

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Stearic acid

Cat No. : AC174490000; AC174490010; AC174490025; AC174490050;
AC174490100

CAS-No 57-11-4
Synonyms Octadecanoic acid

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Importer/Distributor

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

WHMIS 2015 Classification This product is hazardous in accordance with the Canada Hazardous Products Act (HPA) and Hazardous Products Regulation (HPR), as amended (SOR/2022-272)

Combustible Dusts Category 1

Label Elements

Signal Word

Warning

Hazard Statements

May form combustible dust concentrations in air

Precautionary Statements**Prevention**

Keep container tightly closed

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking

Response

In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion

Storage

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

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Stearic acid	57-11-4	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Most important symptoms/effects Notes to Physician	None reasonably foreseeable. Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO ₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	196 °C / 384.8 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	395 °C / 743 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite. Dust can form an explosive mixture with air. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion ProductsCarbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂).**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPAHealth
0Flammability
1Instability
0Physical hazards
N/A**6. Accidental release measures****Personal Precautions**

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

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.**7. Handling and storage****Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

Storage.

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Combustible material. Bases. Strong oxidizing agents. Reducing Agent.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection**Exposure Guidelines**

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec
Stearic acid	-	TWA: 10 mg/m ³ TWA: 3 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³ TWA: 3 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³

Component	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland and Labrador	Nova Scotia
Stearic acid	TWA: 10 mg/m ³ TWA: 3 mg/m ³		TWA: 10 mg/m ³ TWA: 3 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³ TWA: 3 mg/m ³

Component	Nunavut	Prince Edward Island	Saskatchewan	Yukon
Stearic acid		TWA: 10 mg/m ³ TWA: 3 mg/m ³		

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Stearic acid 57-11-4 (>95)	TWA: 10 mg/m ³ TWA: 3 mg/m ³		

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

Engineering Measures

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

Personal protective equipment**Eye Protection**

Goggles

Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers recommendations	-	Splash protection only
Nitrile rubber			
Neoprene			
PVC			

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) 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. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Recommended Filter type: Particle filter

Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State

Solid

Color

White

Odor

No information available

Odor Threshold

No information available

Property

Values

Remarks

Method

Melting Point/Range

67 - 69 °C / 152.6 - 156.2 °F

Softening Point

No data available

Boiling Point/Range

361 °C / 681.8 °F

Flash Point

196 °C / 384.8 °F

Flammability (liquid)

Not applicable

Flammability (solid,gas)

No information available

Explosion Limits

No data available

Autoignition Temperature

395 - °C / 743 - °F

Decomposition Temperature

No data available

pH

No information available

Viscosity

Not applicable

Solid

Water Solubility

Slightly soluble

Solubility in other solvents

No information available

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Vapor Pressure

1 mmHg @ 174 °C

Density / Specific Gravity

0.840

Bulk Density

No data available

Vapor Density

Not applicable

Solid

Particle characteristics

No data available

Other Information

Molecular Formula

C18 H36 O2

Molecular Weight

284.47

Evaporation Rate Not applicable - Solid

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard None known, based on information available

Stability Stable under normal conditions.

Conditions to Avoid Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat.

Incompatible Materials Combustible material, Bases, Strong oxidizing agents, Reducing Agent

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

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation Not an expected route of exposure.

Ingestion No known effect based on information supplied.

Eyes Not an expected route of exposure.

Skin No known effect based on information supplied.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Stearic acid	LD50 = 4600 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	-

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

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

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

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Stearic acid	57-11-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Target Organs	None known.
(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.
Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.
Endocrine Disrupting Properties	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Persistence and Degradability Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT Not regulated

TDG Not regulated

IATA Not regulated

IMDG/IMO Not regulated

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Stearic acid	57-11-4	X	-	X	ACTIVE	200-313-4	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Stearic acid	57-11-4	X	KE-26333	X	X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not listed

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

DSL/NDL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List
TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory
EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances
IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances
KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances
AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and its amendments and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the revised Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Other International Regulations

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

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

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Stearic acid	57-11-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Stearic acid	57-11-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34

16. Other information

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