

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Stearic acid

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : Octadecanoic acid

Formula : $C_{18}H_{36}O_2$
Molecular Weight : 284.48 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
Stearic acid			
57-11-4	200-313-4	-	-

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA 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

Tumorigenic: Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Kidney, Ureter, Bladder: Tumors.

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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New Jersey 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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