

Australian statement of hazardous nature : Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** Diethyl pyrocarbonate

**CAS No** 1609-47-8

**Synonyms** Ethoxyformic anhydride; Pyrocarbonic acid diethyl ester; Diethyl oxydiformate; DEPC

**Product Code** APPA0881

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**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction. This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern.

## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Safe Work Australia

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#### Physical hazards

No hazards identified

#### Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)	Category 3

#### Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

#### Label Elements



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**Signal Word****Warning****Hazard Statements**

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H315 - Causes skin irritation  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements**

P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking  
P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
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  
P330 - Rinse mouth  
P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish  
P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse  
P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other information**

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates  
This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Diethyl pyrocarbonate	1609-47-8	>95

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

**Ingestion**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

**Skin Contact**

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

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Difficulty in breathing. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), 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.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Combustible material. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Containers may explode when heated. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

### 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.

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

### Emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

### Environmental Precautions

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

### Methods for Containment and Clean Up

#### Clean-up methods - small spillage

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

#### Clean-up methods - large spillage

Typically only supplied in small quantities as packaged goods.

If extremely toxic or used in larger quantities ensure a spillage action plan is in place. Evacuate area. Control the source and/or contain the spill if safe and able to do so. Use temporary diking, sand bags, dry sand, earth or proprietary booms/absorbent pads if available. Obtain advice on containment, neutralisation and clean-up from local emergency responders.

### Reference to Other Sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Protect from moisture.

**Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities**

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

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

AS 1940-2004 - The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**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

**Exposure Controls****Engineering Measures**

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

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

**Personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

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	See manufacturers	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

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**

Use 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 respiratory protective devices

**Recommended Filter type:**

Organic gases and vapours filter Type A Brown conforming to EN14387 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

**Recommended half mask:-**

Valve filtering: EN405 or Half mask: EN140 plus filter, EN 141 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Environmental exposure controls No information available.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance		
Physical State	Liquid	
Odor	sweet	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	Not applicable	
Melting Point/Range	No data available	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	93 - 94 °C / 199.4 - 201.2 °F	@ 18 mmHg
Flash Point	69 °C / 156.2 °F	<b>Method -</b> No information available
Evaporation Rate	No data available	
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Vapor Pressure	No information available	
Vapor Density	No information available	(Air = 1.0)
Specific Gravity / Density	1.118	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Water Solubility	slow decomposition	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	1.97 cP at 20 °C	
Explosive Properties		explosive air/vapour mixtures possible
Oxidizing Properties	No information available	
Other information		
Molecular Formula	C6 H10 O5	
Molecular Weight	162.14	

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	None known, based on information available
Stability	Moisture sensitive.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products, Excess heat, Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition, Exposure to moisture.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Strong bases, Ammonia, Strong reducing agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).
Hazardous Polymerization	No information available.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Information on Toxicological Effects

## Product Information

## (a) acute toxicity;

Oral	Category 4
Dermal	No data available
Inhalation	No data available

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Diethyl pyrocarbonate	850 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
Sensitization	No information 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.

(j) aspiration hazard; No data available

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

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

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity effects	Do not empty into drains.
Persistence and Degradability	
Persistence	Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.
Bioaccumulative Potential	Bioaccumulation is unlikely
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
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**

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**

Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

**IMDG/IMO**

Not regulated

**ADG**

Not regulated

**IATA**

Not regulated

**Environmental hazards**

No hazards identified

**Special Precautions**

No special precautions required

**Additional information**

None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

**Australia**

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters.

**Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons**

No poison schedule number allocated.

**Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)**

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Diethyl pyrocarbonate - 1609-47-8	Present	-

**Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List**

This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.

**Chemicals of Security Concern**

This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

National pollutant inventory Not applicable

#### Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

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

This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction.

#### International Inventories

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Diethyl pyrocarbonate	X	X	216-542-8	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	KE-10521

Legend: X - Listed. '-' - Not Listed. KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

#### 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

#### Basel convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal

Not applicable.

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Diethyl pyrocarbonate	1609-47-8	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH Not applicable

## Section 16 - Other Information

#### Legend

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
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  
ICAO/IATA - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals  
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  
Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)  
IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code



**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**NZS 5433:2020** - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land

**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)

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

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

#### Key literature references and sources for data

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

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

#### 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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12-Mar-2025

#### Revision Summary

Update to GHS format.

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