

SAFETY DATA SHEET

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

Section 1 - Identification

Product Identifier

Product Name Sorbic acid

CAS No 110-44-1

Synonyms Sorbic acid

Molecular Formula C6 H8 O2 Molecular Weight 112.13

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against No Information available

Product Code A16196

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Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

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HSNO Approval Number HSR002503

GHS Classification

Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Health hazards

Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2
Skin Sensitization Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure) Category 3

Environmental hazards

Chronic aquatic toxicity Category 4

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Label Elements



Signal Word Warning

Hazard Statements

H315 - Causes skin irritation

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction

H413 - May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life

H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary Statements

Prevention

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Response

P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

Storage

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

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

Other hazards which do not result in classification

Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Sorbic acid	110-44-1	>95

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Description of first aid measures

General Advice Immediate medical attention is not required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in

attendance.

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Inhalation Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

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

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medical attention.

Skin Contact Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Ingestion Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.

Self-Protection of the First Aider Use personal protective equipment as required.

First Aid Facilities Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.

Most important symptoms and

effects

No information available.

Notes to Physician Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO2), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO2).

Decomposition Temperature

>170 °C

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Emergency procedures

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

Precautions to prevent secondary hazards

Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations

Reference to Other Sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling

Advice on safe handling

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Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

Hygiene Measures

When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

Storage Conditions

Keep at temperatures below 38°C. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents. Strong bases. Reducing Agent.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Control parameters

Exposure limits

The product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established.

Biological limit values

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye Protection Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) Goggles (Australian/New Zealand

Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

Hand Protection Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber, Butyl rubber, Nitrile rubber, Neoprene, PVC.	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)

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 compatability, 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 protectionWear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure

Repiratory ProtectionUse an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or

other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use

and maintenance of repiratory protective devices (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

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Hygiene Measures When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and

gloves, including the inside, before re-use.

Environmental exposure controls Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State Solid

AppearanceOff-whiteOdorSlight

Odor Threshold No data available

pH 3.3 (0.16 %)

Melting Point/Range 132 - 135 °C / 269.6 - 275 °F

Softening Point No data available
Boiling Point/Range No information available

Flammability (liquid) Not applicable Solid

Flammability (solid,gas)

Explosion Limits

No information available

No data available

Flash Point 127 °C / 260.6 °F Method - No information available

Autoignition Temperature 415 °C / 779 °F

Decomposition Temperature >170 °C

Viscosity Not applicable Solid

Water Solubility 1.6 g/L (20°C)

Solubility in other solvents No information available

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Componentlog PowSorbic acid1.32

-1.72

Vapor Pressure <0.01 mmHg @ 20 °C

Density / Specific Gravity 1.2

Bulk Density

No data available

Vapor Density Not applicable Solid

Particle characteristics No data available

Other information

Molecular Formula C6 H8 O2 Molecular Weight 112.13

Evaporation Rate Not applicable - Solid

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity None known, based on information available

Stability Light sensitive. Air sensitive.

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous ReactionsNone under normal processing.

Conditions to Avoid Incompatible products, Excess heat, Avoid dust formation, Exposure to air, Exposure to

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light.

Incompatible Materials Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Reducing Agent.

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO2).

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

Acute Effects

Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information

Inhalation Irritating to respiratory system. May be harmful if inhaled.

Eyes Irritating to eyes.

Skin Irritating to skin. May be harmful in contact with skin.

Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea,

vomiting and diarrhea.

Numerical measures of toxicity

(a) acute toxicity;

Oral Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

DermalNo data availableInhalationNo data available

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sorbic acid	LD50 = 3200 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg (Rat)	

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 2

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 2

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory No data available Skin No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) carcinogenicity; No data available

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; Category 3

Results / Target organs Respiratory system

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs No information available.

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(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable

Solid

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for

complete information

Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed

No information available.

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity

Aquatic ecotoxicity Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Fish Water Flea		Freshwater Algae	Microtox		
Sorbic acid	LC50 96h 1250 mg/L	EC50: = 353.54 mg/L,		EC50 = 1121 mg/L 1 h		
	(Zebrafish)	48h (Daphnia magna)		EC50 = 2803 mg/L 1 h		

Terrestrial ecotoxicity

There is no data for this product

Persistence and Degradability Readily biodegradable

Persistence Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

Bioaccumulative Potential Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Sorbic acid	1.32	No data available
	-1.72	

Mobility 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

Other adverse effects

Endocrine Disruptor Information Persistent Organic Pollutant Ozone Depletion Potential This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Waste treatment methods

Waste from Residues/Unused

Products

Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure

conformity with all applicable regulations.

Contaminated Packaging Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

Other Information Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous

Substances (Disposal) Regulations. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based

on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains.

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Section 14 - Transport Information

Not regulated

IATA Not regulated

IMDG/IMO Not regulated

Environmental hazards No hazards identified

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable, packaged goods

Special Precautions No special precautions required. Please refer to the applicable dangerous goods

regulations for additional information.

Additional information None known

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

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National Regulations

There are no applicable tolerable exposure limits or environmental exposure limits according to the EPA Controls for Hazardous Substances

Certified handlers, tracking and controlled substance license requirements

Certified handlers are required for some substances. This includes substances requiring a controlled substance license, and most explosives, vertebrates toxic agents, and certain fumigants. Acutely toxic substances which are a Category 1 or 2, such as pesticides also require Certified handlers. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information. Tracking is required for some highly hazardous substances. These substances need to be under the control of an appropriately trained person or appropriately secured. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information.

Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licencing requirements when they apply.

International Regulations

Ozone Depletion Potential This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Persistent Organic Pollutant This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Rotterdam Convention (PIC) Not applicable

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

International Inventories

New Zealand (NZIoC), Australia (AICS), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Korea (KECL), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Japan (ENCS), Japan

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(ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	NZIoC	AICS	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	KECL	IECSC	TCSI
Sorbic acid	110-44-1	X	Χ	203-768-7	-	-	KE-18524	Χ	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Sorbic acid	110-44-1	X	ACTIVE	X	Ī	X	Х	X

Legend: X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do)

Section 16 - Other Information

This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of the EPA Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020 and WorkSafe New Zealand Regulations

Legend

NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

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

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

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

TWA - Time Weighted Average

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

NZS 5433:2020 - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land

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

MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%

EC50 - Effective Concentration 50% **WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

DNEL - Derived No Effect Level **POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

VOC - (Volatile Organic Compound)

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

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

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

PNEC - Predicted No Effect Concentration

OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development **IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime

Dangerous Goods Code

ADG - Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail

LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%

ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate

RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment **NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

PCE Disconnection factor

BCF - Bioconcentration factor

PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

Key literature references and sources for data

HSNO classifications provided in the New Zealand Chemical Classification Information Database (CCID).

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

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

EPA Guide to classifying hazardous substances in New Zealand

EPA - Assigning a product to an existing HSNO approval guide

Training Advice

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

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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