

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

North American Version

## SODIUM SULFITE

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### 1.1. Identification of the substance or mixture

Product name : SODIUM SULFITE  
Product grade(s) : Technical Grade  
Food Grade  
Industrial Grade  
Chemical Name : Sodium sulfite, anhydrous  
Synonyms : Sodium sulfite, anhydrous  
Molecular formula : Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>  
Molecular Weight : 126.04 g/mol

#### 1.2. Use of the Substance/Mixture

Recommended use : - Pulp and paper  
- photographic chemical  
- Water treatment  
- Reducing agents  
- Dyes  
- Bleaching agent  
Recommended use : - Food additive

#### 1.3. Company/Undertaking Identification

Address : SOLVAY CHEMICALS, INC.  
3333 RICHMOND AVENUE  
HOUSTON TX 77098-3099  
United States

#### 1.4. Emergency and contact telephone numbers

Emergency telephone : 1 (800) 424-9300 CHEMTREC ® (USA & Canada)  
01-800-00-214-00 (MEX. REPUBLIC)

Contact telephone number : US: +1-800-765-8292 (Product information)  
(product information): US: +1-713-525-6500 (Product information)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1. Emergency Overview:

NFPA : H= 2 F= 0 I= 1 S= None  
HMIS : H= 2 F= 0 R= 1 PPE = Supplied by User; dependent on local conditions

#### General Information

Appearance : granular, solid  
Colour : white

Odour : odourless

**Main effects**

- Harmful if swallowed.
- Irritating to eyes.
- May cause sensitization by inhalation.
- Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions.

**2.2. Potential Health Effects:**

**Inhalation**

- Mild respiratory irritant
- May cause severe allergic respiratory reaction.
- Breathing of dust may aggravate asthma or other pulmonary diseases.
- Symptoms: Headache, Breathing difficulties, Cardiac irregularities, loss of consciousness and cardiopulmonary arrest.

**Eye contact**

- Moderate eye irritation

**Skin contact**

- slight irritation
- Prolonged skin contact may cause skin irritation.

**Ingestion**

- Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.
- Overexposure may result in death.
- Repeated contact may cause allergic reactions in very susceptible persons.
- Risk of violent reaction.

**Other toxicity effects**

- See section 11: Toxicological Information

**2.3. Environmental Effects:**

- See section 12: Ecological Information

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**Sodium sulfite**

CAS-No. : 7757-83-7  
Concentration :  $\geq 99.0\%$

**Sodium sulfate**

CAS-No. : 7757-82-6  
Concentration :  $\leq 1.0\%$

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**4.1. Inhalation**

- Call a doctor immediately if allergic signs, particularly in the respiratory tract, are observed.
- Oxygen or artificial respiration if needed.
- Remove to fresh air.

**Exposure to decomposition products :**

- If inhaled
- Remove to fresh air.
- Immediate medical attention is required.

#### 4.2. Eye contact

- Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.
- In the case of difficulty of opening the lids, administer an analgesic eye wash (oxybuprocaine).
- Immediate medical attention is required.

#### 4.3. Ingestion

*If victim is conscious:*

- Immediate medical attention is required.

*If victim is unconscious but breathing:*

- Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

#### 5.1. Suitable extinguishing media

- Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

#### 5.2. Extinguishing media which shall not be used for safety reasons

- Water may be ineffective.

#### 5.3. Special exposure hazards in a fire

- Not combustible.
- Contact with water liberates hazardous gas.
- Sulphur dioxide

#### 5.4. Hazardous decomposition products

- Sulphur dioxide
- Sulphur oxides

#### 5.5. Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

- Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit.
- Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection.

#### 5.6. Other information

- Approach from upwind.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### 6.1. Personal precautions

- Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.
- Avoid dust formation.
- Keep away from water.

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

- Should not be released into the environment.
- The product should not be allowed to enter drains, water courses or the soil.
- In case of accidental release or spill, immediately notify the appropriate authorities if required by Federal, State/Provincial and local laws and regulations.

#### 6.3. Methods for cleaning up

- Collect the product with suitable means.
- Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### 7.1. Handling

- Persons with a history of skin sensitisation problems or asthma, allergies, chronic or recurrent respiratory disease should not be employed in any process in which this mixture is being used.
- Use only in well-ventilated areas.
- Avoid dust formation.
- Protect from moisture.
- Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin.

#### 7.2. Storage

- Keep in a dry place.
- Keep container closed.
- Keep in properly labelled containers.
- Keep away from incompatible products

#### 7.3. Other information

- Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
- For personal protection see section 8.

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### 8.1. Exposure Limit Values

##### Sodium sulfite

- US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values  
Remarks: none established

##### Sulphur dioxide

- US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values 2009  
Short term exposure limit = 0.25 ppm
- US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) 02 2006  
Permissible exposure limit = 5 ppm  
Permissible exposure limit = 13 mg/m3
- US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) 1989  
time weighted average = 2 ppm  
time weighted average = 5 mg/m3
- US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) 1989  
Short term exposure limit = 5 ppm  
Short term exposure limit = 13 mg/m3
- US. Tennessee. OELs. Occupational Exposure Limits, Table Z1A 06 2008  
time weighted average = 2 ppm  
time weighted average = 5 mg/m3
- US. Tennessee. OELs. Occupational Exposure Limits, Table Z1A 06 2008  
Short term exposure limit = 5 ppm  
Short term exposure limit = 10 mg/m3

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SAEL = Solvay Acceptable Exposure Limit, Time Weighted Average for 8 hour workdays. No Specific TLV STEL (Short Term Exposure Level) has been set. Excursions in exposure level may exceed 3 times the TLV TWA for no more than a total of 30 minutes during a workday and under no circumstances should they exceed 5 times the TLV TWA.

#### 8.2. Engineering controls

- Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at machinery and at places where dust can be generated.

#### 8.3. Personal protective equipment

##### 8.3.1. Respiratory protection

- When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

- In the case of vapour formation use a respirator with an approved filter.
- Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection.
- In the case of dust or aerosol formation use respirator with an approved filter.

#### 8.3.2. Hand protection

- Protective gloves

#### 8.3.3. Eye protection

- Chemical resistant goggles must be worn.

#### 8.3.4. Skin and body protection

- Preventive skin protection
- Wear suitable protective clothing.

#### 8.3.5. Hygiene measures

- Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Eye wash bottle with pure water
- Use only in an area equipped with a safety shower.
- Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.
- When using do not eat, drink or smoke.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. General Information

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | : granular, solid |
| Colour     | : white           |
| Odour      | : odourless       |

### 9.2. Important health safety and environmental information

|   |   |
|---|---|
| pH  | : 9.6 - 9.8<br><i>Concentration: 10 g/l</i>                           |
| Boiling point/boiling range               | : <i>Remarks: not applicable</i>                                      |
| Flash point                               | : <i>Remarks: not applicable</i>                                      |
| Flammability                              | : <i>Remarks: The product is not flammable.</i>                       |
| Explosive properties                      | : <u><i>Explosion danger:</i></u><br><i>Remarks: not applicable</i>   |
| Oxidizing properties                      | : <i>Remarks: Non oxidizer, oxygen scavenger</i>                      |
| Vapour pressure                           | : <i>Remarks: no data available</i>                                   |
| Bulk density                              | : 1.5 - 1.6 kg/m <sup>3</sup><br>: 95 - 100 lb/ft <sup>3</sup>        |
| Solubility                                | : 250 g/l<br><i>Temperature: 20 °C ( 68 °F )</i>                      |
| Partition coefficient:<br>n-octanol/water | : <u><i>log Pow:</i></u><br>-4<br><i>Temperature: 25 °C ( 77 °F )</i> |

### 9.3. Other data

|               |                              |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| Decomposition | : $\geq 600$ °C ( 1,112 °F ) |
|---------------|------------------------------|

temperature

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Stability

- Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.2. Conditions to avoid

- Heat.
- Exposure to moisture.
- Keep at temperature not exceeding: 600 °C ( 1,112 °F )

### 10.3. Materials to avoid

- Water
- Acids
- Oxidizing agents

### 10.4. Hazardous decomposition products

- Sulphur dioxide, Sulphur oxides

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicological data

#### *Acute oral toxicity*

- LD50, mouse, 820 mg/kg
- LD50, rat, > 2,000 mg/kg

#### *Skin irritation*

- rabbit, No skin irritation

#### *Eye irritation*

- rabbit, Eye irritation

#### *Sensitisation*

- Human experience, Respiratory sensitization

#### *Genetic toxicity in vitro*

- In vitro tests showed mutagenic effects

#### *Remarks*

- Harmful if swallowed.
- Moderate eye irritation
- May cause sensitization of susceptible persons by inhalation of aerosol or dust.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Ecotoxicity effects

#### *Acute toxicity*

- Carassius auratus (goldfish), LD 50, 96 h, 100 mg/l

### 12.2. Mobility

- Remarks: no data available

### 12.3. Persistence and degradability

#### *Abiotic degradation*

- Result: no data available

#### *Biodegradation*

|   |     |                               |
|---|-----|-------------------------------|
| Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances (MITI List) (ENCS)  | : - | In compliance with inventory. |
| Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS) | : - | In compliance with inventory. |
| New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIOC)                        | : - | In compliance with inventory. |

### 15.2. Other regulations

**US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 355, Appendix A)**

- not regulated.

**SARA Hazard Designation (SARA 311/312)**

- Acute Health Hazard: Yes.
- Chronic Health Hazard: Yes.

**US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 313 Toxic Chemicals (40 CFR 372.65) - Supplier Notification Required**

- not regulated.

**US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 302)**

- not regulated.

**US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act (New Jersey Statute Annotated Section 34:5A-5)**

- not regulated.

**US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law (34 Pa. Code Chap. 301-323)**

- not regulated.

**US. California Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act (Proposition 65)**

- not regulated.

### 15.3. Classification and labelling

**Canada. Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). WHMIS Ingredient Disclosure List (Can. Gaz., Part II, Vol. 122, No. 2)**

- Toxic Material Causing Immediate and Serious Toxic Effects

Remarks: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

**EC Label**

- The product is classified in accordance with Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC.

|             |           |   |
|-------------|-----------|---|
| Symbol(s)   | Xn        | Harmful   |
| R-phrase(s) | R22       | Harmful if swallowed.   |
|             | R36       | Irritating to eyes.   |
|             | R42       | May cause sensitization by inhalation.  |
| S-phrase(s) | S22       | Do not breathe dust.  |
|             | S26       | In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. |
|             | S36/37/39 | Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.                            |

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In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Ratings :

#### NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)

Health = 2 Flammability = 0 Instability = 1 Special = None

#### HMIS (Hazardous Material Information System)

Health = 2 Fire = 0 Reactivity = 1 PPE : Supplied by User; dependent on local conditions

### Further information

- New (MSDS)
- Distribute new edition to clients

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The previous information is based upon our current knowledge and experience of our product and is not exhaustive. It applies to the product as defined by the specifications. In case of combinations or mixtures, one must confirm that no new hazards are likely to exist. In any case, the user is not exempt from observing all legal, administrative and regulatory procedures relating to the product, personal hygiene, and integrity of the work environment. (Unless noted to the contrary, the technical information applies only to pure product).

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