Material Safety Data Sheet

Methylene Blue, Chloride, HARLECO ® , Certified Biological Stain, For Microbiology

1 . Product and company identification

Product name : Methylene Blue, Chloride, HARLECO ® , Certified Biological Stain, For Microbiology

Product code : 284

Supplier : EMD Chemicals Inc.
480 S. Democrat Rd.
Gibbstown, NJ 08027
856-423-6300 Technical Service
Monday-Friday: 8:00 -5:00 PM

Synonym : Basic Blue 9

Material uses : Other non-specified industry: Analytical reagent.

Validation date : 4/1/2009.

In case of emergency : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA)
613-996-6666 CANUTEC (Canada)
24 Hours/Day: 7 Days/Week

2 . Hazards identification

Emergency overview : WARNING!

CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION.
MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.
MAY BE HARMFUL IF INHALED.

Do not ingest. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Use only with adequate ventilation. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Physical state : Solid.

OSHA/HCS status : This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

Routes of entry : Inhalation. Ingestion.

Potential acute health effects

Inhalation : Irritating to respiratory system. May be harmful if inhaled. May cause methemoglobinemia, reducing the oxygen-carrying capacity of the blood.

Ingestion : May be harmful if swallowed.

Skin : Irritating to skin.

Eyes : Irritating to eyes.

Potential chronic health effects

Carcinogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Mutagenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Teratogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Developmental effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Fertility effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure : None known.

See toxicological information (section 11)

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3 . Composition/information on ingredients

Name	CAS number	% by weight
Methylene Blue	61-73-4	100

4 . First aid measures

Eye contact : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.

Skin contact : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.

Inhalation : Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.

Ingestion : Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

5 . Fire-fighting measures

Flammability of the product : No specific fire or explosion hazard.

Extinguishing media : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

Not suitable : None known.

Special exposure hazards : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.

Hazardous thermal decomposition products : Decomposition products may include the following materials:
carbon dioxide
carbon monoxide
nitrogen oxides
sulfur oxides
halogenated compounds

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

6 . Accidental release measures

Personal precautions : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8).

Environmental precautions : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

Methods for cleaning up

Spill : Move containers from spill area. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.

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7 . Handling and storage

Handling : Do not ingest. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.

Storage : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container, protected from direct sunlight. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use.

8 . Exposure controls/personal protection

Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Engineering measures : Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

Hygiene measures : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal protection

Respiratory : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

Hands : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Recommended: neoprene

Eyes : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts. Recommended: safety glasses with side-shields

Skin : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
Recommended: lab coat

Environmental exposure controls : Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

9 . Physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Solid.

Color : Dark Green.

Odor : Odorless.

Molecular weight : 319.88 g/mole

Molecular formula : C16-H18-N3-S.Cl

pH : Not available.

Boiling/condensation point : Not available.

Melting/freezing point : Decomposition temperature: 190.01°C (374°F)

Relative density : Not available.

Vapor pressure : Not available.

Vapor density : Not available.

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9 . Physical and chemical properties

Odor threshold : Not available.

Evaporation rate : Not available.

Solubility : Partially soluble in the following materials: water

10 . Stability and reactivity

Chemical stability : The product is stable.

Possibility of hazardous reactions : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.

Hazardous polymerization : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous polymerization will not occur.

Conditions to avoid : No specific data.

Materials to avoid : Reactive or incompatible with the following materials: reducing materials and alkalis.

Hazardous decomposition products : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

11 . Toxicological information

Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Test	Route	Species	Result
Methylene Blue	LD50	Intraperitoneal	Rat	180 mg/kg
	LD50	Intravenous	Rat	1250 mg/kg
	LD50	Oral	Rat	1180 mg/kg
	LD50	Oral	Mouse	3500 mg/kg
	LD50	Subcutaneous	Rat	190 mg/kg
	LDLo	Oral	Dog	500 mg/kg
	TDLo	Intracerebral	Rat	34.9 ug/kg
	TDLo	Intravenous	Rat	3.75 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Mutagenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Teratogenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

12 . Ecological information

Aquatic ecotoxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Exposure
Methylene Blue	Acute EC50 2260 mg/L	Daphnia	48 hours
	Acute EC50 2260000 ug/L	Daphnia - Water flea - Daphnia magna	48 hours
	Acute LC50 15 mg/L	Fish	96 hours
	Acute LC50 18500 to 19980 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Striped catfish - Mystus vittatus - Adult - 10.2 cm - 12.6 g	96 hours
	Acute LC50 15000 to 17000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Fathead minnow - Pimephales promelas - LARVAE - 24 to 48 hours	96 hours
	Acute LC50 12000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Striped bass - Morone saxatilis - Fingerling	96 hours
	Acute LC50 45 mg/L	Fish	96 hours
	Acute LC50 1000 ug/L	Fish - Striped bass - Morone	96 hours

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12 . Ecological information

Fresh water	saxatilis - LARVAE	
Acute LC50 165500 to 165830 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Indian catfish - Heteropneustes fossilis - Adult - 18.3 cm - 22.2 g	96 hours
Acute LC50 45000 to 50000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Fathead minnow - Pimephales promelas - LARVAE - 24 to 48 hours	96 hours

Environmental effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Other adverse effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

13 . Disposal considerations

The information presented only applies to the material as supplied. The identification based on characteristic(s) or listing may not apply if the material has been used or otherwise contaminated. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste identification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations. Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

14 . Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Classes	PG*	Label	Additional information
DOT Classification	-	CHEMICALS, N.O.S.	-	-		-

PG* : Packing group

15 . Regulatory information

United States

HCS Classification : Irritating material

U.S. Federal regulations : **United States inventory (TSCA 8b):** This material is listed or exempted.

TSCA (Toxic Substance Control Act): This product is listed on the TSCA Inventory.

SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.
SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.
SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: Methylene Blue
SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification: Methylene Blue : Delayed (chronic) health hazard

Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: No products were found.

Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: No products were found.

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: No products were found.

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: No products were found.

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.

DEA List I Chemicals (Precursor Chemicals) : Not listed

DEA List II Chemicals (Essential Chemicals) : Not listed

Canada

WHMIS (Canada) : Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (Toxic).

Canadian lists : **CEPA Toxic substances:** This material is not listed.
Canadian ARET: This material is not listed.
Canadian NPRI: This material is not listed.
Alberta Designated Substances: This material is not listed.
Ontario Designated Substances: This material is not listed.
Quebec Designated Substances: This material is not listed.

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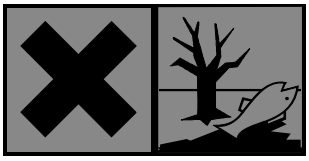
15 . Regulatory information

CEPA DSL / CEPA NDSL : This material is listed or exempted.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

EU regulations

Hazard symbol or symbols :



Risk phrases : R22- Harmful if swallowed.
R50- Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

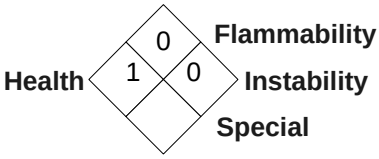
Safety phrases : S2- Keep out of the reach of children.
S29- Do not empty into drains.
S46- If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.
S61- Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/safety data sheet.

International regulations

International lists : **Australia inventory (AICS):** This material is listed or exempted.
China inventory (IECSC): This material is listed or exempted.
Japan inventory (ENCS): This material is listed or exempted.
Japan inventory (ISHL): Not determined.
Korea inventory (KECI): This material is listed or exempted.
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC): This material is listed or exempted.
Philippines inventory (PICCS): This material is listed or exempted.

16 . Other information

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.) :



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