

**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 : Cetyl alcohol

Product Number : 68824

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

CAS-No. : 36653-82-4

**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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**1.4 Emergency telephone**

Emergency Phone # : 0-800-983-611

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

Not a hazardous substance or mixture according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008.

**2.2 Label elements**

No hazard pictogram, no signal word, no hazard statement(s), no precautionary statement(s) required



### 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:

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Palmityl alcohol  
1-Hexadecanol

Formula : C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O  
Molecular weight : 242,44 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 36653-82-4  
EC-No. : 253-149-0

No components need to be disclosed according to the applicable regulations.

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air.

#### In case of skin contact

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

#### In case of eye contact

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

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult doctor if feeling unwell.

### 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



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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Foam Dry powder

#### **Unsuitable extinguishing media**

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

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides

Combustible.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

### 5.4 Further information

none

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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

No special precautionary measures necessary.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

#### **Storage conditions**

Tightly closed. Dry.

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 11: Combustible Solids

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

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



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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

### **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](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® 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 Dermatril® L

##### **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 P1

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**

No special precautionary measures necessary.



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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|---|---|
| a) Physical state                               | powder, flakes, pellets, Chunks   |
| b) Color  | white   |
| c) Odor   | odorless  |
| d) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 49 - 51 °C   |
| e) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 190 °C at 20 hPa - lit.   |
| f) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available   |
| g) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 8 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 1 %(V)  |
| h) Flash point                                  | Not applicable  |
| i) Autoignition temperature                     | does not ignite   |
| j) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available   |
| k) pH   | No data available   |
| l) Viscosity                                    | Viscosity, kinematic: 3,394 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 100 °C - ASTM D 445<br><br>Viscosity, dynamic: 8,0 mPa.s at 60 °C |
| m) Water solubility                             | at 20 °C insoluble  |
| n) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | log Pow: 6,73 at 25 °C  |
| o) Vapor pressure                               | < 0,01 hPa at 43 °C   |
| p) Density                                      | 0,8187 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 50 °C   |
| Relative density                                | No data available   |
| q) Relative vapor density                       | No data available   |
| r) Particle characteristics                     | No data available   |
| <br>s) Explosive properties                     | No data available   |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | none  |

### 9.2 Other safety information

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| Relative vapor density | 8,37 - (Air = 1.0) |
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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

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

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:  
Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

no information available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 2.000 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 401)  
Inhalation: No data available  
Dermal: No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit  
Result: No skin irritation - 4 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit  
Result: No eye irritation - 72 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 405)  
Remarks: After eye contact: Slight irritations.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximization Test - Guinea pig  
Result: negative  
(OECD Test Guideline 406)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test  
Test system: *S. typhimurium*  
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 471  
Result: negative



**Carcinogenicity**

No data available

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**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.

RTECS: MM0225000

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

The following applies to aliphatic alcohols in general: effect when product is not handled and used properly: mucosal irritations; after absorption of large quantities: narcosis.

Further data:

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	semi-static test LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - > 0,4 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203) Remarks: Aquatic toxicity is unlikely due to low solubility.
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**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradability	aerobic - Exposure time 28 d Result: 82,4 % - Readily biodegradable. (OECD Test Guideline 301B)
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**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

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#### 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

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#### 12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

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### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

No data available

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### 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.





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## 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.

#### Other regulations

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

### 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### 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 above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. 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 with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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