

SAFETY DATA SHEETS

According to the UN GHS revision 9

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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1 GHS Product identifier

Product name Ethylene Oxide

1.2 Other means of identification

Product number LCHM703679-DS

Other names -

1.3 Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Identified uses For laboratory and Industrial use only.

Uses advised against no data available

1.4 Supplier's details

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SECTION 2: Hazard identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Not classified.

2.2 GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram(s) No symbol.

Signal word No signal word

Hazard statement(s) none

Precautionary statement(s)

Prevention none

Response none

Storage none

Disposal none

2.3 Other hazards which do not result in classification

no data available

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Chemical name	Common names and synonyms	CAS number	EC number	Concentration
Dimethyl sulfoxide	Dimethyl sulfoxide	67-68-5	200-664-3	100%
Ethylene Oxide	-	75-21-8	-	10000.0 ppm

SECTION 4: First-aid measures

4.1 Description of necessary first-aid measures

If inhaled

Fresh air, rest.

Following skin contact

Remove contaminated clothes. Rinse and then wash skin with water and soap. Refer for medical attention .

Following eye contact

First rinse with plenty of water for several minutes (remove contact lenses if easily possible), then refer for medical attention.

Following ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting. Refer for medical attention .

4.2 Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Slight eye irritation. (USCG, 1999)

4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

In case of accidental oral ingestion, specific measures should be taken to induce emesis. Additional measures which may be considered are gastric lavage, activated charcoal and forced diuresis.

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

5.1 Suitable extinguishing media

For small (incipient) fires, use media such as "alcohol" foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide. For large fires, apply water from as far as possible. Use very large quantities (flooding) of water applied as a mist or spray; solid streams of water may be ineffective. Cool all affected containers with flooding quantities of water.

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Special Hazards of Combustion Products: Sulfur dioxide, formaldehyde, and methyl mercaptan can form (USCG, 1999)

5.3 Special protective actions for fire-fighters

Use water spray, foam, powder, carbon dioxide. In case of fire: keep drums, etc., cool by spraying with water.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal protection: chemical protection suit and filter respirator for organic gases and vapours adapted to the airborne concentration of the substance. Ventilation. Collect leaking and spilled liquid in sealable containers as far as possible. Absorb remaining liquid in sand or inert absorbent. Then store and dispose of according to local regulations.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Personal protection: chemical protection suit and filter respirator for organic gases and vapours adapted to the airborne concentration of the substance. Ventilation. Collect leaking and spilled liquid in sealable containers as far as possible. Absorb remaining liquid in sand or inert absorbent. Then store and dispose of according to local regulations.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Accidental Release Measures. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedure: Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Remove all sources of ignition. Beware of vapors accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapors can accumulate in low areas.; Environmental precautions: Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let products enter drains.; Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up: Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

NO open flames. Above 87°C use a closed system, ventilation and explosion-proof electrical equipment. Handling in a well ventilated place. Wear suitable protective clothing. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Use non-sparking tools. Prevent fire caused by electrostatic discharge steam.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Separated from strong oxidants. Cool. Keep in the dark. Keep in a well-ventilated room. Store away from oxidizing agents, heat, and ignition sources.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Occupational Exposure limit values

MAK: 160 mg/m³, 50 ppm; peak limitation category: I(2); skin absorption (H); pregnancy risk group: B

Biological limit values

no data available

8.2 Appropriate engineering controls

Ensure adequate ventilation. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Set up emergency exits and the risk-elimination area.

8.3 Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Eye/face protection

Wear safety spectacles.

Skin protection

Protective gloves. Protective clothing.

Respiratory protection

Use ventilation, local exhaust or breathing protection.

Thermal hazards

no data available

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties and safety characteristics

Physical state	Liquid.
Colour	Clear.
Odour	Slightly sulfurous odor
Melting point/freezing point	18.5 °C.
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	189 °C. Atm. press.: 1 013 hPa.
Flammability	Combustible. Gives off irritating or toxic fumes (or gases) in a fire.
Lower and upper explosion limit/flammability limit	Lower flammable limit: 2.6% by volume; Upper flammable limit: 42% by volume
Flash point	87 °C. Atm. press.: 1 013 hPa.
Auto-ignition temperature	300 - 302 °C. Atm. press.: 1 013 hPa.
Decomposition temperature	no data available
pH	no data available
Kinematic viscosity	dynamic viscosity (in mPa s) = 2.14. Temperature: 20 °C.
Solubility	greater than or equal to 100 mg/mL at 68 °F (NTP, 1992)
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water	log Pow = -1.35. Temperature: 20 °C.
Vapour pressure	0.417 mm Hg. Temperature: 20 °C.
Density and/or relative density	1.1 g/cm ³ . Temperature: 20 °C.; 1.09 g/cm ³ . Temperature: 30 °C.; 1.08 g/cm ³ . Temperature: 40 °C.
Relative vapour density	2.7 (vs air)
Particle characteristics	no data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

Decomposes on heating and on burning. This produces toxic fumes including sulfur oxides. Reacts violently with strong oxidants such as perchlorates.

10.2 Chemical stability

no data available

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Combustible when exposed to heat or flame. The vapour is heavier than air and may travel along the ground; distant ignition possible. DIMETHYL SULFOXIDE decomposes violently on contact with many acyl halides and related compounds such as acetyl chloride, benzenesulfonyl chloride, benzoyl chloride, cyanuric chloride, phosphorus trichloride, phosphorus oxychloride, and thionyl chloride [Chem. Eng. News 35(9):87 (1957)].

10.4 Conditions to avoid

no data available

10.5 Incompatible materials

can react with oxidizing materials.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

When heated to decomposition it emits toxic fumes of /sulfur oxides/.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

Acute toxicity

- Oral: LD50 - rat (male/female) - 28 300 mg/kg bw. Remarks: Lethal doses caused ataxia, myasthenia, decreased motor activity, and bradypnea.
- Inhalation: LC0 - rat (male/female) - > 5.33 mg/L air.
- Dermal: LD50 - rat (male/female) - ca. 40 000 mg/kg bw.

Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

Serious eye damage/irritation

no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

no data available

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

STOT-single exposure

The substance is irritating to the eyes and skin. Exposure to high concentrations could cause lowering of consciousness. May accelerate skin absorption of other materials. See Notes.

STOT-repeated exposure

Repeated or prolonged contact with skin may cause dermatitis. The substance may have effects on the liver and blood. This may result in impaired functions and lesions of blood cells.

Aspiration hazard

No indication can be given about the rate at which a harmful concentration of this substance in the air is reached on evaporation at 20°C.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

- Toxicity to fish: LC50 - Danio rerio (previous name: Brachydanio rerio) - > 25 g/L - 96 h.
- Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: EC50 - Daphnia magna - 24.6 g/L - 48 h.
- Toxicity to algae: EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (previous names: Raphidocelis subcapitata, Selenastrum capricornutum) - 17 g/L - 72 h.
- Toxicity to microorganisms: EC50 - activated sludge, domestic - 10 - 100 mg/L - 30 min.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

AEROBIC: Dimethyl sulfoxide, present at 100 mg/L, reached 3.1% of its theoretical BOD in 2 weeks using an activated sludge inoculum at 30 mg/L in the Japanese MITI test(1). Little degradation of dimethyl sulfoxide (<20%) was noted in a screening test using an activated sludge inoculum(2). Using the OECD 301E method, 99% degradation was observed(3). Using the OECD 303A method (domestic sewage simulation), 90% degradation of dimethyl sulfoxide was observed at a concentration of 65 mg/L over a 32-day incubation period(3,4). One ready biodegradation test performed following the norm AFNOR NFT 90-312 concluded that dimethyl sulfoxide is readily biodegradable(4). Dimethyl sulfoxide, at a 500 mg/L concentration, was entirely biodegraded within about 37 hours with aerobic settling sludge obtained from the activated sludge process at an opto-electronic plant, under optimized pH/temperature conditions(4). The available biodegradation screening tests have conflicting results(3), but based on available data and weight-of-evidence approach, dimethyl sulfoxide is expected to be inherently biodegradable(4).

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

A BCF of <4 was measured in fish for dimethyl sulfoxide using carp (Cyprinus carpio) which were exposed over a 6-week period(1). According to a classification scheme(2), this BCF suggests the potential for bioconcentration in aquatic organisms is low(SRC).

12.4 Mobility in soil

Using a structure estimation method based on molecular connectivity indices(1), the Koc of dimethyl sulfoxide can be estimated to be 2(SRC). According to a classification scheme(2), this estimated Koc value suggests that dimethyl sulfoxide is expected to have very high mobility in soil.

12.5 Other adverse effects

no data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Disposal methods

Product

The material can be disposed of by removal to a licensed chemical destruction plant or by controlled incineration with flue gas scrubbing. Do not contaminate water, foodstuffs, feed or seed by storage or disposal. Do not discharge to sewer systems.

Contaminated packaging

Containers can be triply rinsed (or equivalent) and offered for recycling or reconditioning. Alternatively, the packaging can be punctured to make it unusable for other purposes and then be disposed of in a sanitary landfill. Controlled incineration with flue gas scrubbing is possible for combustible packaging materials.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN Number

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

14.2 UN Proper Shipping Name

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14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

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14.4 Packing group, if applicable

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IATA: Not dangerous goods. (For reference only, please check.)

14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: No

IMDG: No

IATA: No

14.6 Special precautions for user

no data available

14.7 Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

no data available

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

Chemical name	Common names and synonyms	CAS number	EC number
Dimethyl sulfoxide	Dimethyl sulfoxide	67-68-5	200-664-3
European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)			Listed.
EC Inventory			Listed.
United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory			Listed.
China Catalog of Hazardous chemicals 2015			Not Listed.
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC)			Listed.
Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)			Listed.
Vietnam National Chemical Inventory			Listed.
Chinese Chemical Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China IECSC)			Listed.
Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL)			Listed.

SECTION 16: Other information

Information on revision

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Abbreviations and acronyms

- CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service
- ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
- RID: Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail
- IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods
- IATA: International Air Transportation Association
- TWA: Time Weighted Average
- STEL: Short term exposure limit
- LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%
- LD50: Lethal Dose 50%
- EC50: Effective Concentration 50%

References

- IPCS - The International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC), website: <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.home>
- HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank, website: <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/hsdb.htm>
- IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, website: <http://www.iarc.fr/>
- eChemPortal - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances by OECD, website: http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request_locale=en
- CAMEO Chemicals, website: <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/search/simple>
- ChemIDplus, website: <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>

- ERG - Emergency Response Guidebook by U.S. Department of Transportation, website: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>
- Germany GESTIS-database on hazard substance, website: <http://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>
- ECHA - European Chemicals Agency, website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

Other Information

Special attention needed when toxic materials present in Dimethyl sulphoxide because of enhanced skin absorption.

Any questions regarding this SDS, Please send your inquiry to info@cato-chem.com

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