# SAFETY DATA SHEET



#### 1. Identification

**Product identifier** Stearic acid

Other means of identification

N-13227 **Product code** 

For Laboratory Use Only Recommended use

**Recommended restrictions** None known.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards Not classified.

Acute toxicity, inhalation Category 2 **Health hazards** 

**Environmental hazards** Not classified. **OSHA** defined hazards Not classified.

Label elements



Signal word Danger

**Hazard statement** Fatal if inhaled.

**Precautionary statement** 

Prevention Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Do not breathe dust/fume. Wear respiratory

protection.

Response If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a

poison center/doctor. Specific treatment is urgent (see this label).

Storage Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.

**Disposal** Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Hazard(s) not otherwise

classified (HNOC)

None known.

**Supplemental information** Not applicable.

#### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

#### **Substances**

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Stearic acid		57-11-4	100

<sup>\*</sup>Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

### 4. First-aid measures

Inhalation Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Oxygen or

artificial respiration if needed. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim inhaled the substance. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

Skin contact Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

Eye contact Do not rub eyes. Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO2).

During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.

Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. Ingestion Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation. Most important

symptoms/effects, acute and

delayed

Indication of immediate medical attention and special

treatment needed

**General information** 

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Keep victim warm. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Fire-fighting

General fire hazards

equipment/instructions Specific methods

Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

### 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions. protective equipment and emergency procedures

Immediately evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Keep out of low areas. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe dust. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk.

Large Spills: Wet down with water and dike for later disposal. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

**Environmental precautions** 

Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Do not breathe dust. Avoid prolonged exposure. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities Store locked up. Store in original tightly closed container. Store in a well-ventilated place. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

#### 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

# Occupational exposure limits

**US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values** 

Material	Туре	Value
Stearic acid (CAS 57-11-4)	TWA	10 mg/m3

**Biological limit values** 

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s)

Appropriate engineering controls

Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.

# Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

If contact is likely, safety glasses with side shields are recommended. Eye/face protection

Skin protection

**Hand protection** For prolonged or repeated skin contact use suitable protective gloves.

Other Wear suitable protective clothing.

Respiratory protection Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Thermal hazards Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective

equipment to remove contaminants.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Appearance** 

Physical state Solid.

**Form** Solid. Crystalline Solid

Color White

Odor Not available. **Odor threshold** Not available. рH Not available. 156.74 °F (69.3 °C) Melting point/freezing point

Initial boiling point and boiling

range

449.6 °F (232 °C) 1.999835 kPa

385.0 °F (196.1 °C) Closed Cup Flash point

**Evaporation rate** Not available. Flammability (solid, gas) Not available. Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower

Not available.

662 °F (350 °C)

(%)

Flammability limit - upper

Not available.

(%)

Explosive limit - lower (%) Not available. Explosive limit - upper (%) Not available. Vapor pressure 0 kPa at 25 °C Not available. Vapor density Not available. Relative density

Solubility(ies)

Solubility (water) Not available.

8.2 Partition coefficient

(n-octanol/water)

**Auto-ignition temperature** 743 °F (395 °C) 680 °F (360 °C) **Decomposition temperature** Not available. **Viscosity** 

Other information

0.9407 g/cm3 estimated **Density** 

9.87 mPa.s **Dynamic viscosity** Dynamic viscosity 158 °F (70 °C)

temperature

Combustible IIIB estimated Flammability class Kinematic viscosity 10.49 mm<sup>2</sup>/s estimated

C18-H36-O2 Molecular formula Molecular weight 284.48 g/mol Specific gravity 0.94 at 20 °C

# 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

**Chemical stability** Material is stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of hazardous

reactions

No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

Conditions to avoid Avoid temperatures exceeding the flash point. Contact with incompatible materials.

Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents.

Hazardous decomposition

products

No hazardous decomposition products are known.

## 11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Ingestion Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

Inhalation Fatal if inhaled.

Skin contact No adverse effects due to skin contact are expected. Eye contact Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation. Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Information on toxicological effects

Fatal if inhaled. **Acute toxicity** 

Species	Test Results
Rabbit	> 2000 mg/kg
Rat	> 0.1621 mg/l, 4 Hours
Rat	> 2000 mg/kg
Mouse	23 mg/kg
Rat	21.5 mg/kg
	Rabbit Rat Rat Mouse

<sup>\*</sup> Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

Skin corrosion/irritation Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation. Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation. Serious eye damage/eye

irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Not available.

This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization. Skin sensitization

Germ cell mutagenicity No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are

mutagenic or genotoxic.

This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA. Carcinogenicity

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not listed.

This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects. Reproductive toxicity

Specific target organ toxicity -

single exposure

Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity -

repeated exposure

Not classified.

**Aspiration hazard** Not available.

**Chronic effects** Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity** The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the

possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Persistence and degradability No data is available on the degradability of this product.

Bioaccumulative potential Not available. Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)

8.23

Mobility in soil No data available.

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Other adverse effects

No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

#### 13. Disposal considerations

**Disposal instructions**Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. This material

and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international

regulations.

Local disposal regulations

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code

The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste

disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused

products

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see:

Disposal instructions).

Contaminated packaging

Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is

emptied.

## 14. Transport information

DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**IMDG** 

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

Transport in bulk according to

Not applicable.

Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and

the IBC Code

## 15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication

Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

All components are on the U.S. EPA TSCA Inventory List.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)** 

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories Immediate Hazard - Yes

Delayed Hazard - No Fire Hazard - No Pressure Hazard - No Reactivity Hazard - No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed

SARA 311/312 Hazardous

Yes

chemical

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act

Not regulated.

(SDWA)

Material name: Stearic acid sps us

Total food additive **Food and Drug** Administration (FDA) Direct food additive GRAS food additive

#### **US state regulations**

## US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Not regulated.

### US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Not regulated.

### US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances

Not regulated.

#### **US. Rhode Island RTK**

Not regulated.

#### **US. California Proposition 65**

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

#### **International Inventories**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

<sup>\*</sup>A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s) A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

# 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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Version # **NFPA** ratings

Health: 1 Flammability: 1

Instability: 0

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