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Material Safety Data Sheet

May be used to comply with OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910 1200. Standard must be consulted for specific requirements

U.S. Department of Labor

Occupational Safety and Health Administration
(Non-Mandatory Form)
Form Approved
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IDENTITY (as Used on Label and List)

Borax

Note: Blank spaces are not permitted. If any item is not applicable or no information is available, the space must be marked to indicate that.

Section I

Manufacturers /Distributor Address Number Street City State and Zip Code

Columbus Chemical Industries

N4335 Temkin Rd

Columbus, WI 53925-0008

Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300

Telephone Number for Information

920-623-2140

Date Prepared

10-06-2004

Signature of Preparer (optional)

Section II - Hazardous Ingredients/Identity Information

Table with 6 columns: Hazardous Components (Specific Chemical Identity, Common Name(s)), CAS #, OSHA PEL, ACGIH TLV, Other Limits Recommended, % (optional). Row 1: Borax, 1303-96-4, Not available, Not available, Not available, 98%

*Synonym: Sodium Borate, decahydrate

Section III - Physical/Chemical Characteristics

Table with 4 columns: Property, Value, Property, Value. Rows: Boiling Point (Not available), Specific Gravity (H2O = 1) (Not Applicable), Vapor Pressure (mm Hg) (Not Available), Melting Point (75 °C (167°F)), Vapor Density (AIR = 1) (Not Available), Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate = 1) (Not Available)

Solubility in Water

1g to 16mL cold water

Appearance and Odor

Fine, white crystals

Section IV Fire and Explosion Hazard Data

Table with 4 columns: Flash Point (Method Used), Flammable Limits, LEL, UEL. Row 1: Non Flammable, Not applicable, Not applicable

Extinguishing Media

Suitable to extinguish the supporting flame. Water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, alcohol foam.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards

Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

Section V Reactivity Data

Stability	Unstable		Conditions to Avoid	Incompatibles
	Stable	X		

Incompatibility Materials to Avoid

Zirconium, strong acids, metallic salts

Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts

Carbon oxides, sodium oxides, boron oxides

Hazardous Polymerization**Conditions to Avoid**

	May Occur		Not Available
	Will Not Occur	X	

Section VI Health Hazard Data**Routes of Entry****Inhalation ?****Skin ?****Ingestion ?**

Multiple	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic)

EYES/SKIN: May cause irritation. INHALATION: Cause irritation of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. INGESTION: May cause digestive tract irritation.

Carcinogenicity**NTP****IARC Monographs****OSHA REGULATED?**

	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed
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Signs and Symptoms of Exposure.

Irritation, especially to mucous membranes of eyes and upper respiratory tract. Itching, redness, staining, swelling of exposed tissues. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal pain, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting.

Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure

Not Available

Emergency and First Aid Procedures

INGESTION: Wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Call a physician immediately. INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. SKIN: Flush with water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing; call a physician. EYES: Flush with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids.

Section VII Precautions for Safe Handling and Use**Steps to be Taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled**

Evacuate unprotected personnel from area. Ventilate area. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus, rubber boots, heavy protective gloves and chemical safety goggles. Transfer into closed container. Ventilate and wash spill area when complete.

Waste Disposal Method

Dispose of spillage, empty containers, and other materials used for clean up in accordance with all Federal, state, and local regulations.

Precautions to be Taken in Handling and Storing

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area in tightly-closed, plainly-labelled containers. Store in a resistant container. Protect against moisture, physical damage and light. Maintain adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not ingest or breathe vapors. Protect exposed tissues.

Other Precautions

Containers, even when empty, will retain residue and vapors. Always obey hazard warnings and handle empty containers as if they were full.

Section VII Control Measures**Respiratory Protection (Specify Type)**

NIOSH/ MSHA-approved respirator with acid vapor cartridge.

Ventilation

Local Exhaust Required

Special Eye wash station.

Mechanical (General) Recommended.

Other Safety Shower.

Protective Gloves Appropriate Chemical Resistant

Eye Protection Chemical Safety Goggles

Other Protective Clothing or Equipment Rubber apron, boots. Full rubber acid suit. Faceshield.

Work /Hygienic Practices Do NOT wear contact lenses. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid eye and skin contact.

Avoid breathing vapors. Follow safe handling and laboratory practices. Wash hands prior to eating or smoking.

Avoid prolonged or repeated contact.

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