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# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS

## SECTION I

### PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product: Stearic acid**  
**This MSDS is valid for all grades and catalog #'s**

Synonyms: Octadecanoic acid; 1-Heptadecanecarboxylic acid; Stearophanic acid; n-Octadecanoic acid

Formula: C18H36O2

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## SECTION II

### COMPOSITION /INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

% by weight	Material	CAS #	TLV/PEL	LC50/LD50
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100	Stearic acid	57-11-4	TWA: 10 from ACGIH (TLV) [United States]	ORAL (LD50): Acute: 4640 mg/kg [Rat]. DERMAL (LD50): Acute: >5000 mg/kg [Rabbit].
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## SECTION III

### HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available.

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

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## FIRST AID

Obtain medical attention for all cases of over-exposure.

**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

**Skin Contact:** Wash with soap and water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Hazardous Skin Contact:** Not available.

**Inhalation:** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Hazardous Inhalation:** Not available.

**Ingestion:** Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

**Hazardous Ingestion:** Not available.

## SECTION V

### FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Fire:**

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

Auto-Ignition temperature: 395°C (743°F)

Flash point: CLOSED CUP: 196.11°C (385°F).

Flammable limits: Not available.

Products of Combustion: These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO2).

**Fire Hazards:** Slightly flammable to flammable in presence of heat. Non-flammable in presence of shocks.

**Explosion Hazards:** Slightly explosive in presence of open flames and sparks. Non-explosive in presence of shocks.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:** SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. Do not use water jet.

**Special Information:** When heated to decomposition it emits acrid smoke and irritating fumes. As with most organic solids, fire is possible at elevated temperatures. Fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presences of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

## SECTION VI

### SPILL/ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Small Spill:** Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. 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. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

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## SECTION VII HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions:** Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, alkalis.

**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area.

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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:** Safety glasses. 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:** TWA: 10 from ACGIH (TLV) [United States] Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

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## SECTION IX PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Physical State/Appearance:** Solid. (Crystalline solid. Powdered solid.)

**Molecular Weight:** 284.48 g/mole

**Odor:** Tallow-like (Slight.)

**Taste:** Not available.

**Color:** White to yellowish.

**pH (1% Solution in Water):** Not applicable.

**Boiling Point:** Decomposition temperature: 350°C (662°F)

**Melting Point:** 69.4 (156.9°F)

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** 0.9408 (Water = 1)

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

**Vapor Density (Air=1):** 9.8(Air = 1)

**Volatility:** Not available.

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**Odor Threshold:** 20 ppm

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available

**Viscosity:** Not available

**Water/Oil Dist. Coefficient:** The product is more soluble in oil;  $\log(\text{oil/water}) = 8.2$

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

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, diethyl ether, acetone.

**Solubility:** Easily soluble in diethyl ether. Soluble in acetone. Insoluble in cold water, hot water. Slightly soluble in Ethanol. Soluble in alcohol, chloroform, carbon disulfide, carbon tetrachloride, amyl acetate, toluene. 1 gram dissolves in 21 ml alcohol, 5 ml benzene, 2 ml chloroform, 26 ml acetone, 6 ml carbon tetrachloride, 3.4 ml carbon disulfide.

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## SECTION X STABILITY/REACTIVITY INFORMATION

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Heat, incompatible materials, dust generation, ignition sources

**Incompatibilities:** Reactive with oxidizing agents, alkalis.

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

**Special Information:** Not available.

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## SECTION XI TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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

**Toxicity to Animals:** Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 4640 mg/kg [Rat]. Acute dermal toxicity (LD50): >5000 mg/kg [Rabbit].

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

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Slightly 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:** May cause cancer based on animal test data.

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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 product itself and its products of degradation are not 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: **NONE**

Pennsylvania Right-To-Know, Hazardous substance List, Hazardous Substances and Special hazardous Substances on the list must be identified when present in products. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are: **NONE**

Massachusetts Right-To-Know, Substance List (MSL) Hazardous Substances and Extraordinarily Hazardous Substances on the MSL must be identified when present in products. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are: **NONE**

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) requires notification of the National Response Center of release of quantities of Hazardous Substances equal or greater than the reportable quantities (RQs) in 40 CFR 302.4. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are:

**NONE**

California prop. 65: This product contains the following ingredients for which the State of California has found to cause cancer which would require a warning under the statute: **No products were found.**

California prop. 65: This product contains the following ingredients for which the State of California has found to cause birth defects which would require a warning under the statute: **No products were found.**

**Other Classifications:**

WHMIS (Canada): Not controlled under WHMIS (Canada).

DSCL (EEC): This product is not classified according to the EU regulations.

**Protective Equipment:** Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Safety glasses.

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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