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22 June 2015

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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| **1. Substance and Source Identification** |

**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 925

**SRM Name:** 4-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-DL-mandelic Acid (VMA)

**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in the calibration and standardization of procedures employed in clinical analysis and for routine critical evaluation of daily working standards and is certified as a chemical of known purity. A unit of SRM 925 consists of approximately 1 g of powder.

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| **2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION** |

**Classification**

**Physical Hazard:** Not classified.

**Health Hazard:** Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2

Serious Eye Damage/Irritation Category 2A

STOT, Single Exposure Category 3

**Label Elements**

**Symbol:**



**Signal Word:**

WARNING

**Hazard Statement(s):**

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

**Precautionary Statement(s):**

P261 Avoid breathing dust.

P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P271 Use only out doors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280 Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection.

P302+P352 If on skin: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P332+P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.

P362+P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

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.

P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.

P312 Call a doctor if you feel unwell.

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

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents and container according to local regulations.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** Not applicable.

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| **3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS** |

**Substance:** VMA

**Other Designations:** Vanillylmandelic acid; vanilmandelic acid; (4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)glycolate; 3‑Methoxy-4-hydroxymandelate

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA’s 29 CFR 1910.1200.

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| **Hazardous Component(s)** | **CAS Number** | **EC Number (EINECS)** | **Nominal Mass Concentration**  **(%)** |
| VMA | 55-10-7 | 200-224-0 | 100 |

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| **4. FIRST AID MEASURES** |

**Description of First Aid Measures:**

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and water.

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. If necessary, seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If adverse effects occur after ingestion, seek medical treatment.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** May aggravate respiratory disorders.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** If any of the above symptoms are present, seek medical attention if needed.

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| **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES** |

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Negligible fire hazard in bulk form. Dust/air mixtures may ignite or explode. Avoid generating dust. See Section 9, “Physical and Chemical Properties” for flammability properties.

**Extinguishing Media:**

Suitable: Regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water, regular foam.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** None listed.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**NFPA Ratings** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 1 Fire = 1 Reactivity = 0

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| **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES** |

**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Any accumulated material on surfaces should be removed and properly disposed of. Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal. Keep out of water supplies and sewers. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry.

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| **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE** |

**Safe Handling Precautions:** Minimize dust generation and accumulation on surfaces. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dust does not accumulate on surfaces. See Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”. Avoid contact with incompatible materials (see Section 10, “Stability and Reactivity”).

**Storage:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards.

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| **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION** |

**Exposure Limits:** This material is a particulate matter and adequate inhalation/respiratory protection should be used to minimize exposure. No occupational exposure limits have been established for this fine particulate matter. The exposure limits for Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated are applicable.

OSHA (PEL): 15 mg/m3 (TWA, total particulates)

5 mg/m3 (TWA, respirable particulates)

**Engineering Controls:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**Personal Protection:** In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

**Respiratory Protection:** If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eye wash station should be readily available near areas of use.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Chemical‑resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

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| **9**. **Physical and Chemical Properties** |

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| **Descriptive Properties** | **VMA** |
| **Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)** | powder |
| **Molecular Formula** | (C9H10O5) |
| **Molar Mass (g/mol)** | 198.17 |
| **Odor** | not available |
| **Odor threshold** | not available |
| **pH** | not available |
| **Evaporation rate** | not available |
| **Melting point/freezing point (°C**) | 132 to 134 (270 °F to 273 °F) |
| **Density (specific gravity, water = 1)** | 0.91 to 0.96 |
| **Vapor Pressure** | not available |
| **Vapor Density (air = 1)** | not available |
| **Viscosity (cP)** | not available |
| **Solubility(ies)** | water: 5.16 mg/mL; no data available for other solubilities |
| **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)** | not available |
| **Nominal Particle Size** | not available |
| **Thermal Stability Properties** |  |
| **Autoignition Temperature (°C**) | not available |
| **Thermal Decomposition** | not available |
| **Initial boiling point and boiling range** | not available |
| **Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %)** | not available |
| **Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %)** | not available |
| **Flash Point** | not available |
| **Flammability (solid, gas)** | not available |

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| **10. Stability and Reactivity** |

**Reactivity:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

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| **Stability:** | X | Stable |  | Unstable |

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** None listed.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid generating dust. Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition.

**Incompatible Materials:** No data available.

**Fire/Explosion Information:** See Section 5, “Fire Fighting Measures”.

**Hazardous Decomposition:** No data available.

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| **Hazardous Polymerization:** |  | Will Occur | X | Will Not Occur |

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| **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION** |

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| **Route of Exposure:** | X | Inhalation | X | Skin |  | Ingestion |

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** May aggravate respiratory disorders and irritate the skin and eyes.

**Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic, and Delayed)**

**Inhalation:** Acute exposure may result in respiratory tract irritation. No data listed for chronic exposure.

**Skin Contact:** Acute exposure may cause irritation. No data listed for chronic exposure.

**Eye Contact:** May cause irritation. No data listed for chronic exposure.

**Ingestion:** No data listed for acute or chronic exposure.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity**

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Category 2; causes skin irritation.

**Serious Eye Damage/Irritation:** Category 2A; causes eye irritation.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

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| **Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen** |  | **Yes** | X | **No** |

VMA is not listed by IARC, OSHA or NTP as a carcinogen/potential carcinogen.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure (Inhalation):** Category 3, may cause respiratory irritation.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** No data available.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not applicable.

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| **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION** |

**Ecotoxicity Data:** No data available.

**Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available.

**Mobility in Soil:** No data available.

**Other Adverse effects:** No data available.

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| **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS** |

**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

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| **14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION** |

**U.S. DOT and IATA:** Not regulated by DOT or IATA.

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| **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION** |

**U.S. Regulations:**

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated.

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH: Yes

CHRONIC HEALTH: No

FIRE: No

REACTIVE: No

PRESSURE: No

**State Regulations:**

California Proposition 65: Not listed.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

**Canadian Regulations:** WHMIS Information is not provided for this material.

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| **16. OTHER INFORMATION** |

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**Sources:** European Chemical Agency (ECHA), Registered substances, *4-hydroxy-3-methoxymandelic acid, CAS No.55-10-7,* available at <http://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals> (accessed Jun 2015).

Human Metabolome Database (HMDB), *Vanillylmandelic acid*, *CAS No. 55-10-7*, available at <http://www.hmdb.ca/metabolites/HMDB00291> (accessed Jun 2015).

Vendor SDS, *4-hydroxy-3-methoxymandelic acid*, 03 July 2014.

**Key of Acronyms:**

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| ACGIH | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists | NRC | Nuclear Regulatory Commission |
| ALI | Annual Limit on Intake | NTP | National Toxicology Program |
| CAS | Chemical Abstracts Service | OSHA | Occupational Safety and Health Administration |
| CERCLA | Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act | PEL | Permissible Exposure Limit |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations | RCRA | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act |
| DOT | Department of Transportation | REL | Recommended Exposure Limit |
| EC50 | Effective Concentration, 50 % | RM | Reference Material |
| EINECS | European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances | RQ | Reportable Quantity |
| EPCRA | Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act | RTECS | Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances |
| IARC | International Agency for Research on Cancer | SARA | Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act |
| IATA | International Air Transportation Agency | SCBA | Self‑Contained Breathing Apparatus |
| IDLH | Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health | SRM | Standard Reference Material |
| LC50 | Lethal Concentration, 50 % | STEL | Short Term Exposure Limit |
| LD50 | Lethal Dose, 50 % | TLV | Threshold Limit Value |
| LEL | Lower Explosive Limit | TPQ | Threshold Planning Quantity |
| MSDS | Material Safety Data Sheet | TSCA | Toxic Substances Control Act |
| NFPA | National Fire Protection Association | TWA | Time Weighted Average |
| NIOSH | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health | UEL | Upper Explosive Limit |
| NIST | National Institute of Standards and Technology | WHMIS | Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System |

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