

Dimethyl sulfoxide

P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

Storage

P403 + P235 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool

Disposal

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

Physical and Chemical Hazards

Combustible material. Hygroscopic.

Health Hazards

The product contains no substances which at their given concentration are considered to be hazardous to health.

Environmental hazards

Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants. . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems.

Other Hazards

DMSO readily penetrates skin and may carry other dissolved chemicals into the body. Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Dimethyl sulfoxide	67-68-5	<=100

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**General Advice**

If symptoms persist, call a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.

Most important symptoms and effects

Difficulty in breathing. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

Self-Protection of the First Aider

No special precautions required.

Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

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Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Combustible material. Containers may explode when heated. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Remove all sources of ignition. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

Storage

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.

Specific Use(s)

Use in laboratories

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**Control Parameters**

Component	China	Taiwan	Thailand	Hong Kong
Dimethyl sulfoxide	TWA: 160 mg/m ³ Skin	-		-

Monitoring methods

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents. MDHS70 General methods for sampling airborne gases and vapours

Exposure Controls**Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal protective equipment**Eye Protection**

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (European standard - EN 166)

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Hand Protection Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Neoprene	> 480 minutes	0.45 mm	Level 6 EN 374	As tested under EN374-3 Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals
Nitrile rubber	> 480 minutes	> 0.2 mm		

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Skin and body protection Long sleeved clothing

Respiratory Protection When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

Large scale/emergency use Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced
Recommended Filter type: Particle filter

Small scale/Laboratory use Maintain adequate ventilation

Hygiene Measures Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Environmental exposure controls Prevent product from entering drains.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Colorless	
Physical State	Liquid	
Odor	Odorless	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	No information available	
Melting Point/Range	18.4 °C / 65.1 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	189 °C / 372.2 °F	
Flash Point	87 °C / 188.6 °F	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	No information available	
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	Lower 2.6 Vol% Upper 42 Vol%	
Vapor Pressure	0.55 mbar @ 20°C	
Vapor Density	2.7	(Air = 1.0)
Specific Gravity / Density	1.100	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Water Solubility	Soluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	
Dimethyl sulfoxide	-1.35	
Autoignition Temperature	301 °C / 573.8 °F	
Decomposition Temperature	> 190°C	
Viscosity	1.98 mPa.s @ 25°C	
Explosive Properties		explosive air/vapour mixtures possible
Oxidizing Properties	No information available	

Molecular Formula C₂ H₆ O S
Molecular Weight 78.13

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability Hygroscopic.

Hazardous Reactions Thermal decomposition can take place above 189°C / 372°F.
Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Conditions to Avoid Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

Materials to avoid Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Strong bases. Alkali metals.

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂). Sulfur oxides. Sulfides. Formaldehyde.

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Dimethyl sulfoxide	LD50 = 28300 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 40000 mg/kg (Rat)	LC50 > 5.33 mg/L (Rat) 4 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory
Skin

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
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(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) reproductive toxicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs

None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Ecotoxicity effects**

Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or that are not degradable in waste water treatment plants. Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Dimethyl sulfoxide	40 g/L LC50 96 h 33-37 g/L LC50 96 h	EC50 24h 7000 mg/L	EC50 96h 12350 - 25500 mg/L	= 16000 mg/L EC50 Pseudomonas putida 16 h = 32 g/L EC50 Tetrahymena pyriformis 24 h = 77 mg/L EC50 Photobacterium phosphoreum 5 min

Persistence and Degradability**Persistence**

Persistence is unlikely.

Degradation in sewage treatment plant

Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

Bioaccumulative Potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Dimethyl sulfoxide	-1.35	No data available

Mobility in soil

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility Highly mobile in soils

Endocrine Disruptor Information

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

Persistent Organic Pollutant

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Ozone Depletion Potential

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**Waste from Residues/Unused Products**

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

Contaminated Packaging

Empty remaining contents. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not re-use empty containers.

Other Information

Do not flush to sewer.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**Road and Rail Transport**

Not Regulated

IMDG/IMO

Not regulated

IATA

Not regulated

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Special Precautions for User No special precautions required

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

International Inventories

X = listed, China (IECSC), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), U.S.A. (TSCA), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), Korea (KECL).

Component	The Inventory of Hazardous Chemicals (2015 Edition)	List of dangerous goods GB 12268 - 2012	TCSI	IECSC	EINECS	TSCA	DSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	KECL
Dimethyl sulfoxide	-	X	X	X	200-664-3	X	X	X	X	X	X	KE-32367

National Regulations

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Legend

CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

DNEL - Derived No Effect Level

RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment

LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%

NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration

PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

TWA - Time Weighted Average

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

PNEC - Predicted No Effect Concentration

LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%

EC50 - Effective Concentration 50%

POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

ICAO/IATA - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

ADR - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

BCF - Bioconcentration factor

IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate

VOC - (Volatile Organic Compound)

Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

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