

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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GENERIC EU MSDS - NO COUNTRY SPECIFIC DATA - NO OEL DATA

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Boric acid

Product Number : B7901

Brand : Sigma

Index-No. : 005-007-00-2

REACH No. : 01-2119486683-25-XXXX

CAS-No. : 10043-35-3

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

Reproductive toxicity, (Category 1B) H360FD: May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.

2.2 Label elements**Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger



Hazard Statements	
H360FD	May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.
Precautionary Statements	
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none
	Restricted to professional users.

2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Ecological information:

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Toxicological information:

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Formula	: H_3BO_3
Molecular weight	: 61,83 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 10043-35-3
EC-No.	: 233-139-2
Index-No.	: 005-007-00-2

Component	Classification	Concentration
boric acid Included in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)		
CAS-No. 10043-35-3 EC-No. 233-139-2 Index-No. 005-007-00-2	Repr. 1B; H360FD	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.



SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

General advice

Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

If swallowed

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Borane/boron oxides

Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

5.4 Further information

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.



For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

Moisture sensitive.

Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1C: Combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic compounds or compounds which causing chronic effects

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Routes of exposure	Health effect	Value
Worker DNEL, longterm	inhalation	Systemic effects	8,3 mg/m ³
Worker DNEL, longterm	dermal	Systemic effects	
Consumer DNEL, longterm	inhalation	Systemic effects	4,15 mg/m ³
Consumer DNEL, longterm	dermal	Systemic effects	
Consumer DNEL,	oral	Systemic effects	



longterm			
Consumer DNEL, acute	oral	Systemic effects	

Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

Compartment	Value
Fresh water	2,02 mg/l
Sea water	2,02 mg/l
Aquatic intermittent release	13,7 mg/l
Sewage treatment plant	10 mg/l
Soil	5,4 mg/kg

8.2 Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses

Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatrill® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatrill® L

Body Protection

protective clothing

Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: Filter type P3

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.



Control of environmental exposure
Do not let product enter drains.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- | | |
|---|---|
| a) Physical state | crystalline |
| b) Color | white |
| c) Odor | odorless |
| d) Melting point/freezing point | Melting point/ range: 160 °C - dec. |
| e) Initial boiling point and boiling range | No data available |
| f) Flammability (solid, gas) | No data available |
| g) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available |
| h) Flash point | Not applicable |
| i) Autoignition temperature | No data available |
| j) Decomposition temperature | No data available |
| k) pH | 5,1 at 1,8 g/l at 25 °C |
| l) Viscosity | Viscosity, kinematic: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic: No data available |
| m) Water solubility | 49,2 g/l at 20 °C - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.6-completely soluble |
| n) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | log Pow: -1,09 at 22 °C - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.8 - Bioaccumulation is not expected. |
| o) Vapor pressure | < 0,1 hPa at 25 °C - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.4 |
| p) Density | 1,48 g/cm ³ at 23 °C - OECD Test Guideline 109 |
| Relative density | 1,49 at 23 °C - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.3 |
| q) Relative vapor density | |
| r) Particle characteristics | No data available |
| s) Explosive properties | Not classified as explosive. |
| t) Oxidizing properties | none |

9.2 Other safety information

Dissociation constant 8,94 at 20 °C



SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

No data available

10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Risk of explosion with:

Acetic anhydride

Violent reactions possible with:

strong oxidising agents

Bases

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture.

no information available

10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 3.450 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 2,12 mg/l - dust/mist

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - > 2.000 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 24 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation - 24 h

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Buehler Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: sister chromatid exchange assay

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells



Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Result: negative
Remarks: (ECHA)
Test Type: Ames test
Test system: S. typhimurium
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 471
Result: negative
Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Test system: mouse lymphoma cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 476
Result: negative
Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test):
Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 482
Result: negative

Test Type: Micronucleus test
Species: Mouse

Application Route: Oral
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474
Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

No data available

Reproductive toxicity

May damage fertility.
May damage the unborn child.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Endocrine disrupting properties

Product:

Assessment

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 2 yr - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - 17,5 mg/kg - LOAEL (Lowest observed adverse effect level) - 58,5 mg/kg
Remarks: (ECHA)

RTECS: ED4550000



Toxicity reported for borates in humans: ingestion or absorption may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and erythematous lesions on the skin and mucous membranes. Other symptoms include: circulatory collapse, tachycardia, cyanosis, delirium, convulsions, and coma. Death has been reported to occur in infants from less than 5 grams and in adults from 5 to 20 grams.

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

After absorption of large quantities:

Vomiting
Nausea
Diarrhea
agitation, spasms
Tiredness
ataxia (impaired locomotor coordination)
drop in temperature

This substance should be handled with particular care.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 79,7 mg/l - 96 h (US-EPA)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 133 mg/l - 48 h Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)
Toxicity to algae	static test EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 52,4 mg/l - 74,5 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)

12.2 Persistence and degradability

The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

Product:

Assessment : The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission



12.7 Other adverse effects

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

No data available

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA: -

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods

IMDG: Not dangerous goods

IATA: Not dangerous goods

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA: -

14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA: -

14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

14.6 Special precautions for user

No data available

Further information

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

Authorisations and/or restrictions on use

REACH - Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles (Annex XVII) : boric acid

REACH - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation (Article 59). : boric acid



Other regulations

Observe work restrictions regarding maternity protection in accordance to Dir 92/85/EEC or stricter national regulations where applicable.

Take note of Dir 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work.

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out for this substance.

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements

H360FD May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.

Full text of other abbreviations

ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways; ADR - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Further information

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact



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