

VGP Compliance Declaration – Biodegradable Grease

WOXONE[®] NLGI #2 Grease is a Environmentally Acceptable Lubricant (EAL) according to the definitions and requirements of the US EPA 2013 Vessel General Permit (VGP), as described below.

VGP Section 2.2.9 states that all vessels trading on US ports must use an EAL in all oil to sea interfaces, unless technically infeasible. “Environmentally acceptable” lubricants means lubricants that are “biodegradable” and “minimally-toxic” and are “not bio-accumulative” as defined in Appendix A of the permit.

Environmentally Acceptable Lubricant Definition - VGP Appendix A

In order to be classified as an “Environmentally acceptable lubricant” the oil maker must determine that the lubricant is “biodegradable”, “minimally-toxic” and “not bio-accumulative” as defined in Appendix A of the permit. Alternatively, oils that are labeled by one of several programs specified in the permit are regarded as acceptable.

WOXONE[®] NLGI #2 Grease and its components used in the formulation have been evaluated by independent laboratories or by the different raw material suppliers for these components. Using these test results WOXONE has determined that it meets the VGP definition of an Environmentally Acceptable Lubricant.

Biodegradability / Non Bioaccumulation - VGP Appendix A

The VGP definitions of “Biodegradable” include grease formulations that contain at least 75% by weight of a constituent substance or constituent substances that give a minimum test result of 60% according to OECD 301B. The 25% of the formulation that need not meet the above biodegradability requirements may be inherently biodegradable or non-biodegradable (but not bio-accumulative). Acceptable test methods to demonstrate inherent biodegradability include >20% according to OECD 301B.

In order to comply with the 2013 VGP biodegradability / bioaccumulation requirement, it is necessary to consider the constituent substances. Only substances present in the formulation above 0.10% need be assessed. As stated above, the requirements for bioaccumulation only apply to non-biodegradable constituent substances.

The different constituent substances present in WOXONE Grease meet the above requirements.

Minimally Toxic - VGP Appendix A

The VGP definitions for “Minimally-Toxic” greases include achieving acute toxicity results of at least 1000 mg/L according to OECD 201, 202, and 203 (Algae, Daphnia and Fish). WOXONE Grease meet the above requirements.

Record Keeping – VGP Section 4.2

Vessels must keep records on the vessel that include the Technical Data Sheets and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all EALs used in Oil-to-Sea interfaces on board the vessel in order to prove compliance with the permit. WOXONE MSDS can be downloaded from WOXONE website www.woxone.com and www.fishcable.com

If you should have any questions pertaining to this compliance statement please feel free to contact us by e-mail at info@fishcable.com.

WOXONE[®] NLGI #2 Grease and its components meet all the criteria of EPA 2013 VGP for an EAL.



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