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## VINTESENTIAL FREE SULFUR DIOXIDE TEST KIT, REAGENT 3, STANDARD (SODIUM METABISULFITE)

Vintessential Laboratories

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Safety Data Sheet according to WHS and ADG requirements

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### SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY / UNDERTAKING

#### Product Identifier

Product name	VINTESENTIAL FREE SULFUR DIOXIDE TEST KIT, REAGENT 3, STANDARD (SODIUM METABISULFITE)
Chemical Name	sodium metabisulfite
Synonyms	Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ; SBS powder; SMBS; Food Additive 223; disodium pyrosulphite; pyrosulfurous acid, disodium salt; sodium pyrosulfite; disodium pyrosulfite; sodium meta-bisulphite; sodium meta-bisulfite; anhydrous sodium bisulfite; SMB POWder; APS FOOD00004251; AR00000487 04506808 015705; Redox SOMETA39; Nalco; IONAC 140; 4A190 R3
Chemical formula	O <sub>5</sub> -S <sub>2</sub> .2Na H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub> .2Na
Other means of identification	Not Available
CAS number	7681-57-4

#### Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses	Reducing agent Reagent. Widely used in food as preservative; as Food Additive 223. Amounts in foods are subject to regulation. Usually only 0.01 to 0.10%. Used as a reagent and as a source of sulfur dioxide. Used to deactivate isothiazolone biocides. Ion exchange resin cleaner.
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#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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#### Emergency telephone number

Association / Organisation	Not Available
Emergency telephone numbers	+61 405 318 590
Other emergency telephone numbers	Not Available

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### SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

<b>Poisons Schedule</b>	S5
<b>Classification</b> <sup>[1]</sup>	Acute Toxicity (Oral) Category 4, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Category 3 (respiratory tract irritation), Serious Eye Damage Category 1
<b>Legend:</b>	1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI

#### Label elements

<b>Hazard pictogram(s)</b>	
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<b>SIGNAL WORD</b>	<b>DANGER</b>
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#### Hazard statement(s)

<b>H302</b>	Harmful if swallowed.
<b>H315</b>	Causes skin irritation.
<b>AUH031</b>	Contact with acid liberates toxic gas.
<b>H335</b>	May cause respiratory irritation.
<b>H318</b>	Causes serious eye damage.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

<b>P271</b>	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
<b>P280</b>	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
<b>P261</b>	Avoid breathing dust/fumes.
<b>P270</b>	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Response

<b>P305+P351+P338</b>	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
<b>P310</b>	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
<b>P362</b>	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
<b>P301+P312</b>	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
<b>P302+P352</b>	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
<b>P304+P340</b>	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
<b>P330</b>	Rinse mouth.
<b>P332+P313</b>	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Storage

<b>P405</b>	Store locked up.
<b>P403+P233</b>	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

<b>P501</b>	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.
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### SECTION 3 COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### Substances

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
7681-57-4	>95	sodium metabisulfite
Not Available		Slowly releases toxic

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sulfur dioxide

## Mixtures

See section above for composition of Substances

## SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

### Description of first aid measures

Eye Contact	<p>If this product comes in contact with the eyes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water.</li> <li>Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.</li> <li>Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.</li> <li>Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.</li> <li>Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.</li> </ul>
Skin Contact	<p>If skin contact occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.</li> <li>Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).</li> <li>Seek medical attention in event of irritation.</li> </ul>
Inhalation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.</li> <li>Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.</li> <li>Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.</li> <li>Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.</li> <li>Transport to hospital, or doctor, without delay.</li> <li>Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes) may cause lung oedema.</li> <li>Corrosive substances may cause lung damage (e.g. lung oedema, fluid in the lungs).</li> <li>As this reaction may be delayed up to 24 hours after exposure, affected individuals need complete rest (preferably in semi-recumbent posture) and must be kept under medical observation even if no symptoms are (yet) manifested.</li> <li>Before any such manifestation, the administration of a spray containing a dexamethasone derivative or beclomethasone derivative may be considered.</li> </ul> <p><b>This must definitely be left to a doctor or person authorised by him/her.</b> (ICSC13719)</p>
Ingestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY.</b></li> <li>For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.</li> <li>Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.</li> <li>In the mean time, qualified first-aid personnel should treat the patient following observation and employing supportive measures as indicated by the patient's condition.</li> <li>If the services of a medical officer or medical doctor are readily available, the patient should be placed in his/her care and a copy of the SDS should be provided. Further action will be the responsibility of the medical specialist.</li> <li>If medical attention is not available on the worksite or surroundings send the patient to a hospital together with a copy of the SDS.</li> </ul> <p><b>Where medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>INDUCE</b> vomiting with fingers down the back of the throat, <b>ONLY IF CONSCIOUS</b>. Lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Wear a protective glove when inducing vomiting by mechanical means.</p>

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

As in all cases of suspected poisoning, follow the ABCDEs of emergency medicine (airway, breathing, circulation, disability, exposure), then the ABCDEs of toxicology (antidotes, basics, change absorption, change distribution, change elimination).

For poisons (where specific treatment regime is absent):

#### BASIC TREATMENT

- Establish a patent airway with suction where necessary.
- Watch for signs of respiratory insufficiency and assist ventilation as necessary.
- Administer oxygen by non-rebreather mask at 10 to 15 L/min.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for pulmonary oedema.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for shock.
- Anticipate seizures.
- DO NOT** use emetics. Where ingestion is suspected rinse mouth and give up to 200 ml water (5 ml/kg recommended) for dilution where patient is able to swallow, has a strong gag reflex and does not drool.

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### ADVANCED TREATMENT

- Consider orotracheal or nasotracheal intubation for airway control in unconscious patient or where respiratory arrest has occurred.
- Positive-pressure ventilation using a bag-valve mask might be of use.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for arrhythmias.
- Start an IV D5W TKO. If signs of hypovolaemia are present use lactated Ringers solution. Fluid overload might create complications.
- Drug therapy should be considered for pulmonary oedema.
- Hypotension with signs of hypovolaemia requires the cautious administration of fluids. Fluid overload might create complications.
- Treat seizures with diazepam.
- Proparacaine hydrochloride should be used to assist eye irrigation.

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Treat symptomatically.

Depending on the degree of exposure, periodic medical examination is indicated. The symptoms of lung oedema often do not manifest until a few hours have passed and they are aggravated by physical effort. Rest and medical observation is therefore essential. Immediate administration of an appropriate spray, by a doctor or a person authorised by him/her should be considered.

(ICSC24419/24421)

## SECTION 5 FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### Extinguishing media

- There is no restriction on the type of extinguisher which may be used.
- Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding area.

### Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility	None known.
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### Advice for firefighters

Fire Fighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves in the event of a fire.</li> <li>Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.</li> <li>Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.</li> <li><b>DO NOT</b> approach containers suspected to be hot.</li> <li>Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.</li> <li>If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.</li> <li>Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.</li> </ul>
Fire/Explosion Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non combustible.</li> <li>Not considered a significant fire risk, however containers may burn.</li> </ul> <p>Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of:</p> <p>sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>)</p> <p>sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)</p> <p>metal oxides</p> <p>May emit poisonous fumes.</p> <p>May emit corrosive fumes.</p> <p> In some fires a sodium sulfide residue may remain and is an explosion hazard and is strongly alkaline in the presence of water.</p>
HAZCHEM	Not Applicable

## SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

### Environmental precautions

See section 12

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Minor Spills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove all ignition sources.</li> <li>Clean up all spills immediately.</li> <li>Avoid contact with skin and eyes.</li> <li>Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.</li> <li>Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.</li> <li>Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.</li> </ul>
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Major Spills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT</b> touch the spill material</li> </ul> <p>Moderate hazard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>CAUTION:</b> Advise personnel in area.</li> <li>▶ Alert Emergency Services and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>▶ Control personal contact by wearing protective clothing.</li> <li>▶ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.</li> <li>▶ Recover product wherever possible.</li> <li>▶ <b>IF DRY:</b> Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. Collect residues and place in sealed plastic bags or other containers for disposal. <b>IF WET:</b> Vacuum/shovel up and place in labelled containers for disposal.</li> <li>▶ <b>ALWAYS:</b> Wash area down with large amounts of water and prevent runoff into drains.</li> <li>▶ If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise Emergency Services.</li> </ul> <p>[To neutralise: Add an equivalent volume of a hypochlorite solution or diluted hydrogen peroxide. <b>WARNING:</b> Beware of vigorous reaction.] Neutralise oxidized solution. Collect residues and seal in drums for disposal.</p>
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Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

## SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

Safe handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.</li> <li>▶ Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.</li> <li>▶ Use in a well-ventilated area.</li> <li>▶ Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.</li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT</b> enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.</li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT</b> allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.</li> <li>▶ Avoid contact with incompatible materials.</li> <li>▶ <b>When handling, DO NOT</b> eat, drink or smoke.</li> <li>▶ Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.</li> <li>▶ Avoid physical damage to containers.</li> <li>▶ Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.</li> <li>▶ Work clothes should be laundered separately. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.</li> <li>▶ Use good occupational work practice.</li> <li>▶ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.</li> <li>▶ Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.</li> </ul>
Other information	<p>Consider storage under inert gas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Store in original containers.</li> <li>▶ Keep containers securely sealed.</li> <li>▶ Store in a cool, dry area protected from environmental extremes.</li> <li>▶ Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.</li> <li>▶ Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.</li> <li>▶ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.</li> </ul> <p>For major quantities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Consider storage in bunded areas - ensure storage areas are isolated from sources of community water (including stormwater, ground water, lakes and streams).</li> <li>▶ Ensure that accidental discharge to air or water is the subject of a contingency disaster management plan; this may require consultation with local authorities.</li> </ul>

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable container	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Glass container is suitable for laboratory quantities</li> <li>▶ Polyethylene or polypropylene container.</li> <li>▶ Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.</li> </ul>
Storage incompatibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Contact with acids produces toxic fumes</li> <li>▶ Metals and their oxides or salts may react violently with chlorine trifluoride and bromine trifluoride.</li> <li>▶ These trifluorides are hypergolic oxidisers. They ignite on contact (without external source of heat or ignition) with recognised fuels - contact with these materials, following an ambient or slightly elevated temperature, is often violent and may produce ignition.</li> <li>▶ The state of subdivision may affect the results.</li> <li>▶ Inorganic reducing agents react with oxidizing agents to generate heat and products that may be flammable, combustible, or otherwise reactive. Their reactions with oxidizing agents may be violent.</li> <li>▶ Incidents involving interaction of active oxidants and reducing agents, either by design or accident, are usually very energetic and examples of so-called redox reactions.</li> </ul> <p>Metabisulfites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ decompose with heat</li> <li>▶ are slowly oxidised on exposure to air and water</li> <li>▶ hydrates are bisulfites; conversely when dehydrated they become metabisulfites - a maximum strength of about 40% bisulfite solution is attainable with certain counter-ions</li> <li>▶ may produce corrosive acids when mixed with water dependent on the counter-ion</li> <li>▶ react with acids to produce sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)</li> </ul>

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- Segregate from alcohol, water.

### Sulfur dioxide:

- reacts with water or steam forming sulfurous acid; reaction may be violent
- reacts with acrolein, alcohols, aluminium powder, alkali metals, amines, bromine, pentafluoride, caustics, caesium, acetylene carbide, chlorates, chlorine trifluoride, chromium powder, copper or its alloy powders, diethylzinc, fluorine, lead dioxide, lithium acetylene carbide, metal powders, monolithium acetylide-ammonia, nitril chloride, potassium acetylene carbide, potassium acetylide, potassium chlorate, rubidium carbide, silver azide, sodium, sodium acetylide, stannous oxide; reaction may be violent
- decomposes above 60 deg. C releasing oxides of sulfur
- Incompatible with alkalis, alkylene oxides, ammonia, aliphatic amines, alkanolamines, amides, organic anhydrides, caesium monoxide, epichlorohydrin, ferrous oxide, halogens, interhalogens, isocyanates, lithium nitrate, manganese, metal acetylides, metal oxides, perbromyl fluoride, red phosphorus, potassium azide, rubidium acetylide, sodium hydride, sulfuric acid
- attacks some plastics, coatings and rubber
- attacks metals, especially chemically active metals, in the presence of moisture.

### Sulfites and hydrosulfites (dithionites) :

- may react explosively with strong oxidising agents.
- react with water or steam to produce corrosive acid solutions and sulfur oxide fumes - aqueous solutions are incompatible with oxidisers, strong acids, alkalis, ammonia, aliphatic amines, alkanolamines, alkylene oxides, amides, epichlorohydrin, organic anhydrides, isocyanates, nitromethane, vinyl acetate
- aqueous solutions attack metals in presence of moisture
- generate gaseous sulfur dioxide in contact with oxidising and nonoxidising acids

- **NOTE:** May develop pressure in containers; open carefully. Vent periodically.

[Mixing with sodium nitrite results in vigorous exothermic reaction.]

## SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control parameters

#### OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMITS (OEL)

#### INGREDIENT DATA

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
Australia Exposure Standards	sodium metabisulfite	Sodium metabisulphite	5 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Australia Exposure Standards	sulfur dioxide	Sulphur dioxide	2 ppm / 5.2 mg/m3	13 mg/m3 / 5 ppm	Not Available	Not Available

#### EMERGENCY LIMITS

Ingredient	Material name	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
sodium metabisulfite	Sodium metabisulfite	15 mg/m3	64 mg/m3	390 mg/m3
sulfur dioxide	Sulfur dioxide	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
sodium metabisulfite	Not Available	Not Available
sulfur dioxide	100 ppm	Not Available

#### MATERIAL DATA

Inorganic sulfites, bisulfites and metabisulfites (sodium, potassium and ammonium salts) liberate sulfur dioxide under certain conditions. Therefore the officially tabled exposure limits for these chemicals normally correspond to the yield of liberated sulfur dioxide. Dithionites may also produce sulfur dioxide

Sulfites have been placed on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration generally recognised as safe (GRAS) list. Sulfur dioxide is an irritant gas and occupational exposure may produce irritation under certain circumstances. Airborne sodium bisulfite, for example, is described by the ACGIH as an irritant to the eyes, skin and mucous membranes of animals; acute exposures by workers produce mild eye and respiratory effects. Inhalation of the dust produces high local concentrations in contact with small areas of sensitive tissue.

The mean daily ingestion of dietary sulfite ranges from 0.0011 to 0.14 mmol/kg (to 14 mg/day) and the accepted maximum daily intake (ADI) by the World Health Organisation is 0.7 mg sulfite (as sulfur dioxide)/ kg body weight. The recommended TLV-TWA for sodium bisulfite is thought to be protective against the significant risk of irritant effects associated with higher levels.

NOTE: Detector tubes for sulfur dioxide, measuring in excess of 0.1 ppm, are commercially available.

Sulfur dioxide is termed a "mild" respiratory irritant.

Odour threshold (detection) is 0.5 ppm with irritation reported above 2 ppm; at 8-12 ppm eyes and nose are strongly irritated. 150 ppm is only tolerable for about a minute because of extreme irritation. At 500 ppm there is a sense of suffocation. Human bronchoconstriction occurs with inhalation at 5 ppm or more and the recommended TLV-TWA, for sulfur dioxide, is thought to provide a reduction of significant risk of adverse respiratory effects such as coughing, increase in sputum production and bronchoconstriction.

The reported effects of SO<sub>2</sub> in humans exposed to levels below 2 ppm, together with the potentiation of SO<sub>2</sub> toxicity by soot and other particulates, may require a review of exposure standards.

A worker inhaling 4 ppm for 8 hours and doing light-work would absorb about 150 mg of SO<sub>2</sub>. By comparison, average dietary intake for a 70 kg man has

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been established at only 50 mg.  
Odour Safety Factor(OSF)  
OSF=1.8 (sulfur dioxide)

Exposed individuals are **NOT** reasonably expected to be warned, by smell, that the Exposure Standard is being exceeded.

Odour Safety Factor (OSF) is determined to fall into either Class C, D or E.

The Odour Safety Factor (OSF) is defined as:

OSF= Exposure Standard (TWA) ppm/ Odour Threshold Value (OTV) ppm

Classification into classes follows:

Class	OSF	Description
A	550	Over 90% of exposed individuals are aware by smell that the Exposure Standard (TLV-TWA for example) is being reached, even when distracted by working activities
B	26-550	As "A" for 50-90% of persons being distracted
C	1-26	As "A" for less than 50% of persons being distracted
D	0.18-1	10-50% of persons aware of being tested perceive by smell that the Exposure Standard is being reached
E	<0.18	As "D" for less than 10% of persons aware of being tested

An accepted daily intake (ADI) for sodium metabisulfite is 0.7 mg/sulfite/kg body weight.

### Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection.

The basic types of engineering controls are:

Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.

Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use.

Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.

Local exhaust ventilation usually required. If risk of overexposure exists, wear approved respirator. Correct fit is essential to obtain adequate protection. Supplied-air type respirator may be required in special circumstances. Correct fit is essential to ensure adequate protection.

An approved self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) may be required in some situations.

Provide adequate ventilation in warehouse or closed storage area. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
solvent, vapours, degreasing etc., evaporating from tank (in still air).	0.25-0.5 m/s (50-100 f/min.)
aerosols, fumes from pouring operations, intermittent container filling, low speed conveyer transfers, welding, spray drift, plating acid fumes, pickling (released at low velocity into zone of active generation)	0.5-1 m/s (100-200 f/min.)
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.)


Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2 m/s (200-400 f/min) for extraction of solvents generated in a tank 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by



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	factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.
<b>Personal protection</b>	
<b>Eye and face protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Safety glasses with side shields.</li> <li>▶ Chemical goggles.</li> <li>▶ Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1336 or national equivalent]</li> </ul>
<b>Skin protection</b>	See Hand protection below
<b>Hands/feet protection</b>	<p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The material may produce skin sensitisation in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.</li> <li>▶ Contaminated leather items, such as shoes, belts and watch-bands should be removed and destroyed.</li> </ul> <p>The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.</p> <p>The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.</p> <p>Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.</p> <p>Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• frequency and duration of contact,</li> <li>• chemical resistance of glove material,</li> <li>• glove thickness and</li> <li>• dexterity</li> </ul> <p>Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.</li> <li>• When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.</li> <li>• Some glove polymer types are less affected by movement and this should be taken into account when considering gloves for long-term use.</li> <li>• Contaminated gloves should be replaced.</li> </ul> <p>As defined in ASTM F-739-96 in any application, gloves are rated as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent when breakthrough time &gt; 480 min</li> <li>• Good when breakthrough time &gt; 20 min</li> <li>• Fair when breakthrough time &lt; 20 min</li> <li>• Poor when glove material degrades</li> </ul> <p>For general applications, gloves with a thickness typically greater than 0.35 mm, are recommended.</p> <p>It should be emphasised that glove thickness is not necessarily a good predictor of glove resistance to a specific chemical, as the permeation efficiency of the glove will be dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Therefore, glove selection should also be based on consideration of the task requirements and knowledge of breakthrough times.</p> <p>Glove thickness may also vary depending on the glove manufacturer, the glove type and the glove model. Therefore, the manufacturers' technical data should always be taken into account to ensure selection of the most appropriate glove for the task.</p> <p>Note: Depending on the activity being conducted, gloves of varying thickness may be required for specific tasks. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thinner gloves (down to 0.1 mm or less) may be required where a high degree of manual dexterity is needed. However, these gloves are only likely to give short duration protection and would normally be just for single use applications, then disposed of.</li> <li>• Thicker gloves (up to 3 mm or more) may be required where there is a mechanical (as well as a chemical) risk i.e. where there is abrasion or puncture potential</li> </ul> <p>Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.</p> <p>Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ polychloroprene.</li> <li>▶ nitrile rubber.</li> <li>▶ butyl rubber.</li> <li>▶ fluorocautchouc.</li> <li>▶ polyvinyl chloride.</li> </ul>



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	Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.
<b>Body protection</b>	See Other protection below
<b>Other protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ Overalls.</li> <li>▸ P.V.C. apron.</li> <li>▸ Barrier cream.</li> <li>▸ Skin cleansing cream.</li> <li>▸ Eye wash unit.</li> </ul>

### Respiratory protection

Type E-P Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 10 x ES	E P1 Air-line*	- -	E PAPR-P1 -
up to 50 x ES	Air-line**	E P2	E PAPR-P2
up to 100 x ES	-	E P3	-
		Air-line*	-
100+ x ES	-	Air-line**	E PAPR-P3

\* - Negative pressure demand \*\* - Continuous flow

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO<sub>2</sub>), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH<sub>3</sub>), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory protection. These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

## SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	White crystals or powder with a pungent sulfur dioxide odour. Freely soluble in water, glycerol and slightly soluble in alcohol. The material slowly releases sulfur dioxide at ambient temperatures. Acts as a reducing agent. Available as Technical, Pure and Food Grades.		
<b>Physical state</b>	Divided Solid	<b>Relative density (Water = 1)</b>	1.40-1.48
<b>Odour</b>	Not Available	<b>Partition coefficient n-octanol / water</b>	Not Available
<b>Odour threshold</b>	Not Available	<b>Auto-ignition temperature (°C)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>pH (as supplied)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	120-150
<b>Melting point / freezing point (°C)</b>	>300 dec.120-150	<b>Viscosity (cSt)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)</b>	Not Available	<b>Molecular weight (g/mol)</b>	190.13 pure
<b>Flash point (°C)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Taste</b>	Not Available
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not Available
<b>Flammability</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Oxidising properties</b>	Not Available
<b>Upper Explosive Limit (%)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Lower Explosive Limit (%)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Volatile Component (%vol)</b>	Not Applicable

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Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Applicable	Gas group	Not Available
Solubility in water	Reacts	pH as a solution (1%)	3.5-5.0 @ 50%
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Applicable	VOC g/L	Not Applicable

## SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>Product is considered stable.</li> <li>Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

## SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on toxicological effects

Inhaled	<p>Evidence shows, or practical experience predicts, that the material produces irritation of the respiratory system, in a substantial number of individuals, following inhalation. In contrast to most organs, the lung is able to respond to a chemical insult by first removing or neutralising the irritant and then repairing the damage. The repair process, which initially evolved to protect mammalian lungs from foreign matter and antigens, may however, produce further lung damage resulting in the impairment of gas exchange, the primary function of the lungs. Respiratory tract irritation often results in an inflammatory response involving the recruitment and activation of many cell types, mainly derived from the vascular system.</p> <p>Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.</p> <p>Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.</p> <p>If prior damage to the circulatory or nervous systems has occurred or if kidney damage has been sustained, proper screenings should be conducted on individuals who may be exposed to further risk if handling and use of the material result in excessive exposures.</p> <p>Sulfur dioxide irritation probably results from the action of sulfurous acid as the highly soluble gas dissolves in mucous fluid. Short-term exposure causes bronchoconstriction measurable as an increase in flow-resistance. The magnitude is concentration-dependent..</p> <p>Chief effects are upper respiratory tract irritation and severe acute exposure may cause oedema of the lungs and possible respiratory paralysis. These exposures have produced severe obstructive and restrictive defects up to 3 months post-exposure; these have failed to respond to bronchodilators. Such exposures have also, on rare occasions, been associated with moderately severe obstructive illness and persistent, productive cough.</p> <p>Systemic effects of acute poisoning are not known but regular exposure may deaden the sense of smell.</p> <p>Symptoms include throat irritation, coughing, tightness of chest, difficulty with breathing, tear formation (lachrymation), eye smarting and suffocating feeling.</p> <p>Substantial exposures produce direct respiratory tract irritation, cough, burning, lachrymation, conjunctival injection, difficulty in swallowing, and otopharyngeal erythema. Other symptoms may include vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, fever, headache, vertigo, agitation, tremor, convulsions, and peripheral neuritis. High dose acute exposure may produce immediate bronchospasm and pulmonary oedema with respiratory failure/ paralysis, inflammation of the conjunctivae and inflammation of the tongue.</p>
Ingestion	<p>Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.</p> <p>Ingestion of sulfite salts may cause gastric irritation as a result of the liberation of sulfurous acid. Rapid oxidation to sulfate (at least in rats) means that sulfites are well tolerated. Large doses however may produce violent colic, diarrhoea, circulatory disturbances, central nervous system depression and, sometimes, death. Sulfite is an endogenous decomposition product found in all tissues as a result of amino-acid catabolism. However individuals with a genetic defect in sulfite oxidase are particularly sensitive to bisulfite and at least one death due to bisulfite-induced neurologic degeneration has been recorded.</p>
Skin Contact	<p>Evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material either produces inflammation of the skin in a substantial number of individuals following direct contact, and/or produces significant inflammation when applied to the healthy intact skin of animals, for up to four hours, such inflammation being present twenty-four hours or more after the end of the exposure period. Skin irritation may also be present after prolonged or repeated exposure; this may result in a form of contact dermatitis (nonallergic). The dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling</p>

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	<p>(oedema) which may progress to blistering (vesiculation), scaling and thickening of the epidermis. At the microscopic level there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer of the skin (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis. The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition</p> <p>Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material</p> <p>Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.</p>						
Eye	<p>When applied to the eye(s) of animals, the material produces severe ocular lesions which are present twenty-four hours or more after instillation.</p>						
Chronic	<p>Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in disease of the airways involving difficult breathing and related systemic problems.</p> <p>On the basis, primarily, of animal experiments, concern has been expressed by at least one classification body that the material may produce carcinogenic or mutagenic effects; in respect of the available information, however, there presently exists inadequate data for making a satisfactory assessment.</p> <p>Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.</p> <p>Limited evidence shows that inhalation of the material is capable of inducing a sensitisation reaction in a significant number of individuals at a greater frequency than would be expected from the response of a normal population.</p> <p>Pulmonary sensitisation, resulting in hyperactive airway dysfunction and pulmonary allergy may be accompanied by fatigue, malaise and aching. Significant symptoms of exposure may persist for extended periods, even after exposure ceases. Symptoms can be activated by a variety of nonspecific environmental stimuli such as automobile exhaust, perfumes and passive smoking.</p> <p>There exists limited evidence that shows that skin contact with the material is capable either of inducing a sensitisation reaction in a significant number of individuals, and/or of producing positive response in experimental animals.</p> <p>Sulfite and bisulfite salts react irreversibly, through free radical formation, with endogenous substances (including DNA). Some asthmatics are said to be dangerously sensitive to minute amounts of sulfite in food. Symptoms include bronchoconstriction, bronchospasm, gastrointestinal disturbance, flushing, hypotension, tingling sensations, urticaria and angio-oedema and shock.</p> <p>The sulfites belong to a group of substances which induces local or systemic reactions which are identical or similar to allergic reactions and invoke pseudo-allergic ("anaphylactoid) reactions. The mechanism of this response is still largely unknown but does not involve an antigen-antibody interaction and therefore may appear on first contact with the substance.</p> <p>Two different oxidation routes of sulfite to sulfate have been identified in the human polymorphonuclear leukocytes. Besides the pathway via sulfite oxidase another route of oxidation via an one electron oxidation step with an intermediate formation of sulfur trioxide radicals has been identified. The contribution of the different pathways is expected to vary substantially due to the great interindividual variation in sulfite oxidase activity. The contribution of the trioxide radical pathway is expected to be high in individuals with low sulfite oxidase activity.</p> <p>Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function (i.e. pneumoconiosis) caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. A prime symptom is breathlessness. Lung shadows show on X-ray.</p> <p>Repeated exposure of animals to airborne sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) can produce a thickening of the mucous layer in the trachea and an increase in goblet cells and mucous glands similar to pathological changes found in chronic human bronchitis.</p> <p>Chronic exposure to sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) particulate complexes, present in polluted air, have been associated with the aggravation of chronic cardiovascular diseases such as asthma, chronic pulmonary disease, and coronary artery disease (this may occur at levels of 6-10 ug/m<sup>3</sup> for 24 hours). An association exists between persistent cough and sputum production, particularly in women and non-smokers. A 10-year follow study on workers exposed to a mean sulfur dioxide concentration of up to 33 ppm did not reveal an increased prevalence of chronic respiratory disease or decreased pulmonary function.</p> <p>By contrast, studies of smelter workers, exposed to concentrations below 2 ppm, suggest that chronic respiratory disease may develop and that workers exposed at concentrations exceeding 1 ppm show accelerated loss of pulmonary function. Although SO<sub>2</sub> is not a carcinogen, the apparent increases in mortalities amongst arsenic-exposed smelter workers was greater when exposures included both high arsenic concentrations and moderate to high SO<sub>2</sub> exposures, suggesting that SO<sub>2</sub> might act as a promoter.</p> <p>Intermittent exposure of rats to benz[a]pyrene along with inhalation of SO<sub>2</sub> at 4-10 ppm, 1-6 hours per day, 5 days per week, produced substantial increases in respiratory tract squamous cell carcinomas compared to that associated with exposure to B[a]P or SO<sub>2</sub> alone.</p> <p> Occupational asthma has been reported in laundry workers and a vinegar worker exposed to sodium metabisulfite</p>						
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Skin: adverse effect observed (irritating)<sup>[1]</sup>

**Legend:** 1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2. \* Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances

<b>SODIUM METABISULFITE</b>	The substance is classified by IARC as Group 3: <b>NOT</b> classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans. Evidence of carcinogenicity may be inadequate or limited in animal testing.
<b>SULFUR DIOXIDE</b>	The material may be irritating to the eye, with prolonged contact causing inflammation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis. 400-500 ppm - immediately dangerous to life. NOTE: Aggravates chronic pulmonary disease and increases the risk of acute and chronic respiratory disease - condition aggravated by smoking.
<b>SODIUM METABISULFITE &amp; SULFUR DIOXIDE</b>	Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.

<b>Acute Toxicity</b>	✓	<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	✗
<b>Skin Irritation/Corrosion</b>	✓	<b>Reproductivity</b>	✗
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Irritation</b>	✓	<b>STOT - Single Exposure</b>	✓
<b>Respiratory or Skin sensitisation</b>	✗	<b>STOT - Repeated Exposure</b>	✗
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	✗	<b>Aspiration Hazard</b>	✗

**Legend:** ✗ – Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification  
✓ – Data available to make classification

## SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Toxicity

sodium metabisulfite	ENDPOINT	TEST DURATION (HR)	SPECIES	VALUE	SOURCE
	LC50	96	Fish	177.8mg/L	2
	EC50	48	Crustacea	89mg/L	2
	EC50	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	≈40mg/L	1
	EC20	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	≈20mg/L	1
	NOEC	504	Crustacea	>10mg/L	1
sulfur dioxide	ENDPOINT	TEST DURATION (HR)	SPECIES	VALUE	SOURCE
	LC50	96	Fish	12664.232mg/L	3
	EC50	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	166000mg/L	3
<b>Legend:</b>	Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. EPIWIN Suite V3.12 (QSAR) - Aquatic Toxicity Data (Estimated) 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data				

Sulfur dioxide is oxidised rapidly by both homogeneous and heterogeneous reactions and is removed from the atmosphere by precipitation and by dry deposition on surfaces, mainly as sulfuric acid. Because of its high vapor pressure (3,000 mm Hg at 20°C), sulfur dioxide is typically present in a gaseous phase. Some of the sulfur dioxide emitted into the air moves unchanged to various surfaces including soil, water, grass, and vegetation in general.

In the atmosphere, sulfur dioxide can be transformed into sulfuric acid or sulfates by a variety of processes. Sulfur dioxide may be oxidised to sulfur trioxide (SO<sub>3</sub>) and sulfate in air photochemically or catalytically. The oxidations generally involve homogeneous-phase reactions (oxidation in the gas phase) and heterogeneous gas-solid reactions (oxidation on the surface of particles). Gas-phase reactions include direct photochemical oxidation of sulfur dioxide and oxidation by reacting with other gases and substances, including O, O<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, OH, hydrocarbons, or some heavy metal ions. In the direct oxidation pathway, sulfur dioxide gas molecules (at different electronically excited states due to solar irradiation) react with each other,

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forming SO<sub>3</sub>, which may be further oxidised by other gases or water drops to form sulfate. Reaction pathways with other gases all result in similar end products: SO<sub>3</sub>, or sulfate. Rate constants for sulfur dioxide oxidation by these gases vary from  $2 \times 10^{-24}$  to  $4 \times 10^{-3}$  cm<sup>3</sup> per molecule per second, with the reaction with N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> being the fastest. Heterogeneous gas-solid reactions include oxidation of sulfur dioxide on the surfaces of activated carbons, metal oxides, and other particles.

Sulfur dioxide may be photochemically or catalytically oxidized to SO<sub>3</sub> and sulfate in air. The oxidations generally involve homogeneous-phase reactions (oxidation in gas or liquid phase) and heterogeneous gas-solid reactions (oxidation on the surface of particles). The atmospheric residence time of sulfur dioxide is about 10 days. Photochemical oxidation involves the reaction of sulfur dioxide with reactive molecules and free radical species, and with products of O<sub>3</sub> and alkene gases. Photochemical oxidation is thought to be initiated by absorption of solar irradiation energy.

Sulfur dioxide can be oxidized by OH radicals in the gas phase relatively quickly, making it a major mechanism for sulfur dioxide conversion. The conversion rates have been characterized to be >1% per hour.

In the atmosphere, aqueous-phase oxidation of sulfur dioxide can occur in cloud, fog, rain, deliquescent aerosol particles, and in surface liquid films on these particles. Once dissolved in these droplets, sulfur dioxide may be oxidised to sulfate via a variety of mechanisms, thus forming acid rain. Such a removal mechanism is commonly termed wet deposition.

Sulfur dioxide can also be removed from air by uptake of plant leaves. It is reported that direct surface uptake of sulfur dioxide is the most significant dry removal process for atmospheric sulfur.

Sulfur dioxide is very soluble in water, and oceans are generally considered to be a sink for sulfur dioxide. It is also possible that oceans can be a source of sulfur dioxide if the equilibrium pressure of sulfur dioxide in surface water exceeds the partial pressure of sulfur dioxide in the air immediately above it. Any potential releases of sulfur dioxide from water would be expected to partition to the atmosphere.

Dissolved sulfur dioxide in the surface layer of the ocean may be slowly oxidised to the sulfate anion (SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>) by the combined presence of dissolved O<sub>2</sub> and trace amounts of transition metal salts as catalysts. At ocean depths, dispersed sulfate may be reduced to sulfur dioxide, sulfur, and hydrogen sulfide by the action of bacteria. Sulfur dioxide absorbed by freshwater lakes is less rapidly oxidized than seawater because of the much lower salt content of freshwater.

Soil can absorb sulfur dioxide, with uptake being dependent on the pH and moisture content of the soil.

Acid rain is the leading cause in an increase in heavy metal mobility in soil. When soil is basic pH, heavy metals will form insoluble oxides or hydroxides of sulfate, and when soil is acidic, soluble sulfates will form.

Sulfur dioxide can be reduced to H<sub>2</sub>S in heat- and alkali-treated sewage sludge by the sulfate-reducing bacteria, *Desulfovibrio desulfuricans* or *Desulfotomaculum orientis*.

**DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.**

[log Pow (Octanol/water partition coefficient): -3.7]Risk of bioaccumulation in aquatic species is low.[Inorganic product which cannot be eliminated from effluent treatment plants by biological purification processes. The product may lead to a high chemical consumption of oxygen in biological sewage works or natural waters and have a negative effect on aquatic organisms.]Toxicity to fish- LC50: 15-220 mg/L/96Hr (*Salmo gairdneri*)|Toxicity to bacteria- EC/LC50: 56 mg/L/17Hr (*Pseudomonas putida*)|COD: 165 mg O<sub>2</sub>/g product. [BASF Aust.]

### Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
sulfur dioxide	LOW	LOW

### Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
sulfur dioxide	LOW (LogKOW = -2.2002)

### Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
sulfur dioxide	MEDIUM (KOC = 2.989)

## SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Waste treatment methods

<b>Product / Packaging disposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.</li> <li>Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible.</li> </ul>
	<p>Otherwise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.</li> <li>Where possible retain label warnings and SDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.</li> </ul> <p>For small quantities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cautiously add the material to dry butanol in an appropriate solvent.</li> <li>Reaction may be vigorous and exothermic.</li> <li>Large volumes of flammable hydrogen may be generated and venting procedures should be conducted in a flame-proof environment.</li> <li>Neutralise the solution with aqueous acid, filter and burn the liquid portion in an approved incinerator.</li> </ul> <p>Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.</p> <p>A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction</li> <li>Reuse</li> </ul>

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- ▶ Recycling
- ▶ Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate. In most instances the supplier of the material should be consulted.

- ▶ **DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.**
- ▶ It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
- ▶ In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.
- ▶ Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.
- ▶ Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.
- ▶ Consult State Land Waste Management Authority for disposal.
- ▶ Bury residue in an authorised landfill.
- ▶ Recycle containers if possible, or dispose of in an authorised landfill.

### SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### Labels Required

Marine Pollutant	NO Not Applicable
HAZCHEM	Not Applicable

**Land transport (ADG): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code**

Not Applicable

### SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

##### SODIUM METABISULFITE(7681-57-4) IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS

Australia Exposure Standards	Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Appendix F (Part 3)
Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals	Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Index
Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule 5
Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Appendix E (Part 2)	International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs

##### SULFUR DIOXIDE(7446-09-5) IS FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY LISTS

Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - Dangerous Goods List	International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs
Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - List of Emergency Action Codes	International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations
Australia Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) - Packing Instruction - Liquefied and Dissolved Gases	International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations - Prohibited List Passenger and Cargo Aircraft
Australia Exposure Standards	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Requirements (IMDG Code)
Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals	United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations (English)
Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	

#### National Inventory Status

National Inventory	Status
Australia - AICS	Yes
Canada - DSL	Yes
Canada - NDSL	No (sodium metabisulfite; sulfur dioxide)
China - IECSC	Yes
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes

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Japan - ENCS	Yes
Korea - KECI	Yes
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes
Philippines - PICCS	Yes
USA - TSCA	Yes
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes
Mexico - INSQ	Yes
Vietnam - NCI	Yes
Russia - ARIPS	Yes
Thailand - TECI	Yes
<b>Legend:</b>	<i>Yes = All declared ingredients are on the inventory</i> <i>No = Not determined or one or more ingredients are not on the inventory and are not exempt from listing(see specific ingredients in brackets)</i>

**SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION**

<b>Revision Date</b>	02/26/2019
<b>Initial Date</b>	06/23/2005

**SDS Version Summary**

Version	Issue Date	Sections Updated
15.1.1.1	02/26/2019	CAS Number, Chronic Health, Classification, Disposal, Environmental, Physical Properties, Spills (major), Storage (storage incompatibility), Storage (storage requirement), Supplier Information, Synonyms, Toxicity and Irritation (Other), Transport Information, Use

**Other information****Ingredients with multiple cas numbers**

Name	CAS No
sodium metabisulfite	7681-57-4, 7757-74-6, 1287784-10-4, 15771-29-6

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

**Definitions and abbreviations**

PC—TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average  
PC—STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit  
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer  
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit  
TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit.  
IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations  
OSF: Odour Safety Factor  
NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level  
LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level  
TLV: Threshold Limit Value  
LOD: Limit Of Detection  
OTV: Odour Threshold Value  
BCF: BioConcentration Factors  
BEI: Biological Exposure Index

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