

1. Identification of the substance/preparation and of the company/undertaking

Identification of the product

Hydroquinone

Manufacturer/supplier identification

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2. Hazards identification

Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [EU-GHS/CLP]

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)

Serious eye damage (Category 1)

Skin sensitisation (Category 1)

Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2)

Carcinogenicity (Category 2)

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1)

Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (Category 1)

Label elements

Pictogram



Signal word Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H318 Causes serious eye damage.

H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.

H351 Suspected of causing cancer.

H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

P280 Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.

P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately

P308 + P313

call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

Supplemental Hazard Statements
none

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Synonyms

Hydroquinone

CAS-No.: 123-31-9

M: 110.11 g/mol

Molecular formula: C₆H₄(OH)₂

4. First aid measures

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Advice for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Moisture sensitive.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Appropriate engineering controls

General industrial hygiene practice.

Personal protective equipment**Eye/face protection**

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Body Protection

Choose body protection in relation to its type, to the concentration and amount of dangerous substances, and to the specific work-place., The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Respiratory protection

Respiratory protection is not required. Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN 143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Form: crystals

Colour: white or grayish

Odour: not available

pH value: not available

Melting point: ~172 °C

Boiling point: 287 °C

Ignition temperature: not available

Flash point: 165 °C - closed cup

Autoignition temperature: not available

Explosion limits

lower: not available

upper: not available

Density : 1.35 g/cm³

Bulk density: not available

Solubility in

water (20 °C) : soluble in water

diluted acids (20 °C) : not available

Thermal decomposition: not available

10. Stability and reactivity**Chemical stability**

no data available

Conditions to avoid

Light

Materials to avoid

Strong bases, Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

11. Toxicological information**Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - 367.3 mg/kg

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - > 2000 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximisation Test - Guinea pig

Result: positive

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

Suspected of causing cancer.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

12. Ecological information**Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish flow-through test LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 0.64 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia
and other aquatic

invertebrates semi-static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.061 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to bacteria microtox test EC50 - Photobacterium phosphoreum - 0.038 mg/l - 30 min

Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 14 d
Result: 70 % - Readily biodegradable.

Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 3 d - 50 µg/l
Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 40

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

Other adverse effects

no data available

13. Disposal considerations

Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. Transport information

ADR/RID

UN-Number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group:III

Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Hydroquinone)

IMDG

UN-Number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group:III

Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Hydroquinone)

Marine pollutant: yes

IATA

UN-Number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group:III

Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Hydroquinone)

15. Regulatory information

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

16. Other information

General update.

Regional representation:

This information is given on the authorised Safety Data Sheet for your country.