

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Sodium Metabisulphite

### Section 1: Chemical Product Information

**Product Name:** Sodium metabisulphite

**CAS#:** 7681-57-4

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Sodium metabisulfite

**CI#:** Not available.

**Synonym:** Disodium disulfite; Disodium pyrosulfite; Sodium Pyrosulfite; Sodium Metabisulphite

**Chemical Name:** Pyrosulfurous acid, disodium salt

**Chemical Formula:** Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

#### Composition:

CAS#	Chemical Name	Percent	EINECS/ELINCS
7681-57-4	Sodium Metabisulphite	100	231-673-0

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Sodium metabisulfite: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 1131 mg/kg [Rat]. DERMAL (LD50): Acute:>2000 mg/kg [Rat]. >1000 mg/kg [Guinea pig].

### Section 3: Hazards Identification

#### Potential Acute Health Effects:

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator),of eye contact (irritant).

#### Potential Chronic Health Effects:

Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (sensitizer), of ingestion, of inhalation (lung irritant). CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: 3 (Not classifiable for human.) by IARC. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. The substance may be toxic to upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

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## Section 4: First Aid Measures

### Eye Contact:

Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Cold water may be used. Get medical attention immediately.

### Skin Contact:

In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Cold water may be used. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

### Serious Skin Contact:

Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

### Inhalation:

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:** Not available.

### Ingestion:

Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

## Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** Non-flammable.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Flash Points:** Not applicable.

**Flammable Limits:** Not applicable.

**Products of Combustion:** Not available.

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Not applicable.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** Not applicable.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:**

When heated to decomposition it emits toxic fumes of SO<sub>x</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>O. Decomposes on heating to form sodium

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sulfate

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

### Small Spill:

Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

### Large Spill:

Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

### Precautions:

Keep locked up.. Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. Avoid contact with skin. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, acids.

**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Moisture sensitive. Air Sensitive

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### Engineering Controls:

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

**Personal Protection:** Safety glasses. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

### Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:

Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid

inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE

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handling this product.

## Exposure Limits:

TWA: 5 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) [United Kingdom (UK)] TWA: 5 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from ACGIH (TLV) [United States] TWA: 5 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from NIOSH [United States] Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Crystal Powder

**Odor:** odor of sulfur dioxide

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** 190.13 g/mole

**Color:** White to yellowish.

**pH (1% soln/water):** 4.3 [Acidic.]

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Melting Point:** Decomposition temperature: 150°C (302°F)

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** 1.4 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water.

**Solubility:** Easily soluble in cold water, hot water. Freely soluble in glycerol. Slightly soluble in alcohol. Moderately soluble in ethanol.

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Incompatible materials, heat, moisture, air, dust generation.

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents, acids.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

### Special Remarks on Reactivity:

Moisture sensitive Air sensitive. It slowly oxidizes to sodium sulfate upon exposure to air and moisture.

Incompatible with sodium nitrite

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

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## Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:**

Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 1131 mg/kg [Rat]. Acute dermal toxicity (LD50): >1000 mg/kg [Guinea pig].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: 3 (Not classifiable for human.) by IARC. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast. May cause damage to the following organs: upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator).

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:**

May affect genetic material (mutagenic) based on animal test data. May cause adverse reproductive effects based on animal test data.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Acute Potential Health Effects: Skin: May cause skin irritation. Eyes: May cause eye irritation. Inhalation: May cause respiratory tract irritation with coughing and wheezing. Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed. May cause gastrointestinal tract irritation with abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, violent colic, and possible gastric hemorrhaging. May affect behavior/central nervous system and cause central nervous system depression/seizures. It may also affect the cardiovascular system (hypotension, tachycardia, cardiovascular collapse). Ingestion of sulfite compounds may cause a severe allergic reaction (anaphylactoid symptoms) in sensitive individuals and some asthmatics. Chronic Potential Health Effects: Skin: Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause allergic dermatitis. Ingestion: Prolonged or repeated ingestion may affect the liver, urinary system, and metabolism (weight loss). Future exposures may also cause asthma like allergy with coughing, shortness of breath, wheezing and/or chest tightness. Inhalation: Prolonged or repeated inhalation may irritate the lungs, may cause bronchitis to develop with cough, phlegm and/or shortness of breath.

## Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

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## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

### Waste Disposal:

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

## Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

**Identification:** Not applicable.

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not applicable.

## Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

### Federal and State Regulations:

Connecticut hazardous material survey.: Sodium metabisulfite Illinois toxic substances disclosure to employee act: Sodium metabisulfite Rhode Island RTK hazardous substances: Sodium metabisulfite Pennsylvania RTK: Sodium metabisulfite Minnesota: Sodium metabisulfite Massachusetts RTK: Sodium metabisulfite New Jersey: Sodium metabisulfite California Director's List of Hazardous Substances: Sodium metabisulfite TSCA 8(b) inventory: Sodium metabisulfite TSCA 4(a) ITC priority list: Sodium metabisulfite TSCA 8(a) PAIR: Sodium metabisulfite TSCA 8(d) H and S data reporting: Sodium metabisulfite: effective: 1/26/94; sunset: 6/30/98

### Other Regulations:

OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). EINECS: This product is on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

### Other Classifications:

**WHMIS (Canada):** CLASS D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (VERY TOXIC).

### DSCL (EEC):

### HMIS (U.S.A.):

**Health Hazard:** 2

**Fire Hazard:** 0

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:** E

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):**

**Health:** 2

**Flammability:** 0

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**

Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Safety glasses.

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## Section 16: Other Information

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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