1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Stearic acid  
Product Number : S4751  
Brand : Sigma  
Supplier : Sigma-Aldrich  
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USA  
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Fax : +1 800-325-5052  
Emergency Phone # (For both supplier and manufacturer) : (314) 776-6555  
Preparation Information : Sigma-Aldrich Corporation  
Product Safety - Americas Region  
1-800-521-8956

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards  
Irritant

GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)  
Skin irritation (Category 2)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word : Warning

Hazard statement(s)  
H303 May be harmful if swallowed.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P280 Wear protective gloves.  
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P312 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.  
P321 Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).  
P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

HMIS Classification  
Health hazard: 2  
Flammability: 1  
Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating  
Health hazard: 2  
Fire: 1
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
**Skin** May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
**Eyes** Causes eye irritation.
**Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed.

### 3. COMPOSITION INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Synonyms:** Octadecanoic acid

**Formula:** \( C_{18}H_{36}O_2 \)

**Molecular Weight:** 284.48 g/mol

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**General advice**
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

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

**In case of skin contact**
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**
Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

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

### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

**Conditions of flammability**
Not flammable or combustible.

**Suitable extinguishing media**
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Special protective equipment for firefighters**
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions**
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust.

**Environmental precautions**
Do not let product enter drains.

**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.
Recommended storage temperature: 2 - 8 °C

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection
For nuisance exposures use type P95 (US) or type P1 (EU EN 143) particle respirator. For higher level protection use type OV/AG/P99 (US) or type ABEK-P2 (EU EN 143) respirator cartridges. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand 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.

Eye protection
Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166. Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166 (EU).

Skin and body protection
Impervious clothing. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance
Form solid
Colour no data available

Safety data
pH no data available
Melting point/freezing point Melting point/range: 67 - 72 °C (153 - 162 °F) - lit.
Boiling point 361 °C (682 °F) - lit.
Flash point 113 °C (235 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature no data available
Autoignition temperature no data available
Lower explosion limit no data available
Upper explosion limit no data available
Vapour pressure 1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 173.7 °C (344.7 °F)
Density 0.845 g/cm³
Water solubility no data available
Partition coefficient: no data available
n-octanol/water
Relative vapour density  no data available
Odour  no data available
Odour Threshold no data available
Evaporation rate no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions
no data available

Conditions to avoid
no data available

Materials to avoid
Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents

Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides
Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity
Oral LD50
LD50 Oral - rat - > 2,000 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50
no data available

Dermal LD50
LD50 Dermal - rabbit - > 5,000 mg/kg

Other information on acute toxicity
no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - rabbit - Skin irritation - 24 h - Draize Test

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization
no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
no data available

Carcinogenicity
Carcinogenicity - mouse - Implant

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)
no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)
no data available

Aspiration hazard
no data available

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Signs and Symptoms of Exposure
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Synergistic effects
no data available

Additional Information
RTECS: WI2800000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity
no data available

Persistence and degradability
no data available

Bioaccumulative potential
no data available

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. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION
15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards
Irritant

SARA 302 Components
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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