## **OXALIC ACID DIHYDRATE**

## **Bisley International LLC**

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Safety Data Sheet according to OSHA HazCom Standard (2012) requirements

#### Chemwatch Hazard Alert Code: 3

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#### **SECTION 1 Identification**

Product Identifier	
Product name	OXALIC ACID DIHYDRATE
Chemical Name	oxalic acid dihydrate
Synonyms	C2-H6-O6; (COOH)2.2H2O; ethanedioic acid; ethandioic acid; oxalic acid, dihydrate; oxalic acid; oxalic acid, UNILAB, UNIVAR; Product Code: 1.00495; oxalic acid GPR 29423; formerly UN No. 2449
Proper shipping name	Corrosive solid, acidic, organic, n.o.s. (contains oxalic acid dihydrate)
Chemical formula	C2H2O4 C2H2O4.2H2O

# CAS number 6153-56-6 Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Relevant	identified	uses

Other means of identification

Reducing agent

Not Available

As analytical reagent; in calico printing and dyeing; as a general reducing agent; removing paint or varnish, rust or ink stains; manufacture of oxalates; as a condensing agent in organic chemistry. Also used for bleaching straw (hats) and leather; intermediates and dyes; in metal polishes; in indigo dyeing; in purifying methanol; for decolourising pure glycerol; for stabilizing hydrocyanic acid; in ceramics and pigments; in metallurgy as cleanser; in the paper industry; in making glucose from starch.

#### Name, address, and telephone number of the chemical manufacturer, importer, or other responsible party

Registered company name	Bisley International LLC
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## **Emergency phone number**

Association / Organisation	Bisley International LLC	CHEMWATCH EMERGENCY RESPONSE	
Emergency telephone numbers	+1 855 237 5573	+61 2 9186 1132	
Other emergency telephone numbers	+61 2 9186 1132	+1 855-237-5573	

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### SECTION 2 Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

Considered a Hazardous Substance by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). Classified as Dangerous Goods for transport purposes.

## NFPA 704 diamond



Note: The hazard category numbers found in GHS classification in section 2 of this SDSs are NOT to be used to fill in the NFPA 704 diamond. Blue = Health Red = Fire Yellow = Reactivity White = Special (Oxidizer or water reactive substances)

Classification

Acute Toxicity (Oral) Category 4, Acute Toxicity (Dermal) Category 4, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1B, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 1, Reproductive Toxicity Category 2, Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure Category 2

## Label elements

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Signal word

Danger

## Hazard statement(s)

H302	Harmful if swallowed.	
H312	Harmful in contact with skin.	
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.	
H361	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.	
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.	

## Hazard(s) not otherwise classified

Not Applicable

#### Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.	
P260	Do not breathe dust/fume.	
P280	Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.	
P264	Wash all exposed external body areas thoroughly after handling.	
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.	
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.	

## Precautionary statement(s) Response

P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.		
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.		
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.		
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.		
P310	mmediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider.		
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.		
P312	Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider/if you feel unwell.		
P314	Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.		
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider/if you feel unwell.		
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.		
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.		
P330	Rinse mouth.		
P362+P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.		

## Precautionary statement(s) Storage

P405 Store locked up.

## Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation.

## **SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients**

### Substances

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
6153-56-6	>98	oxalic acid dihydrate

## Mixtures

See section above for composition of Substances

**Eye Contact** 

## **SECTION 4 First-aid measures**

## Description of first aid measures

If this product comes in contact with the eyes:

Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water.

- 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.
- Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
- ► Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.

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	▶ Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.
Skin Contact	If skin or hair contact occurs:  Immediately flush body and clothes with large amounts of water, using safety shower if available.  Quickly remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.  Wash skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre.  Transport to hospital, or doctor.
Inhalation	<ul> <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> <li>This must definitely be left to a doctor or person authorised by him/her. (ICSC13719)</li> </ul>
Ingestion	<ul> <li>For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor at once.</li> <li>Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.</li> <li>If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting.</li> <li>If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.</li> <li>Observe the patient carefully.</li> <li>Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious.</li> <li>Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink.</li> <li>Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.</li> </ul>

#### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

See Section 11

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

- ▶ Effective therapy against burns from oxalic acid involves replacement of calcium.
- Intravenous oxalic acid is substantially excreted (88% 90%) in the urine within 36 hours.

For acute or short term repeated exposures to strong acids:

- Airway problems may arise from laryngeal edema and inhalation exposure. Treat with 100% oxygen initially.
- Respiratory distress may require cricothyroidotomy if endotracheal intubation is contraindicated by excessive swelling
- Intravenous lines should be established immediately in all cases where there is evidence of circulatory compromise.
- Strong acids produce a coagulation necrosis characterised by formation of a coagulum (eschar) as a result of the dessicating action of the acid on proteins in specific tissues. INGESTION:
- Immediate dilution (milk or water) within 30 minutes post ingestion is recommended.
- ▶ DO NOT attempt to neutralise the acid since exothermic reaction may extend the corrosive injury.
- Be careful to avoid further vomit since re-exposure of the mucosa to the acid is harmful. Limit fluids to one or two glasses in an adult.
- ► Charcoal has no place in acid management.
- Some authors suggest the use of lavage within 1 hour of ingestion.

## SKIN:

- Skin lesions require copious saline irrigation. Treat chemical burns as thermal burns with non-adherent gauze and wrapping.
- ▶ Deep second-degree burns may benefit from topical silver sulfadiazine.

#### EYE:

- Eye injuries require retraction of the eyelids to ensure thorough irrigation of the conjuctival cul-de-sacs. Irrigation should last at least 20-30 minutes. DO NOT use neutralising agents or any other additives. Several litres of saline are required.
- Cycloplegic drops, (1% cyclopentolate for short-term use or 5% homatropine for longer term use) antibiotic drops, vasoconstrictive agents or artificial tears may be indicated dependent on the severity of the injury.
- ▶ Steroid eye drops should only be administered with the approval of a consulting ophthalmologist).

#### [Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

#### Treatment must be prompt.

- Give immediately by mouth, a dilute solution of any soluble calcium salt; calcium lactate, lime water, finely pulverised chalk or plaster suspended in a large volume of water or milk. Large amounts of calcium are required to inactivate oxalate by precipitating it as the insoluble calcium salt. Do NOT give an emetic drug.
- Perform gastric lavage carefully or not at all if severe mucosal injury is evident. Dilute lime water (calcium hydroxide) makes a good lavage fluid if used in large quantity.
- Administer a slow intravenous injection of 10-20 ml of calcium gluconate (10% solution) or of calcium chloride (5% solution). This injection may be repeated frequently to prevent hypocalcaemic tetany. Calcium gluconate (10 m) may also be given intramuscularly every few hours. Calcium compounds are never given subcutaneously; even the intramuscular route is hazardous in infants because of the incidence of sloughing.
- In severe cases parathyroid extract (100 USP units) should be given intramuscularly.
- Morphine may be necessary to control pain.
- Treat shock by cautious intravenous injection of isotonic saline solution. Check for metabolic acidosis and infuse sodium bicarbonate if necessary.
- Watch for oedema of the glottis late formation of oesophageal stricture.
- Useful demulcents by mouth include milk of magnesia, bismuth subcarbonate, and mineral oil.
- Prophylactic and therapeutic measures in anticipation of renal damage.

#### [GOSSELIN SMITH HODGE: Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products]

Oxalates are readily metabolized to oxalic acid in the body. Oxalic acid is excreted in the urine at a rate of 8-40 mg/day in healthy normal men and women. About half is excreted as oxalic acid and half as magnesium, calcium or other salts. Ingested oxalic acid is also excreted in the feces. In rats, approximately half of ingested oxalic acid is destroyed by bacterial action and about 25% is excreted unchanged in the feces. In humans, calcium oxalate is deposited in the kidneys as crystals and may be deposited in non-crystalline form, bound to lipid, in the liver and other body tissues.

#### **SECTION 5 Fire-fighting measures**

#### Extinguishing media

Water spray or fog.

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- ► Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).

#### Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility

▶ Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result

#### Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

## Fire Fighting

- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- ▶ Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.

#### Combustible

- ▶ Slight fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame.
- Acids may react with metals to produce hydrogen, a highly flammable and explosive gas.
- ▶ Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.

#### Fire/Explosion Hazard

Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO)

carbon dioxide (CO2)

other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

At temperatures > 150C, sublimes with partial decomposition and produces toxic fumes of carbon monoxide and formic acid.

#### **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

	Remove all ignition sources.
	Clean up all spills immediately.
	Avoid contact with skin and eye
Minor Snills	<ul> <li>Control personal contact with the</li> </ul>

- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
  Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.
- Drains for storage or use areas should have retention basins for pH adjustments and dilution of spills before discharge or disposal of material.
- Check regularly for spills and leaks.

### Major Spills

- ► Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

## **SECTION 7 Handling and storage**

#### Precautions for safe handling

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- ► Use in a well-ventilated area.
- WARNING: To avoid violent reaction, ALWAYS add material to water and NEVER water to material.
   Safe handling
   Organic powders when finely divided over a range of concentrations regardless of particulate size or
  - Organic powders when finely divided over a range of concentrations regardless of particulate size or shape and suspended in air or some other oxidizing medium may form explosive dust-air mixtures and result in a fire or dust explosion (including secondary explosions)
  - Minimise airborne dust and eliminate all ignition sources. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, and flame.
  - ► Establish good housekeeping practices.
  - ▶ Remove dust accumulations on a regular basis by vacuuming or gentle sweeping to avoid creating dust clouds.

#### Other information

- ► Store in original containers.
- ► Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.

## Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- ► DO NOT use aluminium or galvanised containers
- Check regularly for spills and leaks
   DO NOT use mild steel or galvanised containers
- Lined metal can, lined metal pail/ can.
- Plastic pail.
- Polyliner drum.
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.

#### Suitable container

- For low viscosity materials
- Drums and jerricans must be of the non-removable head type.
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   Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.

For materials with a viscosity of at least 2680 cSt. (23 deg. C) and solids (between 15 C deg. and 40 deg C.):

- Removable head packaging;
- Cans with friction closures and
- low pressure tubes and cartridges

may be used.

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Oxalic acid (and its dihydrate):

- react violently with strong oxidisers, bromine, furfuryl alcohol, hydrogen peroxide (90%), phosphorous trichloride, silver powders
- reacts explosively with chlorites and hypochlorites
- mixture with some silver compounds form explosive salts of silver oxalate
- b is incompatible with caustics and alkalis, urea, alkaline metals and steel
- Storage incompatibility attacks polyvinyl alcohol and acetal plastics
  - 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.
  - Reacts with mild steel, galvanised steel / zinc producing hydrogen gas which may form an explosive mixture with air.
  - Segregate from alkalies, oxidising agents and chemicals readily decomposed by acids, i.e. cyanides, sulfides, carbonates.
  - Avoid strong bases.



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- X Must not be stored together
- May be stored together with specific preventions
- May be stored together

Note: Depending on other risk factors, compatibility assessment based on the table above may not be relevant to storage situations, particularly where large volumes of dangerous goods are stored and handled. Reference should be made to the Safety Data Sheets for each substance or article and risks assessed accordingly.

## **SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection**

#### **Control parameters**

#### Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

#### INGREDIENT DATA

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) Table Z-1	oxalic acid dihydrate	Oxalic acid	1 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	oxalic acid dihydrate	Oxalic acid	1 mg/m3	2 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	oxalic acid dihydrate	Oxalic acid, anhydrous and dihydrate	1 mg/m3	2 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	oxalic acid dihydrate	Oxalic acid, anhydrous and dihydrate	1 mg/m3	2 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available

#### **Emergency Limits**

Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
oxalic acid dihydrate	2 mg/m3	20 mg/m3	500 mg/m3
oxalic acid dihydrate	2 mg/m3	83 mg/m3	500 mg/m3

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
oxalic acid dihydrate	500 mg/m3	Not Available

## 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.

## Personal protection









## Eve and face protection

- Safety glasses with unperforated side shields may be used where continuous eye protection is desirable, as in laboratories; spectacles are not sufficient where complete eye protection is needed such as when handling bulk-quantities, where there is a danger of splashing, or if the material may be under pressure.
- Chemical goggles.whenever there is a danger of the material coming in contact with the eyes; goggles must be properly fitted.
- Full face shield (20 cm, 8 in minimum) may be required for supplementary but never for primary protection of eyes; these afford face protection.
- Alternatively a gas mask may replace splash goggles and face shields.

## Skin protection

See Hand protection below

## ► Elbow length PVC gloves

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.

## Hands/feet protection

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.

Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care.

## Body protection

See Other protection below

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## Other protection

- Overalls
- PVC Apron.
- ▶ PVC protective suit may be required if exposure severe.
- Eyewash unit.

#### Respiratory protection

- 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.
- · Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU)
- 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

Appearance	Colourless, monoclinic tablets, prisms, or granules. Soluble in water, alcohol, ether, glycerol. Insoluble in benzene, chloroform, petroleum ether.				
Physical state	Divided Solid	Relative density (Water = 1) 1.65			
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available		
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	Not Available		
pH (as supplied)	Not Applicable	Decomposition temperature	> 157		
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	101	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Applicable		
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	150 sublimes	Molecular weight (g/mol)	126.1		
Flash point (°C)	Not Available	Taste	Not Available		
Evaporation rate	Not Applicable	Explosive properties	Not Available		
Flammability	Not Available	Oxidising properties	Not Available		
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Applicable		
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Available		
Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Available	Gas group	Not Available		
Solubility in water	Miscible	pH as a solution (%)	1.3 (0.1 M sol)		
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Applicable	VOC g/L	Not Available		

### **SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity**

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	<ul> <li>Contact with alkaline material liberates heat</li> <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

The material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage. Corrosive acids can cause irritation of the respiratory tract, with coughing, choking and mucous membrane damage. There may be dizziness, headache, nausea and weakness.

Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.

Inhalation of oxalic acid dusts or vapours can cause ulceration of the linings of the nose and throat, nosebleed, headache and nervousness. The airborne dust behaves as a strong acid producing severe local burns of the linings of the nose and throat.

Inhaled 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.

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.

Inhalation of soluble oxalate produces irritation of the respiratory tract. Effects on the body may include protein in the urine, ulceration of the

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mucous membranes, headache, nervousness, cough, vomiting, severe weight loss, back pain (due to kidney injury) and weakness. 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. The material can produce chemical burns within the oral cavity and gastrointestinal tract following ingestion. Ingestion of acidic corrosives may produce burns around and in the mouth, the throat and oesophagus. Immediate pain and difficulties in swallowing and speaking may also be evident. Oxalic acid is a minor, normal body constituent occurring in blood, kidney, muscle and liver at very low concentrations. Higher concentrations are Ingestion toxic. Ingestion of 5 grams has caused death within hours. It is a poison which affects the central nervous system and kidney function Ingestion of low-molecular organic acid solutions may produce spontaneous haemorrhaging, production of blood clots, gastrointestinal damage and narrowing of the oesophagus and stomach entry. Soluble or solubilised oxides are severely corrosive to the digestive tract, and severe inflammation of the stomach and gut and secondary shock can cause death. Where there are no digestive symptoms (as seen when a dilute solution is swallowed), symptoms in other systems may dominate, including muscle twitching, cramps and central nervous system depression. Skin contact with the material may be harmful; systemic effects may result following absorption. The material can produce chemical burns following direct contact with the skin. Skin contact with acidic corrosives may result in pain and burns; these may be deep with distinct edges and may heal slowly with the formation of scar tissue Solutions of 5% to 10% oxalic acid are irritating to the skin after prolonged contact; early gangrene may occur after hand immersion in oxalate Skin Contact solutions. Oxalate ion is an irritant, and may cause skin irritation. Following contact, skin lesions may develop. Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material Solution of material in moisture on the skin, or perspiration, may increase irritant effects Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions 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. Direct eye contact with acid corrosives may produce pain, tears, sensitivity to light and burns. Mild burns of the epithelia generally recover rapidly and completely The material can produce chemical burns to the eye following direct contact. Vapours or mists may be extremely irritating. Eye If applied to the eyes, this material causes severe eye damage. Irritation of the eyes may produce a heavy secretion of tears (lachrymation). Solutions of low-molecular weight organic acids cause pain and injury to the eyes Repeated or prolonged exposure to acids may result in the erosion of teeth, swelling and/or ulceration of mouth lining. Irritation of airways to lung, with cough, and inflammation of lung tissue often occurs. Repeated or long-term occupational exposure is likely to produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems. Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in airways disease, involving difficulty breathing and related whole-body problems. Based on experience with animal studies, exposure to the material may result in toxic effects to the development of the foetus, at levels which do not cause significant toxic effects to the mother. Chronic Based on experience with similar materials, there is a possibility that exposure to the material may reduce fertility in humans at levels which do not cause other toxic effects. 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. Chronic exposure to oxalates may result in circulatory failure or nervous system irregularities, the latter due to calcium binding to oxalate. Prolonged and severe exposure can cause chronic cough, protein in the urine, vomiting, pain in the back, and gradual weight loss and weakness TOXICITY IRRITATION Eye (rabbit): 250 mg/24 h - SEVERE \* Oral(Rat) LD50; 7500 mg/kg[2] Eve: adverse effect observed (irritating)[1] oxalic acid dihydrate Skin (rabbit): 500 mg/24 h - mild Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating)<sup>[1]</sup> 1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2.\* Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise Legend: specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances

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Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ends. This may be due to a non-allergic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur after exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Main criteria for diagnosing RADS include the absence of previous airways disease in a non-atopic individual, with sudden onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. Other criteria for diagnosis of RADS include a reversible airflow pattern on lung function tests, moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing, and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia. For acid mists, aerosols, vapours

Test results suggest that eukaryotic cells are susceptible to genetic damage when the pH falls to about 6.5. Cells from the respiratory tract have not been examined in this respect. Mucous secretion may protect the cells of the airway from direct exposure to inhaled acidic mists (which also protects the stomach lining from the hydrochloric acid secreted there).

The material may produce severe irritation to the eye causing pronounced inflammation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.

The material may produce respiratory tract irritation, and result in damage to the lung including reduced lung function.

The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin.

\* Supreme Resources MSDS

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

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Data available to make classification

#### **SECTION 12 Ecological information**

#### Toxicity

	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
oxalic acid dihydrate	EC10(ECx)	24h	Algae or other aquatic plants	220mg/l	4
Legend:	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				

#### Ecotoxicity:

The tolerance of water organisms towards pH margin and variation is diverse. Recommended pH values for test species listed in OECD guidelines are between 6.0 and almost 9. Acute testing with fish showed 96h-LC50 at about pH 3.5

For Oxalic Acid and Oxalate Salts:

Atmospheric Fate: If released to the atmosphere, removal from air via wet deposition, dry deposition, and photolysis is likely to occur.

Terrestrial Fate: If released to soil, oxalic acid at pH 5 - 9 will be in the form of the oxalate ion and is expected to leach in soil. Photolysis and biodegradation are expected to be an important fate processes. It has not been determined whether the oxalate ion will adsorb to sediment or soil more strongly than its estimated Koc value indicates.

Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

#### Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
oxalic acid dihydrate	LOW	LOW

#### Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
oxalic acid dihydrate	LOW (LogKOW = -1.7365)

#### Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
oxalic acid dihydrate	HIGH (KOC = 1.895)

## **SECTION 13 Disposal considerations**

#### Waste treatment methods

- ▶ Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.
- ▶ Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible

Otherwise:

- 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.
- Where possible retain label warnings and SDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.

For small quantities:

- ▶ Cautiously add the material to dry butanol in an appropriate solvent.
- Reaction may be vigorous and exothermic.
- Large volumes of flammable hydrogen may be generated and venting procedures should be conducted in a flame-proof environment.
- ▶ Neutralise the solution with aqueous acid, filter and burn the liquid portion in an approved incinerator.

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.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

#### Product / Packaging disposal

- ► Reduction ► Reuse
- 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.

- ▶ 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.

- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult local or regional waste management authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
- Treat and neutralise at an approved treatment plant. Treatment should involve: Mixing or slurrying in water; Neutralisation with soda-lime or soda-ash followed by: burial in a land-fill specifically licensed to accept chemical and / or pharmaceutical wastes or Incineration in a licensed apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
- ▶ Decontaminate empty containers with 5% aqueous sodium hydroxide or soda ash, followed by water.

## **SECTION 14 Transport information**

## Labels Required

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Marine Pollutant

NO

## Land transport (DOT)

UN number	3261
UN proper shipping name	Corrosive solid, acidic, organic, n.o.s. (contains oxalic acid dihydrate)
Transport hazard class(es)	Class 8 Subrisk Not Applicable
Packing group	Ш
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable
Special precautions for user	Hazard Label 8 Special provisions IB8, IP2, IP4, T3, TP33

## Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

UN number	3261			
UN proper shipping name	Corrosive solid, acidic, organic, n.o.s. * (contains oxalic acid dihydrate)			
Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO/IATA Class 8 ICAO / IATA Subrisk Not Applicable ERG Code 8L			
Packing group	П			
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable			
Special precautions for user		Qty / Pack Packing Instructions	A3 A803 863 50 kg 859 15 kg Y844 5 kg	

## Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

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UN number	3261
UN proper shipping name	CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (contains oxalic acid dihydrate)
Transport hazard class(es)	IMDG Class 8 IMDG Subrisk Not Applicable
Packing group	ll .
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable
Special precautions for user	EMS Number F-A , S-B Special provisions 274 Limited Quantities 1 kg

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

Product name	Pollution Category	Ship Type
Oxygenated aliphatic hydrocarbon mixture	Z	3

## Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code

Product name	Group
oxalic acid dihydrate	Not Available

## Transport in bulk in accordance with the ICG Code

Product name	Ship Type
oxalic acid dihydrate	Not Available

## **SECTION 15 Regulatory information**

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

## oxalic acid dihydrate is found on the following regulatory lists

US - Massachusetts - Right To Know Listed Chemicals		
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)		
US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)		
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)		

US OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) Table Z-1
US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory
US TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory - Interim List of Active Substances
US TSCA Section 4/12 (b) - Sunset Dates/Status

#### **Federal Regulations**

## Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

## Section 311/312 hazard categories

Flammable (Gases, Aerosols, Liquids, or Solids)	No
Gas under pressure	No
Explosive	No
Self-heating	No
Pyrophoric (Liquid or Solid)	No
Pyrophoric Gas	No
Corrosive to metal	No
Oxidizer (Liquid, Solid or Gas)	No
Organic Peroxide	No
Self-reactive	No
In contact with water emits flammable gas	No
Combustible Dust	No
Carcinogenicity	No
Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)	Yes
Reproductive toxicity	Yes
Skin Corrosion or Irritation	Yes
Respiratory or Skin Sensitization	
Serious eye damage or eye irritation	
Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)	
Aspiration Hazard	
Germ cell mutagenicity	
Simple Asphyxiant	
Hazards Not Otherwise Classified	

#### US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities (40 CFR 302.4)

None Reported

## State Regulations

## US. California Proposition 65

None Reported

## **National Inventory Status**

National Inventory	Status
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	Yes
Canada - DSL	Yes
Canada - NDSL	No (oxalic acid dihydrate)
China - IECSC	Yes
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes
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 - FBEPH	Yes
Legend:	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.

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#### Other information

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

ES: Exposure Standard 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

AIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

DSL: Domestic Substances List

NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List

IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China

EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

NLP: No-Longer Polymers

ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory

KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory
NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act

TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory

INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas

NCI: National Chemical Inventory

FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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