



February 17, 2026

Subject: Mercaptobenzothiazole Statement

To whom it may concern,

Known as MBT or MCBT, this compound is an additive used as an accelerator in the manufacture of natural and synthetic rubber. MBT is not soluble in Hydrochloric Acid, meaning that even if there were potential rubber products used in HCl production and storage equipment they would be unable to leach MBT into the product. Mercaptobenzothiazole and compounds containing MBT are not used by Detrex in the manufacturing and packaging of Hydrochloric Acid. While we do not routinely test for this compound, to the best of our knowledge we have no reason to suspect it exists in our Hydrochloric Acid Products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Morgan".

Dave Morgan  
Global Product Manager, Hydrochloric Acid  
Detrex Chemicals