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# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS

## SECTION I

### PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product: Sorbic acid**

**This MSDS is valid for all grades and catalog #'s**

Synonyms: 2,4-hexadienoic acid

Formula: C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

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## SECTION II

### COMPOSITION /INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

% by Material CAS # TLV/PEL LC50/LD50  
weight

% by weight	Material	CAS #	TLV/PEL	LC50/LD50
100	Sorbic acid	110-44-1	Not available.	ORAL (LD50): Acute: 7360 mg/kg [Rat]. 3200 mg/kg [Mouse].

## SECTION III

### HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Potential Acute Health Effects:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

Chronic Health MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available.

Repeated or prolonged exposure is not known to aggravate medical condition.

## SECTION IV

### FIRST AID

Obtain medical attention for all cases of over-exposure.

**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Cold water may be used. Do not use an eye ointment. Seek medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. If irritation persists, seek medical attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing.

**Hazardous Skin Contact:** Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek medical attention.

**Inhalation:** Allow the victim to rest in a well ventilated area. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Hazardous Inhalation:** Not available.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Hazardous Ingestion:** Not available.

## SECTION V

### FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Fire:**

Flammability of the Product: May be combustible at high temperature.

Auto-Ignition temperature: Not available.

Flash point: OPEN CUP: 127°C (260.6°F).

Flammable limits: Not available.

Products of Combustion: These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Fire Hazards:** Not available.

**Explosion Hazards:** Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available.

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder.

LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. Do not use water jet.

**Special Information:** Not available.

## SECTION VI

### SPILL/ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Small Spill:** Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. If necessary:

Neutralize the residue with a dilute solution of sodium carbonate. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the

contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

**Large Spill:** Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Neutralize the residue with a dilute solution of sodium carbonate. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system.

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### SECTION VII HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions:** Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Empty containers pose a fire risk, evaporate the residue under a fume hood. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

**Storage:** Keep container dry. Keep in a cool place. Ground all equipment containing material. Keep container tightly closed. Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place. Combustible materials should be stored away from extreme heat and away from strong oxidizing agents.

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### SECTION VIII EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Engineering Controls:** Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

**Personal Protection:** Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:** Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self-contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:** Not available.

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### SECTION IX PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Physical State/Appearance:** Solid

**Molecular Weight:** 112.12 g/mole

**Odor:** Not available.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Color:** Not available.

**pH (1% Solution in Water):** 3 [Acidic.]

**Boiling Point:** 228°C (442.4°F)

**Melting Point:** 134.5°C (274.1°F)

**Critical Temperature:** Not available

**Specific Gravity:** 1.204 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):** Not applicable.

**Vapor Density (Air=1):** 3.87 (Air = 1)

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coefficient:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** Not available.

**Solubility:** Very slightly soluble in cold water.

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### SECTION X STABILITY/REACTIVITY INFORMATION

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Not available.

**Incompatibilities:** Not available.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Information:** Not available

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### SECTION XI TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Routes of Entry:** Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:** Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 3200 mg/kg [Mouse].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Special Information on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Information on Chronic Effects/Toxicity on Humans:** Not available.

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### SECTION XII ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:** Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are more toxic.

**Special Information on Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

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### SECTION XIII DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal:** Recycle to process, if possible. Consult your local or regional authorities.

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### SECTION XIV TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**DOT Classification:** DOT Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

**UN:** Not applicable.

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not applicable.

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### SECTION XV REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Federal and State Regulations:**

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) Title III requires emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantities (TPQs) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQs) in 40 CFR 355 (used for SARA 302, 304, 311 and 312).

Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are: **NONE**  
Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) Title III requires submission of annual report release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR 372 (used for SARA 313). This information must be included in all MSDSs that are copied and distributed for this material.

Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are:

**Other Classifications:**

WHMIS (Canada): CLASS D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).

DSCL (EEC): R36/38- Irritating to eyes and skin.

**Protective Equipment:** Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Splash goggles.

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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