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# Sodium (meta)arsenite

sc-250986

Material Safety Data Sheet



The Power is Question

Hazard Alert Code Key: **EXTREME** **HIGH** **MODERATE** **LOW**

## Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

### PRODUCT NAME

Sodium (meta)arsenite

### STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### NFPA



### SUPPLIER

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**(1-800-CHEMCALL) or call +613 9573 3112**

### PRODUCT USE

■ Considered toxic by all exposure routes. Dangerous POISON. Available ONLY for industrial and manufacturing purposes. To be used by or in accordance with directions of accredited pest control officers. Operators to be trained in procedures for safe use of material. As arsenic soap for taxidermists, antiseptic, dyeing, hide preservation. Obsolete use as component of pesticides, insecticides, herbicide spray.

### SYNONYMS

As-O<sub>2</sub>-Na, Na-As-O<sub>2</sub>, "arsenious acid, monosodium salt", "arsenous acid, sodium salt", "arsenious acid, sodium salt", "sodium metaarsenite", "Atlas A", "Chem Pels C", "Chem-Sen 56", Kill-All, Penite, Prodalumnol, "Prodalumnol Double", Sodanit, "Arsenic salt"

## Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS

	Min	Max	
Flammability:	0		
Toxicity:	3		
Body Contact:	3		
Reactivity:	0		
Chronic:	4		

Min/Nil=0  
Low=1  
Moderate=2  
High=3  
Extreme=4



### CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS



## EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

### RISK

May cause CANCER.

Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

## POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

### ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

#### SWALLOWED

- Toxic effects may result from the accidental ingestion of the material; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 40 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.
- Ingestion may produce nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, bloody stools, shock, rapid pulse and coma. Severe gastritis or gastroenteritis may occur as a result of lesions produced by vascular damage from absorbed arsenic (and not local corrosion); symptoms may be delayed for several hours. Eventually a violent hemorrhagic gastroenteritis leads to profound loss of fluid and electrolyte resulting in shock and death. Occasionally alimentary symptoms are mild or absent in which case symptoms are usually referable to the central nervous system, headache, vertigo, muscle spasm or convulsion, delirium and, sometimes, mania. In advanced poisonings by arsenic and its inorganic salts, nervous symptoms are prominent; disorders of the brain (encephalopathies) and peripheral neuritis (more commonly) have been described. A prickling sensation (paresthesia), decreased sensitivity to sensation and pain (hypoesthesia), eventually paralysis and muscular atrophy appear, usually in the legs. "Glove and stocking" distribution of sensory loss may be prominent. The toxic moiety is presumed to be trivalent arsenic in the form of inorganic arsenious acid (arsenite) or an organic arsenoxide. Arsenites are active enzyme inhibitors. Arsenic and its compounds may damage the stem cell which acts as the precursor to components of the blood. Loss of the stem cell may result in pancytopenia (a reduction in the number of red and white blood cells and platelets) with a latency period corresponding to the lifetime of the individual blood cells. Granulocytopenia (a reduction in granular leukocytes) develops within days and thrombocytopenia (a disorder involving platelets), within 1-2 weeks, whilst loss of erythrocytes (red blood cells) need months to become clinically manifest. Aplastic anaemia develops due to complete destruction of the stem cells.

#### EYE

- Although the material is not thought to be an irritant, direct contact with the eye may produce transient discomfort characterized by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn).

#### SKIN

- Skin contact with the material may produce toxic effects; systemic effects may result following absorption.
- The material is not thought to be a skin irritant (as classified using animal models). Temporary discomfort, however, may result from prolonged dermal exposures. Good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting.
- Considered toxic by all exposure routes.
- Bare unprotected skin should not be exposed to this material.
- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.
- Arsenic can cause skin irritation characterized by eczema, scaling, sensitization, and discoloration and thickening of the palms and soles.

#### INHALED

- The material is not thought to produce respiratory irritation (as classified using animal models). Nevertheless inhalation of the material, especially for prolonged periods, may produce respiratory discomfort and occasionally, distress.
- The material is considered to be harmful by all exposure routes.
- 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.

## CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

- There is sufficient evidence to suggest that this material directly causes cancer in humans.
- Considered toxic by all exposure routes.

BE AWARE: Repeated minor exposures with only mild symptoms may have serious cumulative poisoning effect.

Principal routes of exposure are by accidental skin and eye contact and inhalation of generated dusts.

Long-term exposure to arsenic and its inorganic salts may produce loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting, low fever, persistent headache, pallor, weakness and phlegm. Skin effects include redness, eczema, pigmentation, diffuse hair loss, scaling of the palms and soles, sloughing, brittle nails, white lines or bands on the nails, loss of hair and nails, and localized swelling. Kidney damage can occur and liver enlargement with jaundice may develop into cirrhosis (hardening of the liver), with fluid in the abdomen. Nervous system effects involving the extremities (numbness, tingling, burning pain, weakness, inco-ordination) may also occur. Arsenic is well-known to cause cancer in humans.

## Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
sodium arsenite	7784-46-5	100

## Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

## SWALLOWED

- Rinse mouth out with plenty of water. If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Center.
- IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY.
- For advice, contact a Poisons Information Center or a doctor.

Where Medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:

- Induce vomiting with fingers down the back of the of the throat, ONLY IF CONSCIOUS.
- Lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

NOTE: Wear a protective glove when inducing vomiting by mechanical means.

- 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.
- 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 MSDS should be provided. Further action will be the responsibility of the medical specialist.
- If medical attention is not available on the worksite or surroundings send the patient to a hospital together with a copy of the MSDS.

## EYE

- 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 Center or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
  - Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.
  - Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

## SKIN

- 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 Center.
  - Transport to hospital, or doctor.

## INHALED

- - If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
  - Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.
  - Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
  - 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.
  - Transport to hospital, or doctor.

## NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

- For acute or short term repeated exposures to arsenic, soluble compounds: Treat as per arsenic poisoning.
- Acute skin lesions such as contact dermatitis usually do not require other treatment than removal from exposure.
- If more severe symptoms of the respiratory system, the skin or the gastro-intestinal tract occur, British Anti-Lewisite (BAL, dimercaprol) may be given. Prompt administration in such cases is vital; to obtain maximum benefit such treatment should be administered within 4 hours of poisoning.
- In addition, general treatment such as prevention of further absorption from the gastro-intestinal tract are mandatory.
- General supportive therapy such as maintenance of respiration and circulation, maintenance of water and electrolyte balance and control of nervous system effects, as well as elimination of absorbed poison through dialysis and exchange transfusion, may be used if feasible.
- Dimercaprol is given by deep intramuscular injection as a 5% solution in peanut oil (or a 10% solution with benzyl-benzoate in vegetable oil). It is usually given in a dose of 3 mg/kg, 4-hourly, for the first two days, or twice daily for up to seven days. [ILO Encyclopedia]
- BAL Therapy is effective for hematological manifestations of chronic arsenic poisoning but not for neurological symptoms. Watch for side effects (e.g. urticaria, burning sensation in the lips, mouth and throat, fever, conjunctivitis etc).
- Some relief results from administration of diphenhydramine (Benadryl) (1.5 mg/kg intramuscularly or by mouth every 6 hour). [Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

### BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX - BEI (Notice of Intent to Establish)

BEIs represent the levels of determinants which are most likely to be observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed to chemicals to the same extent as a worker with inhalation exposure to the Exposure Standard (ES or TLV):

Determinant	Index	Sampling Time	Comments
Inorganic arsenic metabolites in urine	35 ug/gm creatinine	End of workweek	B

B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed  
Consult specific documentation.

## Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not applicable
Specific Gravity (water=1):	1.87
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not applicable

Relative Vapor Density (air=1): Not available.

## EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- 
- Water spray or fog.
- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.

## FIRE FIGHTING

- 
- Alert Emergency Responders 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.
- DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

## GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- Pollutant
- Non combustible.
- Not considered to be a significant fire risk, however containers may burn.
- In a fire may decompose on heating and produce toxic / corrosive fumes.

## FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Avoid contact with strong acids, oxidizing agents.

## PERSONAL PROTECTION

Glasses:

Chemical goggles.

Full face- shield.

Gloves:

Respirator:

Particulate

## Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### MINOR SPILLS

- Environmental hazard - contain spillage.

Clean up all spills immediately.

Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

Wear protective clothing, gloves, safety glasses and dust respirator.

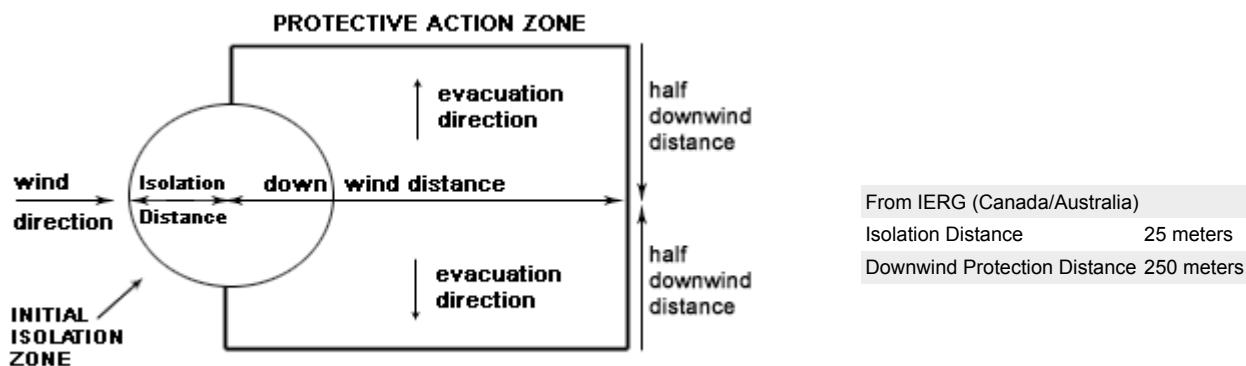
Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.

Place in clean drum then flush area with water.

### MAJOR SPILLS

- - DO NOT touch the spill material
- Environmental hazard - contain spillage.
- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
  - Alert Emergency Responders 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.
  - Stop leak if safe to do so.
  - Contain spill with sand, earth or vermiculite.
  - Collect recoverable product into labeled containers for recycling.
  - Neutralize/decontaminate residue.
  - Collect solid residues and seal in labeled drums for disposal.
  - Wash area and prevent runoff into drains.
  - After clean up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and re-using.
  - If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

## PROTECTIVE ACTIONS FOR SPILL



From US Emergency Response Guide 2000 Guide 151

## FOOTNOTES

1 PROTECTIVE ACTION ZONE is defined as the area in which people are at risk of harmful exposure. This zone assumes that random changes in wind direction confines the vapour plume to an area within 30 degrees on either side of the predominant wind direction, resulting in a crosswind protective action distance equal to the downwind protective action distance.

2 PROTECTIVE ACTIONS should be initiated to the extent possible, beginning with those closest to the spill and working away from the site in the downwind direction. Within the protective action zone a level of vapour concentration may exist resulting in nearly all unprotected persons becoming incapacitated and unable to take protective action and/or incurring serious or irreversible health effects.

3 INITIAL ISOLATION ZONE is determined as an area, including upwind of the incident, within which a high probability of localised wind reversal may expose nearly all persons without appropriate protection to life-threatening concentrations of the material.

4 SMALL SPILLS involve a leaking package of 200 litres (55 US gallons) or less, such as a drum (jerrican or box with inner containers). Larger packages leaking less than 200 litres and compressed gas leaking from a small cylinder are also considered "small spills". LARGE SPILLS involve many small leaking packages or a leaking package of greater than 200 litres, such as a cargo tank, portable tank or a "one-tonne" compressed gas cylinder.

5 Guide 151 is taken from the US DOT emergency response guide book.

6 IERG information is derived from CANUTEC - Transport Canada.

## ACUTE EXPOSURE GUIDELINE LEVELS (AEGL) (in ppm)

AEGL 1: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience notable discomfort, irritation, or certain asymptomatic nonsensory effects. However, the effects are not disabling and are transient and reversible upon cessation of exposure.

AEGL 2: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience irreversible or other serious, long-lasting adverse health effects or an impaired ability to escape.

AEGL 3: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience life-threatening health effects or death.

## Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- EXTREME HEALTH HAZARD Avoid generating and breathing dust.
  - Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
  - Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
  - Use in a well-ventilated area.
  - Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
  - DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
  - DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
  - Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
  - When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.
  - Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
  - Avoid physical damage to containers.
  - Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
  - Work clothes should be laundered separately.
  - Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
  - Use good occupational work practice.
  - Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.
  - Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

### RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS

■

- Check that containers are clearly labeled
- Glass container or Plastic container.  
Packaging as recommended by manufacturer.

### STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Keep locked up.
- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

### SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



X: Must not be stored together

O: May be stored together with specific preventions

+: May be stored together

## Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA F/CC	Notes
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	sodium arsenite (Sodium arsenite (as As))		0.01						TLV Basis: lung cancer
Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits	sodium arsenite (Sodium arsenite (as As))		0.01						TLV Basis: lung cancer
Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits	sodium arsenite (Sodium arsenite (as As))		0.01						TLV Basis: lung cancer
Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances	sodium arsenite (Arsenic and compounds (as As))	-	0.5	-	0.5				
US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants	sodium arsenite (Arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds; see also Section 5214)		0.01						
US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, inorganic compounds (as As); see 1910.1018.)	Varies with compound							
Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits	sodium arsenite (Arsenic and inorganic compounds, as As)		0.01						A1, 1
Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Contamination Limits	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, and inorganic compounds, (as As))		0.01		0.03				T20
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, inorganic compounds, (as As))		0.01						See 912-202-31
US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, inorganic compounds (as As) (when use is covered by chapter 296-848 WAC))		0.01						

US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, inorganic compounds (as As) (when use is not covered by chapter 296-848 WAC))	0.2	0.6	
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	sodium arsenite (Arsenic (inorganic compounds, as As))		0.002	See Appendix A; Ca; (Ceiling ([15-minute]))
Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, elemental & inorganic compounds as As)	0.01		
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, inorganic compounds (as As); see R 325.51601 et seq.F)	0.01		
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, inorganic compounds (as As); see 1910.1018)	0.01		
Canada - Northwest Territories Occupational Exposure Limits (English)	sodium arsenite (Arsenic & soluble compounds (as As))	0.2	0.6	
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-1)	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, Organic Compounds (as As))	0.5		
US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, organic compounds (as As))	0.5		
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-1)	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, Inorganic Compounds (as As))	0.01		TWA (See 1910.1018)
Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants (English)	sodium arsenite (Arsenic, elemental, and inorganic compounds (except Arsine), (as As))	0.1		

#### EMERGENCY EXPOSURE LIMITS

Material	sodium arsenite
Original IDLH Value (ppm)	

#### MATERIAL DATA

##### SODIUM ARSENITE:

■ Use control measures / protective gear to avoid any personal contact. The ES-TWA is based solely on the prevention of systemic effects due to inhalation and is not protective against the substantial risk of cancer produced by exposure to inorganic arsenic. Some jurisdictions require health surveillance be performed on occupationally exposed workers.

Such surveillance should emphasize

- demography, occupational and medical history and health advice
- physical examination with emphasis on the peripheral nervous system and skin.
- urinary total arsenic
- records of personal exposure

Inorganic arsenic compounds appear to produce an increased incidence of skin and lung cancers following their use in medicine, after drinking arsenic-contaminated water, or after occupational exposure. Cancers at other sites have been described but a clear association has, as yet, to be determined.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTION



Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

#### EYE

- 
- Full face shield



and

- Chemical goggles
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens 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]

## HANDS/FEET

- 
- DO NOT handle directly. Wear gloves and use scoop / tongs / tools
- Barrier cream

and

- Impervious protective clothing

or Wear chemical protective gloves, eg. PVC. Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, eg. Rubber.

## OTHER

- 
- Overalls.
- PVC Apron.
- PVC protective suit may be required if exposure severe.
- Eyewash unit.
- Ensure there is ready access to a safety shower.

When spraying; wear: Cotton washable overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist and washable hat.

Full body protecting overalls required for other than spot spraying

Consider where spray drift may fall and DO NOT spray into wind.

## RESPIRATOR

Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
10 x PEL	P1	-	PAPR-P1
	Air-line*	-	-
50 x PEL	Air-line**	P2	PAPR-P2
100 x PEL	-	P3	-
	-	Air-line*	-
100+ x PEL	-	Air-line**	PAPR-P3

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

Explanation of Respirator Codes:

Class 1 low to medium absorption capacity filters.

Class 2 medium absorption capacity filters.

Class 3 high absorption capacity filters.

PAPR Powered Air Purifying Respirator (positive pressure) cartridge.

Type A for use against certain organic gases and vapors.

Type AX for use against low boiling point organic compounds (less than 65°C).

Type B for use against certain inorganic gases and other acid gases and vapors.

Type E for use against sulfur dioxide and other acid gases and vapors.

Type K for use against ammonia and organic ammonia derivatives

Class P1 intended for use against mechanically generated particulates of sizes most commonly encountered in industry, e.g. asbestos, silica.

Class P2 intended for use against both mechanically and thermally generated particulates, e.g. metal fume.

Class P3 intended for use against all particulates containing highly toxic materials, e.g. beryllium.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.

Use appropriate NIOSH-certified respirator based on informed professional judgement. In conditions where no reasonable estimate of exposure can be made, assume the exposure is in a concentration IDLH and use NIOSH-certified full face pressure demand SCBA with a minimum service life of 30 minutes, or a combination full facepiece pressure demand SAR with auxiliary self-contained air supply. Respirators provided only for escape from IDLH atmospheres shall be NIOSH-certified for escape from the atmosphere in which they will be used.

## ENGINEERING CONTROLS

- Use in a well-ventilated area.

Local exhaust ventilation usually required. If risk of overexposure exists, wear an approved respirator. Correct fit is essential to obtain 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, vapors, 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 favorable 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 factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

Spraying to be carried out in conditions conforming to local state regulations Unprotected personnel must vacate the spraying area. In confined spaces where there is inadequate ventilation, wear full-face air supplied breathing apparatus.

## Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid.

Mixes with water.

State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	129.91
Melting Range (°F)	1139	Boiling Range (°F)	Not available.
Solubility in water (g/L)	Miscible	Flash Point (°F)	Not applicable
pH (1% solution)	Not available.	Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available
pH (as supplied)	Not applicable	Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not applicable
Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Not available.	Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not applicable
Specific Gravity (water=1)	1.87	Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not applicable
Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not available.	Volatile Component (%vol)	Not available.
Evaporation Rate	Not available		

### APPEARANCE

Odourless, white to grey hygroscopic powder. Soluble in water. Very poisonous.

## Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- 
- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Segregate from strong acids
- Contact with acids produces toxic fumes

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

## Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

SODIUM ARSENITE

### TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

■ unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

TOXICITY	IRRITATION
Oral (rat) LD50: 41 mg/kg	Nil Reported

Dermal (rat) LD50: 150 mg/kg

■ WARNING: This substance has been classified by the IARC as Group 1: CARCINOGENIC TO HUMANS.

## CARCINOGEN

Arsenic and arsenic compounds (NB: This evaluation applies to the group of compounds as a whole and not necessarily to all individual compounds within the group)	International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by the IARC Monographs	Group	1
Arsenic, inorganic	ND	Carcinogenicity	A
Arsenic, inorganic	ND	Carcinogen Category	A
Sodium arsenite (as As)	ND	Carcinogen Category	A1
SODIUM ARSENITE	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Recognized Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65-MC
INORGANIC ARSENIC COMPOUNDS	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Recognized Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65
SODIUM ARSENITE	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Suspected Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65-MC
INORGANIC ARSENIC COMPOUNDS	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Suspected Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65
ARSENIC COMPOUNDS	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Suspected Carcinogens	Reference(s)	HAZMAP, IARC
Sodium arsenite (as As)	ND	Carcinogen	Ca

## SKIN

sodium arsenite	ND	Skin	X
sodium arsenite	US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants - Skin	Skin Designation	X
sodium arsenite	US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants - Skin	Skin	X
sodium arsenite	US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits - Skin Designation	Skin Designation	X
sodium arsenite	US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants - Skin	Skin	X

## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

SODIUM ARSENITE:

Marine Pollutant:	Yes
■ Hazardous Air Pollutant:	Yes
■ Fish LC50 (96hr.) (mg/l):	30
■ Daphnia magna EC50 (48hr.) (mg/l):	3

■ Speciation of arsenic is an important consideration in the fate, movement, and action of this substance. Chemical and biochemical transformations of arsenic include oxidation, reduction and methylation which affects its volatilization, adsorption, dissolution and biological disposition. The transport of arsenic in the environment is largely controlled by absorption/ desorption processes in soils and sediments. Sediment movement is responsible for transport of arsenic soil residues to their ultimate sinks in deep ocean sediments. The clay fraction, plus ferrous and aluminum oxides which coat clay particles, adsorb arsenicals which then undergo transformation as discussed earlier. Conversions of arsenic to volatile alkylarsines leads to air transport losses from soil. Inorganic arsenic occurs in water in different oxidation states depending on the pH and Eh of the water. Arsenate is apparently reduced by bacteria to arsenite in marine environments because the ratio of total arsenate to total arsenic is much lower than that predicted thermodynamically. Methylation of arsenic occurs in both freshwater and marine systems where arsenate occurs as arsenate, arsenite, methanearsonic acid and dimethylarsinic acid. Arsenate predominates because this is the most stable form.

Bioaccumulation occurs in some aquatic species such as seaweeds, freshwater algae and crustaceans. Some arsenic in water flea (*Daphnia Magna*) and algae occurs as arseno-analogues of phospholipids leading to the mistaken impression that accumulation and utilization of arsenic takes place at the expense of phosphate. Crabs, lobsters and other marine organisms accumulate organo-arsenicals in the food chain. Although human activity may alter the local picture of environmental arsenic there is little evidence that this affects the global scale arsenic cycle.

Airborne concentrations of arsenic in urban areas may range from a few nanograms to a few tenths of a microgram per cubic meter; airborne arsenic is generally inorganic. In oxygenated soils inorganic arsenic is present in pentavalent form; under reducing conditions it occurs as the trivalent form.

Drinking Water Standards:

arsenic: 50 ug/l (UK max.) 0.01mg/L (WHO provisional guideline)

chloride:400 mg/l (UK max.)

250 mg/l (WHO guideline)

Soil Guideline:

Dutch Criteria: 29 mg/kg (target)

55 mg/kg (intervention)

Air Quality Standard:  
 No safe levels recommended due to carcinogenic properties (WHO guideline).

**Ecotoxicity**

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air	Bioaccumulation	Mobility
sodium arsenite			LOW	

**Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**US EPA Waste Number & Descriptions**

A. General Product Information

Toxicity characteristic: use EPA hazardous waste number D004 (waste code E) if this substance, in a solid waste, produces an extract containing greater than 5 mg/L of arsenic.

**Disposal Instructions**

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

- Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.
- Consult Waste Management Authority for disposal.
- Treat and neutralize at an effluent treatment plant.
- Recycle containers if possible, or dispose of in an authorized landfill.

**Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**



DOT:

Symbols:	None	Hazard class or Division:	6.1
Identification Numbers:	UN2027	PG:	II
Label Codes:	6.1	Special provisions:	IB8, IP2, IP4, T3, TP33
Packaging: Exceptions:	153	Packaging: Non-bulk:	212
Packaging: Exceptions:	153	Quantity limitations: Passenger aircraft/rail:	25 kg
Quantity Limitations: Cargo aircraft only:	100 kg	Vessel stowage: Location:	A
Vessel stowage: Other:	None		

Hazardous materials descriptions and proper shipping names:

Sodium arsenite, solid

**Air Transport IATA:**

ICAO/IATA Class:	6.1	ICAO/IATA Subrisk:	None
UN/ID Number:	2027	Packing Group:	II
Special provisions:	A6		

Shipping Name: SODIUM ARSENITE, SOLID

**Maritime Transport IMDG:**

IMDG Class:	6.1	IMDG Subrisk:	None
UN Number:	2027	Packing Group:	II
EMS Number:	F-A , S-A	Special provisions:	43
Limited Quantities:	500 g	Marine Pollutant:	Yes

Shipping Name: SODIUM ARSENITE, SOLID

**Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION**



## REGULATIONS

### sodium arsenite (CAS: 7784-46-5) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens", "Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)", "Canada Ingredient Disclosure List (SOR/88-64)", "Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (English)", "Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (French)", "US - California Occupational Safety and Health Regulations (CAL/OSHA) - Hazardous Substances List", "US - Massachusetts Oil & Hazardous Material List", "US - New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Substances", "US - Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) - Carcinogens", "US CWA (Clean Water Act) - List of Hazardous Substances", "US CWA (Clean Water Act) - Reportable Quantities of Designated Hazardous Substances", "US Department of Transportation (DOT) List of Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities - Hazardous Substances Other Than Radionuclides", "US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)", "US List of Lists - Consolidated List of Chemicals Subject to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act", "US SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

## Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

### LIMITED EVIDENCE

- Cumulative effects may result following exposure\*.
  - May produce skin discomfort\*.
  - Possible skin sensitizer\*.
- \* (limited evidence).

### REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH GUIDELINES

■ Established occupational exposure limits frequently do not take into consideration reproductive end points that are clearly below the thresholds for other toxic effects. Occupational reproductive guidelines (ORGs) have been suggested as an additional standard. These have been established after a literature search for reproductive no-observed-adverse effect-level (NOAEL) and the lowest-observed-adverse-effect-level (LOAEL). In addition the US EPA's procedures for risk assessment for hazard identification and dose-response assessment as applied by NIOSH were used in the creation of such limits. Uncertainty factors (UFs) have also been incorporated.

Ingredient	ORG	UF	Endpoint	CR	Adeq TLV
sodium arsenite	0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NA	NA	100	Yes

■ These exposure guidelines have been derived from a screening level of risk assessment and should not be construed as unequivocally safe limits. ORGS represent an 8-hour time-weighted average unless specified otherwise. CR = Cancer Risk/10000; UF = Uncertainty factor; TLV believed to be adequate to protect reproductive health; LOD: Limit of detection Toxic endpoints have also been identified as: D = Developmental; R = Reproductive; TC = Transplacental carcinogen Jankovic J., Drake F.: A Screening Method for Occupational Reproductive Health Risk: American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal 57: 641-649 (1996).

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■ Classification of the mixture 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.

A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at:  
[www.chemwatch.net/references](http://www.chemwatch.net/references).

■ The (M)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.

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