positive pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective turn out gear.
- Fire / Explosion Hazards:** Not applicable

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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<b>Health and Safety Precautions:</b>	Personnel involved in clean-up should wear appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Minimize exposure.
<b>Measures for Cleaning / Collecting:</b>	Contain the source of spill if it is safe to do so. Collect spilled material by a method that controls dust generation. A damp cloth or a filtered vacuum should be used to clean spills of dry solids. Clean spill area thoroughly.
<b>Measures for Environmental Protections:</b>	Place waste in an appropriately labeled, sealed container for disposal. Care should be taken to avoid environmental release.
<b>Additional Consideration for Large Spills:</b>	Non-essential personnel should be evacuated from affected area. Report emergency situations immediately. Clean up operations should only be undertaken by trained personnel.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>General Handling:</b>	If tablets or capsules are crushed and/or broken, avoid breathing dust and avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Use only in a well-ventilated area.
<b>Storage Conditions:</b>	Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
<b>Storage Temperature:</b>	Store below 30°C

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

<b>Norethindrone Acetate</b>		
Pfizer OEL TWA-8 Hr:	0.8 ug/m <sup>3</sup> , Skin	
<b>Ethinyl Estradiol</b>		
Pfizer OEL TWA-8 Hr:	40 ng/m <sup>3</sup> , Skin	
<b>Starch</b>		
OSHA - Final PELs - TWAs:	= 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	total
	= 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	
ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TWA)	= 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	
Australia TWA	= 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	
<b>Magnesium stearate</b>		
ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TWA)	= 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	except stearates of toxic metals
Australia TWA	= 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	
<b>Talc (non-asbestiform)</b>		
OSHA - Final PELs - Table Z-3 Mineral D:	= 20 mppcf TWA	
ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TWA)	= 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	
Australia TWA	= 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	containing no asbestos fibers
The exposure limit(s) listed for solid components are only relevant if dust may be generated.		

**Analytical Method:** Analytical method available for Ethinyl Estradiol and Norethindrone Acetate. Contact Pfizer Inc for further information.

**Engineering Controls:** Engineering controls should be used as the primary means to control exposures. General room ventilation is adequate unless the process generates dust, mist or fumes. Keep airborne contamination levels below the exposure limits listed above in this section.

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

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**Hands:** Not required for the normal use of this product. Wear protective gloves when working with large quantities.

**Eyes:** Not required under normal conditions of use. Wear safety glasses or goggles if eye contact is possible.

**Skin:** Not required for the normal use of this product. Wear protective clothing when working with large quantities.

**Respiratory protection:** Not required for the normal use of this product. If the applicable Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL) is exceeded, wear an appropriate respirator with a protection factor sufficient to control exposures to below the OEL.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

<b>Physical State:</b>	Tablet	<b>Color:</b>	White - 1/20 Green - 1.5/30
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	Mixture	<b>Molecular Weight:</b>	Mixture

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability:** Stable under normal conditions of use.

**Conditions to Avoid:** None known

**Incompatible Materials:** None known

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** None known

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**General Information:** The information included in this section describes the potential hazards of the individual ingredients, except where noted.

#### Acute Toxicity: (Species, Route, End Point, Dose)

##### **Magnesium stearate**

Rat Oral LD50 > 2000 mg/kg  
Rat Inhalation LC50 > 2000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

##### **FD&C Yellow No. 6; (Sunset yellow)**

Rat Oral LD50 > 10,000 mg/kg  
Mouse Oral LD50 > 6,000 mg/kg

##### **Starch**

Mouse IP LD50 6600 mg/kg

##### **Talc (non-asbestiform)**

Rat Oral LD50 > 1600 mg/kg

##### **D & C yellow No. 10**

Rat Oral LD50 2000 mg/kg

##### **Ethinyl Estradiol**

Mouse Oral LD50 1737 mg/kg  
Rat Oral LD50 1200 mg/kg

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Rat Oral LD50 > 5010 mg/kg  
Mouse Oral LD50 > 5010 mg/kg

**Acute Toxicity Comments:** A greater than symbol (>) indicates that the toxicity endpoint being tested was not achievable at the highest dose used in the test.

## Irritation / Sensitization: (Study Type, Species, Severity)

### Acacia

Eye Irritation Rabbit Severe

**Eye Irritation / Sensitization** No data available

**Skin Irritation / Sensitization** No data available

**Chronic Effects/Carcinogenicity** The combination of ethinyl estradiol and norethindrone acetate was tested for carcinogenicity in mice, rats, and monkeys. Mice exhibited pituitary tumors. Rats developed mammary and benign liver-cell tumors along with endometrial carcinomas, hyperplastic nodules of the liver, and hepatocellular carcinomas. Monkeys treated for 10 years did not develop malignant tumors. There is significant evidence that combined oral contraceptives cause benign and malignant liver tumors in humans.

## Reproduction & Developmental Toxicity: (Study Type, Species, Route, Dose, End Point, Effect(s))

### Ethinyl Estradiol

Embryo / Fetal Development Mouse No route specified 0.02 mg/kg/day LOEL Embryotoxicity, Not teratogenic

### Norethindrone Acetate

Embryo / Fetal Development Rat No route specified 1 mg/kg/day LOEL Teratogenic

Embryo / Fetal Development Mouse No route specified 0.5 mg/kg/day LOEL Teratogenic

Embryo / Fetal Development Rat No route specified 3.5 mg/kg/day NOAEL Not Teratogenic

### Reproductive Effects

This product is an oral contraceptive and as such, may adversely effect fertility. Reproductive toxicity has been reported in male animals exposed to estradiol. Effects included a decrease in testicular size and a reduction in testosterone levels. Norethindrone acetate has been shown to effectively inhibit ovulation in rats.

### Teratogenicity

Rhesus monkeys given norethindrone acetate and ethinyl estradiol in combination exhibited embryo lethality and virilization of female offspring. There are conflicting reports concerning the ability of oral contraceptives to cause genital anomalies in exposed human fetuses.

## Genetic Toxicity: (Study Type, Cell Type/Organism, Result)

### Ethinyl Estradiol

Bacterial Mutagenicity (Ames) *Salmonella* Negative

Chromosome Aberration Human Lymphocytes Positive

Sister Chromatid Exchange Human Lymphocytes Positive

Chromosome Aberration Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells Positive

*In Vivo* Micronucleus Mouse Bone Marrow Positive

### Norethindrone Acetate

Bacterial Mutagenicity (Ames) *Salmonella* Negative

*In Vitro* Chromosome Aberration Human Lymphocytes Positive

*In Vitro* Sister Chromatid Exchange Human Lymphocytes Negative

*In Vivo* Unscheduled DNA Synthesis Rat Hepatocyte Positive

*In Vivo* Direct DNA Damage Mouse Negative

### Mutagenicity

Genotoxicity testing results indicate that EE and NA do not directly interact with DNA but that they may produce non-specific chromosome damage.

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### Carcinogenicity: (Duration, Species, Route, Dose, End Point, Effect(s))

#### Ethinyl Estradiol

80 Week(s) Mouse Oral, in feed 0.07 mg/kg/day LOEL Tumors, Pituitary gland  
104 Week(s) Rat No route specified 0.07 mg/kg/day LOEL Malignant tumors, Liver  
105 Week(s) Rat Oral, in feed 0.053 mg/kg/day NOEL Not carcinogenic

#### Norethindrone Acetate

2 Year(s) Male Rat Oral 3-4 mg/kg/day LOEL Malignant tumors, Liver  
2 Year(s) Female Rat Oral 3-4 mg/kg/day LOEL Tumors, Female reproductive system  
104 Week(s) Male Rat Intramuscular 10 mg/kg/day LOEL Malignant tumors, Mammary gland, Liver, Endocrine system  
104 Week(s) Female Rat Intramuscular 10 mg/kg/day LOEL Malignant tumors, Liver, Mammary gland

**Carcinogen Status:** See below

#### FD & C Blue No. 1

**IARC:** Group 3

#### FD&C Yellow No. 6; (Sunset yellow)

**IARC:** Group 3

#### Talc (non-asbestiform)

**IARC:** Group 3

#### Ethinyl Estradiol

**IARC:** Group 1  
**NTP:** Listed  
**OSHA:** Present

#### Norethindrone Acetate

**IARC:** Group 2B  
**NTP:** Listed  
**OSHA:** Present

**At increase risk from exposure:** Cigarette smoking increases the risk of serious cardiovascular side effects from oral contraceptive use.

**Additional Information:** Small amounts of oral contraceptive steroids have been identified in the milk of nursing mothers, and a few adverse effects on the child have been reported. In addition, oral contraceptives given in the postpartum period may interfere with lactation by decreasing the quantity and quality of breast milk.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Environmental Overview:** The environmental characteristics of this material have not been fully evaluated. Releases to the environment should be avoided.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal Procedures:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not regulated for transport under USDOT, EUADR, IATA, or IMDG regulations.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**EU Symbol:** T  
**EU Indication of danger:** Carcinogenic: Category 1  
Toxic to reproduction: Category 1

**EU Risk Phrases:**  
R45 - May cause cancer.  
R60 - May impair fertility.  
R61 - May cause harm to the unborn child.

**EU Safety Phrases:**  
S22 - Do not breathe dust.  
S36/37 - Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.  
S53 - Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use.

**OSHA Label:**  
WARNING  
Carcinogen  
May cause reproductive system effects  
May cause harm to the unborn child.

### Canada - WHMIS: Classifications

**WHMIS hazard class:**  
Class D, Division 2, Subdivision A



**Norethindrone Acetate**  
**California Proposition 65**  
**Australia (AICS):**  
**EU EINECS List**

developmental toxicity, initial date 10/1/91  
Present  
200-132-0

**Ethinyl Estradiol**  
**California Proposition 65**

carcinogen, initial date 1/1/88  
developmental toxicity, initial date 4/1/90 (when mixed with  
Norethisterone)  
Present  
Present

**Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)**  
**Australia (AICS):**

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<b>Standard for the Uniform Scheduling for Drugs and Poisons:</b>	Schedule 4
<b>EU EINECS List</b>	200-342-2
<b>Acacia</b>	
<b>Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)</b>	Present
<b>Australia (AICS):</b>	Present
<b>EU EINECS List</b>	232-519-5
<b>D &amp; C yellow No. 10</b>	
<b>Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)</b>	Present
<b>Australia (AICS):</b>	Present
<b>Starch</b>	
<b>Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)</b>	XU
<b>Australia (AICS):</b>	Present
<b>EU EINECS List</b>	232-679-6
<b>FD&amp;C Yellow No. 6; (Sunset yellow)</b>	
<b>Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)</b>	Present
<b>Australia (AICS):</b>	Present
<b>EU EINECS List</b>	220-491-7
<b>Purified water</b>	
<b>Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)</b>	Present
<b>Australia (AICS):</b>	Present
<b>EU EINECS List</b>	231-791-2
<b>Lactose NF, monohydrate</b>	
<b>Australia (AICS):</b>	Present
<b>Magnesium stearate</b>	
<b>Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)</b>	Present
<b>Australia (AICS):</b>	Present
<b>EU EINECS List</b>	209-150-3
<b>Talc (non-asbestiform)</b>	
<b>Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)</b>	Present
<b>Australia (AICS):</b>	Present
<b>EU EINECS List</b>	238-877-9
<b>FD &amp; C Blue No. 1</b>	
<b>Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)</b>	Present
<b>Australia (AICS):</b>	Present
<b>EU EINECS List</b>	223-339-8

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Reasons for Revision:

Updated Section 2 - Composition / Information on Ingredients. Updated Section 3 - Hazard Identification. Updated Section 4 - First Aid Measures. Updated Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures. Updated Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures. Updated Section 8 - Exposure Controls / Personal Protection. Updated Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity. Updated Section 11 - Toxicology Information. Updated Section 13 - Disposal Considerations. Updated Section 15 - Regulatory Information.



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