

Safety data sheet

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(ID no. 30042375/SDS_GEN_ZA/EN)

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1. Identification

Product identifier

Sodium Metabisulfite food grade (E223)

Chemical name: sodium metabisulphite Use: chemical

INDEX-Number: 016-063-00-2

CAS Number: 7681-57-4

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

Relevant identified uses: food additive(s)

Recommended use: inorganic reducing agents, initial product for chemical syntheses, process chemical

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company:

Emergency telephone number

National emergency number:

+27 11 203 2420

International emergency number:

Telephone: +49 180 2273-112

2. Hazards Identification

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Classification of the substance or mixture

According to UN GHS criteria

Acute Tox. 4 (oral)

Eye Dam. 1

Aquatic Acute 3

For the classifications not written out in full in this section the full text can be found in section 16.

Label elements

Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

Pictogram:



Signal Word:

Danger

Hazard Statement:

H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements (Prevention):

P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection/...
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P264	Wash contaminated body parts thoroughly after handling.

Precautionary Statements (Response):

P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P301 + P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P330	Rinse mouth.

Precautionary Statements (Disposal):

P501	Dispose of contents and container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
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Labeling of special preparations (GHS):

Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

According to UN GHS criteria

Hazard determining component(s) for labelling: Disodium disulphite

Other hazards

According to UN GHS criteria

No specific dangers known, if the regulations/notes for storage and handling are considered. If applicable information is provided in this section on other hazards which do not result in classification but which may contribute to the overall hazards of the substance or mixture.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Substances

Chemical nature

Disodium disulphite

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EC-Number: 231-673-0

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Na₂S₂O₅

E 223

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Mixtures

Not applicable

4. First-Aid Measures

Description of first aid measures

Remove contaminated clothing.

If inhaled:

If difficulties occur after dust has been inhaled, remove to fresh air and seek medical attention. After inhalation of decomposition products: Immediately administer a corticosteroid from a controlled/metered dose inhaler. Seek medical attention.

On skin contact:

Wash thoroughly with soap and water

On contact with eyes:

Immediately wash affected eyes for at least 15 minutes under running water with eyelids held open, consult an eye specialist.

On ingestion:

Immediately rinse mouth and then drink 200-300 ml of water, seek medical attention.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms: Information, i.e. additional information on symptoms and effects may be included in the GHS labeling phrases available in Section 2 and in the Toxicological assessments available in Section 11., Many individuals are sensitive to sulphite additives and may experience a range of symptoms, including dermatitis, urticaria, angio-oedema, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, bronchoconstriction and anaphylaxis.

Hazards: Risk of sulfur dioxide formation by reaction with gastric acid after swallowing.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treatment: Treat according to symptoms (decontamination, vital functions), no known specific antidote.

5. Fire-Fighting Measures**Extinguishing media**

Suitable extinguishing media:
water spray, carbon dioxide, foam, dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media for safety reasons:
water jet

Additional information:
Product will not burn.

Use extinguishing measures to suit surroundings.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Sulphur dioxide

The substances/groups of substances mentioned can be released if the product is involved in a fire.

Advice for fire-fighters

Special protective equipment:
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical-protective clothing.

Further information:
Product itself is non-combustible; fire extinguishing method of surrounding areas must be considered. Contaminated extinguishing water must be disposed of in accordance with official regulations. In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes.

6. Accidental Release Measures**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing. Use personal protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.

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Environmental precautions

Do not discharge into drains/surface waters/groundwater. Do not discharge into the subsoil/soil.
Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Sweep/shovel up. Dispose of absorbed material in accordance with regulations.

7. Handling and Storage**Precautions for safe handling**

Use only in well-ventilated areas. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

Protection against fire and explosion:

The substance/product is non-combustible. No special precautions necessary.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Segregate from acids and acid forming substances. Segregate from oxidants.

Suitable materials for containers: rubberized, Polyester resin, glass reinforced (Palatal A410),
Stainless steel 1.4541, Stainless steel 1.4571, High density polyethylene (HDPE), Low density
polyethylene (LDPE)

Further information on storage conditions: Keep away from heat. Keep container tightly closed in a
cool, well-ventilated place. Keep container dry. The product consumes oxygen. Danger of lack of
oxygen in containers and tanks.

Specific end use(s)

See exposure scenario(s) in the attachment to this safety data sheet.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**Control parameters**Components with occupational exposure limits

The nuisance dust limit value is to be kept.

The substance mentioned develops if the regulation/notes for storage and handling are not
observed.

7446-09-5: Sulphur dioxide
STEL value 0.5 ppm

7681-57-4: Disodium disulphite
TWA value 10 mg/m³

Exposure controlsPersonal protective equipment

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Respiratory protection:

Breathing protection if dusts are formed. Suitable respiratory protection for lower concentrations or short-term effect: Particle filter with low efficiency for solid particles (e.g. EN 143 or 149, Type P1 or FFP1) Breathing protection if gases/vapours are formed. Combination filter for gases/vapours of organic, inorganic, acid inorganic, alkaline compounds and toxic particles (e. g. EN 14387 Type ABEK-P3)

Hand protection:

Chemical resistant protective gloves (EN ISO 374-1)

Suitable materials also with prolonged, direct contact (Recommended: Protective index 6, corresponding > 480 minutes of permeation time according to EN ISO 374-1):

e.g. nitrile rubber (0.4 mm), chloroprene rubber (0.5 mm), polyvinylchloride (0.7 mm) and other

Supplementary note: The specifications are based on tests, literature data and information of glove manufacturers or are derived from similar substances by analogy. Due to many conditions (e.g. temperature) it must be considered, that the practical usage of a chemical-protective glove in practice may be much shorter than the permeation time determined through testing.

Manufacturer's directions for use should be observed because of great diversity of types.

Eye protection:

Tightly fitting safety goggles (splash goggles) (e.g. EN 166)

Body protection:

Body protection must be chosen depending on activity and possible exposure, e.g. apron, protecting boots, chemical-protection suit (according to EN 14605 in case of splashes or EN ISO 13982 in case of dust).

General safety and hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Do not inhale vapours or dust. Hands and/or face should be washed before breaks and at the end of the shift.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

State of matter:	solid	
Form:	powder, crystalline	
Colour:	white to slightly yellow	
Odour:	faint odour, of sulfur dioxide	
Odour threshold:	Not determined due to potential health hazard by inhalation.	
Melting point:	> 150 °C	(other)
	The substance / product decomposes.	
Boiling point:	The substance / product decomposes therefore not determined.	
Flammability:	not flammable	(other)
Lower explosion limit:	For solids not relevant for classification and labelling.	

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Upper explosion limit:	For solids not relevant for classification and labelling.	
Flash point:	not applicable, the product is a solid	
Auto-ignition temperature:	not applicable	
Thermal decomposition:	150 °C	
pH value:	To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat. 4.0 - 4.8 (pH Meter) (5 %(m), 20 °C)	
Viscosity, dynamic:	not applicable, the product is a solid	
Solubility in water:	Literature data. 667 g/l (25 °C)	
Partitioning coefficient n-octanol/water (log Kow):	not applicable	
Vapour pressure:	The vapour pressure of the aqueous solution consists of the partial pressure for water and the partial pressure for sulphur dioxide.	
Density:	2.36 g/cm ³ (20 °C)	(OECD Guideline 109)
Relative vapour density (air):	The product is a non-volatile solid.	
Particle characteristics		
Particle size distribution:	169.68 - 173.41 µm (standard deviation 1.25 µm) fine particles - 422.29 - 443.58 µm (standard deviation 4.40 µm) fine particles - 49.49 - 51.34 µm (standard deviation 0.63 µm) fine particles -	(D50, ISO 13320-1) (D90, ISO 13320-1) (D10, ISO 13320-1)

9.2. Other information

Information with regard to physical hazard classes

Explosives

Explosion hazard: not explosive (Directive 92/69/EEC, A.14)

Impact sensitivity: Based on the chemical structure there is no shock-sensitivity.

Oxidizing properties

Fire promoting properties: Based on its structural properties the product is not classified as oxidizing.

Flammable solids

Burning rate: 0 mm/s, 0 s (Directive 92/69/EEC, A.10)

Self-heating substances and mixtures

Self heating ability: It is not a substance capable of spontaneous heating.

Other safety characteristics

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Bulk density:	1,000 - 1,200 kg/m ³
pKA:	not applicable
Evaporation rate:	The product is a non-volatile solid.

10. Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity

No hazardous reactions if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Chemical stability

The product is stable if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts with nitrites. Reacts with nitrates. Reacts with oxidizing agents. Generation of sulphur dioxide upon exposure to acids. (or conditions.) The product consumes oxygen.

Conditions to avoid

Avoid humidity.

Incompatible materials

Substances to avoid:
nitrites, nitrates, oxidizing agents, acids

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products:
Sulphur dioxide

11. Toxicological Information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Assessment of acute toxicity:

Of moderate toxicity after single ingestion. Virtually nontoxic by inhalation. Virtually nontoxic after a single skin contact. The product has not been fully tested. The statements have been derived in parts from products of a similar structure or composition.

Experimental/calculated data:

LD₅₀ rat (oral): 1,540 mg/kg (OECD Guideline 401)

LC₅₀ rat (by inhalation): > 5.5 mg/l 4 h (IRT)

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The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition. Tested as dust aerosol.

LD50 rat (dermal): > 2,000 mg/kg (OECD Guideline 402)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Irritation

Experimental/calculated data:

Skin corrosion/irritation rabbit: non-irritant (OECD Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/irritation rabbit: irreversible damage (OECD Guideline 405)

Respiratory/Skin sensitization

Assessment of sensitization:

Skin sensitizing effects were not observed in animal studies. A sensitizing effect on particularly sensitive individuals cannot be excluded.

Experimental/calculated data:

Mouse Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA) mouse: Non-sensitizing. (OECD Guideline 429)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Assessment of mutagenicity:

No mutagenic effect was found in various tests with bacteria and mammalian cell culture. The substance was not mutagenic in studies with mammals.

Carcinogenicity

Assessment of carcinogenicity:

In long-term studies in rats in which the substance was given by feed, a carcinogenic effect was not observed.

Reproductive toxicity

Assessment of reproduction toxicity:

The results of animal studies gave no indication of a fertility impairing effect.

Developmental toxicity

Assessment of teratogenicity:

No indications of a developmental toxic / teratogenic effect were seen in animal studies.

Experiences in humans

Experimental/calculated data:

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With sensitive persons it can lead to an over sensitive reaction.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Assessment of STOT single:

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Apart from effects causing lethality, no specific target organ toxicity was observed in experimental studies.

Repeated dose toxicity and Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Assessment of repeated dose toxicity:

No substance-specific organotoxicity was observed after repeated administration to animals.

Aspiration hazard

not applicable

12. Ecological Information

Toxicity

Assessment of aquatic toxicity:

Acutely harmful for aquatic organisms. The inhibition of the degradation activity of activated sludge is not anticipated when introduced to biological treatment plants in appropriate low concentrations.

Toxicity to fish:

LC50 (96 h) 316 mg/l, *Leuciscus idus* (DIN 38412 Part 15, static)

The details of the toxic effect relate to the nominal concentration. The product has not been tested.

The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Aquatic invertebrates:

EC50 (48 h) 89 mg/l, *Daphnia magna* (Directive 79/831/EEC, static)

Nominal concentration.

Aquatic plants:

EC50 (72 h) 43.8 mg/l (growth rate), algae (other, static)

Nominal concentration.

Microorganisms/Effect on activated sludge:

No observed effect concentration (3 h) > 1,000 mg/l, (OECD Guideline 209, aquatic)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Chronic toxicity to fish:

No observed effect concentration (34 d) > 316 mg/l, *Brachydanio rerio* (OECD Guideline 210, Flow through.)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates:

No observed effect concentration (21 d) > 10 mg/l, *Daphnia magna* (OECD Guideline 202, part 2, semistatic)

Nominal concentration.

Assessment of terrestrial toxicity:

Study scientifically not justified.

Persistence and degradability

Assessment biodegradation and elimination (H₂O):

Inorganic product which cannot be eliminated from water by biological purification processes.

Assessment of stability in water:

According to structural properties, hydrolysis is not expected/probable.

Study scientifically not justified.

Bioaccumulative potential

Assessment bioaccumulation potential:

Accumulation in organisms is not to be expected.

Bioaccumulation potential:

Study scientifically not justified.

Mobility in soil

Assessment transport between environmental compartments:

Volatility: The substance will not evaporate into the atmosphere from the water surface.

Adsorption in soil: Adsorption to solid soil phase is not expected.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

According to Annex XIII of Regulation (EC) No.1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH): The product does not fulfill the criteria for PBT (Persistent/bioaccumulative/toxic) and vPvB (very persistent/very bioaccumulative). Self classification

Additional information

Sum parameter

Chemical oxygen demand (COD): (calculated) 165 mg/g

Other ecotoxicological advice:

Higher concentrations of the substance may cause a strong chemical oxygen consumption in biological sewage-treatment plants and/or waterways.

13. Disposal Considerations

Waste treatment methods

Must be disposed of or incinerated in accordance with local regulations.

Observe national and local legal requirements.

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Contaminated packaging:

Contaminated packaging should be emptied as far as possible; then it can be passed on for recycling after being thoroughly cleaned.

14. Transport Information

Land transport

ADR

Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations

UN number or ID number: Not applicable

UN proper shipping name: Not applicable

Transport hazard class(es): Not applicable

Packing group: Not applicable

Environmental hazards: Not applicable

Special precautions for user: None known

RID

Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations

UN number or ID number: Not applicable

UN proper shipping name: Not applicable

Transport hazard class(es): Not applicable

Packing group: Not applicable

Environmental hazards: Not applicable

Special precautions for user: None known

Inland waterway transport

ADN

Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations

UN number or ID number: Not applicable

UN proper shipping name: Not applicable

Transport hazard class(es): Not applicable

Packing group: Not applicable

Environmental hazards: Not applicable

Special precautions for user: None known

Transport in inland waterway vessel

Not evaluated

Sea transport

IMDG

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UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	None known

Air transport

IATA/ICAO

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	None known

Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Maritime transport in bulk is not intended.

15. Regulatory Information**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

If other regulatory information applies that is not already provided elsewhere in this safety data sheet, then it is described in this subsection.

16. Other Information

chemical industry

Full text of classifications, hazard symbols and hazard statements, if mentioned in section 2 or 3:

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
Aquatic Acute	Hazardous to the aquatic environment - acute

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