1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Stearic acid

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : Octadecanoic acid
Formula : \( \text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{2} \)
Molecular Weight : 284.48 g/mol

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3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHHA Hazards
Irritant

HMIS Classification
Health hazard: 2
Flammability: 1
Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating
Health hazard: 2
Fire: 1
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation : May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Skin : May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Eyes : Causes eye irritation.
Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable properties
Flash point 113 °C (235 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature no data available

Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Environmental precautions
Do not let product enter drains.

Methods for cleaning up
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

Storage
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal protective equipment
Respiratory protection
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a dust mask type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN 143) respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).
**Hand protection**
Handle with gloves.

**Eye protection**
Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166

**Skin and body protection**
Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

**Hygiene measures**
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance**
- **Form**: solid

**Safety data**
- **pH**: no data available
- **Melting point**: 67 - 72 °C (153 - 162 °F) - lit.
- **Boiling point**: 361 °C (682 °F) - lit.
- **Flash point**: 113 °C (235 °F) - closed cup
- **Ignition temperature**: no data available
- **Lower explosion limit**: no data available
- **Upper explosion limit**: no data available
- **Vapour pressure**: 1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 173.7 °C (344.7 °F)
- **Density**: 0.845 g/cm³
- **Water solubility**: no data available

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Storage stability**
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Materials to avoid**
Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents

**Hazardous decomposition products**
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Acute toxicity**
- **LD50 Oral - rat**: > 2,000 mg/kg
- **LD50 Dermal - rabbit**: > 5,000 mg/kg

**Irritation and corrosion**
- **Skin - rabbit - Skin irritation - 24 h - Draize Test**

**Sensitisation**
- no data available
Chronic exposure
Carcinogenicity - mouse - Implant

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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Additional Information
RTECS: WI2800000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Elimination information (persistence and degradability)
no data available

Ecotoxicity effects
no data available

Further information on ecology
no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product
Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
Not dangerous goods

IMDG
Not dangerous goods

IATA
Not dangerous goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards
Irritant

DSL Status
All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

SARA 302 Components
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth, or any other reproductive defects.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information
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