Material Safety Data Sheet
Dimethyl sulphate MSDS

Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Dimethyl sulphate
Catalog Codes: 10604
CAS#: 77-78-1
RTECS: WS8225000
TSCA: TSCA 8(b) inventory: Dimethyl sulphate
CI#: Not available.
Synonym:
Chemical Formula: (CH3)2SO4

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Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

Composition:

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Toxicological Data on Ingredients: Dimethyl sulphate: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 205 mg/kg [Rat]. 140 mg/kg [Mouse]. VAPOR (LC50): Acute: 45 ppm 4 hour(s) [Rat].

Section 3: Hazards Identification

Potential Acute Health Effects:
Extremely hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of inhalation. Very hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator), of ingestion. Liquid or spray mist may produce tissue damage particularly on mucous membranes of eyes, mouth and respiratory tract. Skin contact may produce burns. Inhalation of the spray mist may produce severe irritation of respiratory tract, characterized by coughing, choking, or shortness of breath. Severe over-exposure can result in death. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering.

Potential Chronic Health Effects:
Extremely hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of inhalation. Very hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator), of ingestion. CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified + (PROVEN) by OSHA. Classified A2 (Suspected for human.) by ACGIH, 2A (Probable for human.) by IARC, 2 (Reasonably anticipated.) by NTP. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. The substance is toxic to blood, kidneys, lungs, the nervous system, liver, mucous membranes. Repeated or prolonged exposure
to the substance can produce target organs damage. Repeated or prolonged contact with spray mist may produce chronic eye irritation and severe skin irritation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to spray mist may produce respiratory tract irritation leading to frequent attacks of bronchial infection. Repeated exposure to an highly toxic material may produce general deterioration of health by an accumulation in one or many human organs. Repeated or prolonged inhalation of vapors may lead to chronic respiratory irritation.

### Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:**
Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Cold water may be used. Do not use an eye ointment. Seek medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**
If the chemical got onto the clothed portion of the body, remove the contaminated clothes as quickly as possible, protecting your own hands and body. Place the victim under a deluge shower. If the chemical got on the victim's exposed skin, such as the hands: Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. Cold water may be used. If irritation persists, seek medical attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing.

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

**Inhalation:**
Allow the victim to rest in a well ventilated area. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:**
Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. WARNING: It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Ingestion:**
Do not induce vomiting. Examine the lips and mouth to ascertain whether the tissues are damaged, a possible indication that the toxic material was ingested; the absence of such signs, however, is not conclusive. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

### Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** Combustible.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** 495°C (923°F)

**Flash Points:**
- CLOSED CUP: 83.3°C (181.9°F). (Setaflash)
- OPEN CUP: 115.6°C (240.1°F).

**Flammable Limits:** Not available.

**Products of Combustion:** These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO2), sulfur oxides (SO2, SO3...).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Extremely flammable in presence of open flames and sparks.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**
Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Highly explosive in presence of open flames and sparks.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**
- SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder.
- LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. Do not use water jet.

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

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.
Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:**
Dilute with water and mop up, or absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container.

**Large Spill:**
Combustible material. Corrosive liquid. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Use water spray curtain to divert vapor drift. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Eliminate all ignition sources. Call for assistance on disposal. 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. Keep container dry. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/vapour/spray. Never add water to this product In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

**Storage:**
Flammable materials should be stored in a separate safety storage cabinet or room. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Keep container tightly closed. Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place. Ground all equipment containing material. Keep container dry. Keep in a cool place.

Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:**
Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

**Personal Protection:**

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**
Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor 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 handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:**
TWA: 0.1 (ppm) from ACGIH (TLV) TWA: 0.5 (mg/m3) from ACGIH Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Liquid. (Oily liquid.)

**Odor:** Odorless.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** 126.13 g/mole

**Color:** Colorless.

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** Decomposes. (188°C or 370.4°F)

**Melting Point:** -31.8°C (-25.2°F)
Critical Temperature: Not available.
Specific Gravity: 1.3322 (Water = 1)
Vapor Pressure: 0.54 mm of Hg (@ 20°C)
Vapor Density: 4.35 (Air = 1)
Volatility: 100% (v/v).
Odor Threshold: Not available.
Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.: The product is equally soluble in oil and water; log(oil/water) = 0
Ionicity (in Water): Not available.
Dispersion Properties: See solubility in water.
Solubility: Partially soluble in cold water.

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability: The product is stable.
Instability Temperature: Not available.
Conditions of Instability: Not available.
Incompatibility with various substances: Not available.
Corrosivity: Not available.
Special Remarks on Reactivity: Not available.
Special Remarks on Corrosivity: Not available.
Polymerization: No.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

Routes of Entry: Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.
Toxicity to Animals:
WARNING: THE LC50 VALUES HEREUNDER ARE ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS OF A 4-HOUR EXPOSURE. Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 140 mg/kg [Mouse]. Acute toxicity of the vapor (LC50): 45 ppm 4 hour(s) [Rat].

Chronic Effects on Humans:
CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified + (PROVEN) by OSHA. Classified A2 (Suspected for human.) by ACGIH, 2A (Probable for human.) by IARC, 2 (Reasonably anticipated.) by NTP. The substance is toxic to blood, kidneys, lungs, the nervous system, liver, mucous membranes.

Other Toxic Effects on Humans:
Extremely hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, irritant), of inhalation. Very hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator), of ingestion.

Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals: Not available.
Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans: Not available.
Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans: Not available.

Section 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: Not available.
**Section 13: Disposal Considerations**

**Waste Disposal:**

**Section 14: Transport Information**

**DOT Classification:** CLASS 6.1: Poisonous material.

**Identification:** Dimethyl sulfate : UN1595 PG: I

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Poison inhalation hazard

**Section 15: Other Regulatory Information**

**Federal and State Regulations:**
California prop. 65: This product contains the following ingredients for which the State of California has found to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, which would require a warning under the statute: Dimethyl sulfate California prop. 65: This product contains the following ingredients for which the State of California has found to cause cancer which would require a warning under the statute: Dimethyl sulfate Pennsylvania RTK: Dimethyl sulfate Massachusetts RTK: Dimethyl sulfate TSCA 8(b) inventory: Dimethyl sulfate SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: Dimethyl sulfate SARA 313 toxic chemical notification and release reporting: Dimethyl sulfate CERCLA: Hazardous substances.: Dimethyl sulfate


**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):**
CLASS B-3: Combustible liquid with a flash point between 37.8°C (100°F) and 93.3°C (200°F). CLASS D-1A: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (VERY TOXIC). CLASS D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (VERY TOXIC). CLASS E: Corrosive liquid.

**DSCL (EEC):**

**HMIS (U.S.A.):**
- **Health Hazard:** 4
- **Fire Hazard:** 2
- **Reactivity:** 0
- **Personal Protection:**

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):**
- **Health:** 4
- **Flammability:** 2
- **Reactivity:** 0
- **Specific hazard:**

**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 more toxic.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.
Protective Equipment:
Gloves. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Face shield.

Section 16: Other Information

References: Not available.
Other Special Considerations: Not available.
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