

## NZIC Cement Type GP and HE

### 1. Identification

**Product Name:** Cement and Blends

**Other names:** Portland Cement Type: GP and HE

**Supplier information:**

**Name:** NZIC

**Phone:** 027 316 5615

**Address:** 22 McAlpine Street, Christchurch, 8042

**Website:** nzindependentcement.co.nz

**Proper Shipping Name:** Not applicable

**Recommended Use:** Cement for the production of concrete, mortar and paste.

**Emergency Contacts:** Emergency Services (Fire, Ambulance, Police) – Dial 111

Company Contact – 0800 692 3636 (0800 NZ CEMENT)

National Poisons Information Centre – 0800 764 766 (0800 POISON)

### 2. Hazard Identification

**Statement of Hazardous Nature:**

This preparation is classified as a health or environmental hazard according to the Hazardous Substances (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Notice 2017.

Not classified as a Dangerous Good according to NZS 5433.

**Hazard Classification:**

Skin irritation category 2

Serious eye damage category 1

Skin sensitisation category 1

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure category 3

Respiratory tract irritation

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure category 2

**Hazard Statements:**



\* Classification only relates to the addition of Fly Ash in the cement blend (see composition in Section 3)

† Classification only relates to the addition of Calcium Oxide in the cement blend

**DANGER**

May cause respiratory irritation.

Causes skin irritation.

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

May cause damage to organs (lungs) through prolonged or repeated exposure through inhalation.\*

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.†

Causes serious eye damage.

Harmful to aquatic life.†

**Prevention Statements:**

Keep out of reach of children.

Read safety data sheet before use.

Do not breathe dust.

Wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly after handling.

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Contaminated clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

Avoid release to the environment.

Wear protective gloves and eye/face protection.

*Note: The properties of cement and associated hazards change when water is added.*

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### 3. Composition & Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS Number	GP and HE Cement
Portland Cement	65997-15-1	60 – 100%
Fly Ash	68131-74-8	-
Calcium Oxide (Lime)	14808-60-7	-
Silica Fume	69012-64-2	-
<i>Portland Cement includes:</i>		
Calcium carbonate (limestone)	13397-26-7	< 10%
Calcium sulphate (gypsum)	13997-24-5	5%
Silica (quartz)* Crystalline silica	14808-60-7	18 – 22% / < 0.05%

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### 4. First Aid Measures

New Zealand Poisons & Hazardous  
Chemicals National Information Centre  
Phone 0800 POISON – 0800 764 766

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician if you feel unwell or experience breathing difficulties.

**Skin:** IF ON SKIN (or hair), wash with plenty of soap and water. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use. If skin irritation or rash occurs, seek medical advice/attention.

**Eyes:** IF IN EYES, rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Do not rub eyes as this may cause possible corneal damage by mechanical stress. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.

**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED, rinse mouth and lips with water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.

**Advice to Doctor:** Treat symptomatically. Wet cement is corrosive to skin and eye tissue and may cause caustic type burns. Cement burns with little warning – little heat is sensed.

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### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Flammability:** Non-combustible, non-explosive.

**Extinguishing media:** Use appropriate for surrounding materials. Prevent contamination of drains or water ways.

**Hazardous Combustion products:** May evolve toxic gases if strongly heated. Carbon and nitrogen oxides may be formed in any fire.

**Instructions to firefighters:** None specified.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Protect yourself and others from harm. Wear appropriate protective equipment (see Section 8) including suitable respiratory protection in dusty environments or when ventilation is insufficient.

**Spills:** Use dry clean-up methods that do not disperse dust into the air such as gentle sweeping or an industrial vacuum cleaner with filters suitable for this product. Do not use compressed air. Avoid inhalation of dust and contact with skin.

Do not use water for cleaning bulk material as this will cause cement to set. Prevent spill from entering drain or waterways. Contain spillage, collect and place in suitable containers for reuse or disposal. If water is used to clean up residual material, ensure the water is recovered and neutralised before disposal.

If product is spilt into a waterway notify the Regional Council.

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## 7. Handling & Storage

### Safe Handling:

The material should be kept free from moisture until used.

Do not breathe dust. Avoid eye and skin contact. Do not allow wet cement to remain in contact with skin. Wash hands / exposed skin thoroughly after handling. Immediately after working with cement or cement-containing materials, workers should shower with soap and water.

Promptly remove dusty clothing or clothing which is wet with cement or associated liquid and launder before reuse.

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves and eye/face protection.

**Certified Handler:** Not required.

### Storage:

Store locked up.

Store in a well-ventilated area. Keep container / package tightly closed. Keep dry and store off the ground.

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## 8. Exposure Controls & Personal Protection

### Exposure Standards

#### Workplace Exposure Standards (WES):

Ingredient	CAS Number	TWA
Cement (dsen)	65997-15-1	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>   1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)
Calcium Oxide	1305-78-8	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Silica, crystalline (all forms) 6.7A	14808-60-7	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)

dsen Dermal sensitiser

Data source: *Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Indices (11th Edition, Nov 2019, WorkSafe)*

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### Engineering Controls

**Ventilation:** Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. An exhaust fan ducted from near point of dust generation can be used to control airborne dust levels. When handling large amounts, a dust collection system should be considered. Dust levels and any other discharge of dust should comply with Health and Safety rules, Resource Consents and any relevant District or Regional rules.

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**Respiratory:** In dusty environments where engineering controls are inadequate to minimise dust exposure, the use of an approved Class P2 particulate disposable respirator (not a nuisance dust mask) is recommended. At high dust levels greater protection may be required. Respiratory protection must comply with AS/NZS 1716 and be maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 1715.

Personal Protection (PPE)

Precautions must be taken. Cement burns with little warning - little heat is sensed on the skin during this process. Do not kneel in wet cement.

Wear protective gloves and eye/face protection. Contaminated clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

**Eyes/Face:** Use tight fitting goggles or protective eyewear in dusty environments. Eye protection must comply with AS/NZS 1337.

**Skin:** Use impervious, abrasion- and alkali-resistant gloves and barrier creams, boots and protective clothing to protect the skin from prolonged contact with wet cement in plastic concrete, mortar or slurries.

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## 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Grey or white powder.

**Odour:** No odour.

**Odour Threshold:** No data available.

**pH:** Alkaline, approx. 12.

**Melting Point:** ~1,350 degrees celsius.

**Boiling Point:** Not applicable.

**Flashpoint:** Not applicable.

**Auto-ignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Decomposition Temperature:** No data available.

**Flammability:** Non-flammable.

**Lower Flammable Limit (LEL):** Not applicable.

**Upper Flammable Limit:** Not applicable.

**Vapour Pressure:** Not applicable.

**Vapour Density (Air =1):** No data available.

**Specific Gravity:** 2.93 – 3.09

**Solubility (Water):** Slight (~0.1 - 1.0%)

**Viscosity (Dynamic):** Not applicable.

**Viscosity (Kinematic):** No data available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not applicable.

**Partition Coefficient—N-Octanol/Water:**  
No data available.

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## 10. Stability & Reactivity

**Stability:** Stable under normal conditions of use and storage. Keep dry until used.

**Conditions to avoid:** Unintended contact with water, excessive dust generation.

**Incompatible / Materials to avoid:** Incompatible with oxidising agents (e.g. hypochlorites), ethanol, acids.

Aluminium powder and other alkali and alkaline earth elements will react in wet mortar or concrete, liberating hydrogen gas.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

**Hazardous polymerisation:** Does not occur.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

### Health Effects / Symptoms of Exposure

#### ***Acute Exposure (short term)***

**Inhalation:** May cause respiratory irritation. Inhalation of dust can cause irritation and inflammation of the upper respiratory system.

**Skin:** Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Contact with powder may result in rash or dermatitis. Wet cement, especially as an ingredient in plastic (unhardened) concrete, mortar or slurries, can dry the skin and cause caustic burns.

**Eyes:** Causes serious eye damage. Direct contact with the eyes can cause irritation, lacrimation (formation of tears), inflammation or burns of the cornea and possible permanent damage.

**Ingestion:** Not an expected route of entry. Ingestion may result in burns to the mouth and throat, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

#### ***Chronic Exposure (long term)***

**Respiratory / Skin sensitisation:** Contact sensitiser; may cause an allergic skin reaction. Portland Cement is a known dermal sensitiser.

**Mutagenicity:** Not expected to be a mutagen.

**Carcinogenicity:** Product is not classified as a carcinogen.

Note: This product may contain varying amounts of crystalline silica which is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1). Repeated exposure to dust may result in chronic inflammation of the respiratory system. Repeated exposure to crystalline silica may cause bronchitis, silicosis, and other respiratory disorders.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity:** May cause damage to organs (lungs) through prolonged or repeated exposure through inhalation (when Fly Ash is a component of the cement blend).

**Aspiration Hazard:** This product is a solid and aspiration hazards are not expected to occur.

**Other Effects:** Cement may contain trace [less than 0.05%] amounts of chromium salts or compounds including hexavalent chromium, or other metals found to be hazardous or toxic in some chemical forms. These metals are mostly present as trace substitutions within the principal minerals.

### Toxicological Data

No toxicological data available for the product or its ingredients.

### Biological Exposure Indices

No biological limit allocated.

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## 12. Ecological Information

Avoid release to the environment. Do not allow to enter drains or waterways.

**Persistence in environment:** No data available.      **Mobility:** No data available.

**Biodegradability:** No data available.

### Ecotoxicological Data

The product forms an alkaline slurry when mixed with water which may affect the pH of aquatic systems if contact occurs in large quantities. Once set, product is persistent and has low degradability.

Calcium hydroxide <i>(forms from reaction of calcium oxide with water)</i>	LC50 (96hr):	33.9mg/L (Clarias gariepinus (Zambezi barbel) [Fish])
	Bioaccumulative:	No
	Rapidly degradable:	Yes

*Data source: Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)*

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

Dust from product is hazardous. Small amounts of material can be disposed of as common waste or returned to the container for later use if it is not contaminated. Large amounts may require special handling. Material should be kept out of storm water and sewer drains. Any discharge during clean-up should comply with Resource Consent requirements and any relevant District or Regional Council rules.

Containers / packaging may only be recycled if clean and free of residue as to be non-hazardous.

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## 14. Transport Information

Not classified as a Dangerous Good according to NZS 5433:2007.

**UN Number:** Not applicable

**DG Class:** Not applicable

**Packing Group:** Not applicable

**Proper Shipping Name:** Not applicable

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## 15. Regulatory Information

### HSNO Approval

#### **HSNO Group Standard:**

Portland cement and blends (other than Pavecem)	Construction Products (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2017 – HSR002544
Pavecem	Construction Products (Corrosive [8.2C]) Group Standard 2017 – HSR002542

### Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations

IMPORTANT: Quantities of all hazardous substances present at a site contribute to HSNO Control thresholds.

**Location Certification:** Not required

**Tracking:** Not required

**Certified Handlers:** Not Required

**Secondary containment:** Not required (solid)

Refer to the following for full details:

- Construction Products Group Standard(s) (available at [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz))

- Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations (available at [www.legislation.govt.nz](http://www.legislation.govt.nz))

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## 16. Other Information

### **Hazard Classifications:**

Per HSNO classes for reference only:

6.1E (respiratory) – Substances that are a respiratory tract irritant. 6.3A – Substances that are irritating to the skin.

6.5B – Substances that are contact (dermal) sensitisers.

6.9B – Substances that have specific systemic or target organ toxicity. 8.2C – Substances that are corrosive to dermal tissue.

8.3A – Substances that are corrosive to ocular tissue.

9.1D – Substances that are slightly harmful to the aquatic environment or otherwise designed for biocidal action.

**Note:** Crystalline Silica (quartz) in respirable form is a known or presumed human carcinogen, however the EPA classification information includes the following statement:

**EXPERT JUDGEMENT:** This substance only triggers 6.7A if it is in the form of a fine respirable dust in an occupational (chronic exposure) setting.

Total respirable crystalline silica reported at less than 0.05%; however, it should be assumed that silica content is sufficient to create a silica hazard in work conditions where fine, respirable dust becomes airborne.

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## Abbreviations / Terminology:

AS/NZS	Joint Australian New Zealand Standard
AS/NZS 1337	Personal eye-protection
AS/NZS 1715	Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment
AS/NZS 1716	Respiratory protective devices
CAS#	Chemical Abstract Service number (a unique identifier for chemicals)
d <sub>sen</sub>	Dermal sensitiser
HSNO	(New Zealand) Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LD50	Median lethal dose, being a statistically derived single dose of a substance that can be expected to cause death in 50 percent of animals.
NZIoC	New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
NZS 5433	Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land
TWA	Time Weighted Average
WES	Workplace Exposure Standard
6.7A	Substances that are known or presumed human carcinogens

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## Disclaimer:

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