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# Safety Data Sheet

# **Glyceryl Monostearate**

IDENTIFICATION

Synonyms glycerol-1-stearate; glycerol stearate, octadecanoic acid, 2,3-dihydroxypropyl ester

CAS# 123-94-4 Europe EC# 204-664-4

Material Use emulsifying agent in foods & cosmetics, thickener,

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

 In the U.S.A.
 Call CHEMTREC
 (800) 424-9300

 In Canada
 Call CANUTEC (collect)
 (613) 996-6666

II HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

GHS Class NOT HAZARDOUS See NOTE at the end of Part XII

(Category)

Signal Words NONE

**Hazard Statements** NONE

GHS Precautionary Statements for Labelling NONE

CAS TLV  $LD_{50}$  (mg/kg)LD<sub>50</sub> (mg/kg) LC<sub>50</sub> ppm **COMPOSITION** NUMBER ppm / mg/m<sup>3</sup> ORAL SKIN INHALATION Glycerol-1-Stearate 123-94-4 >5000 >2000 not listed not known

IV FIRST AID

SKIN: Wash with soap and plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and do not reuse until thoroughly cleaned

or laundered. Seek medical help promptly if there is persistent itching or redness in the affected area.

EYES: Wash eyes with plenty of water, holding eyelids open. Seek medical assistance promptly if there is irritation. INHALATION: Remove from contaminated area promptly. **CAUTION: Rescuer must not endanger himself!** If victim's

breathing stops, administer artificial respiration and seek medical aid promptly.

INGESTION: Give plenty of water to dilute product. Do not induce vomiting (NOTE below). Keep victim quiet. If vomiting

occurs, lower victim's head below hips to prevent inhalation of vomited material. Seek medical help promptly.

NOTE: Inadvertent inhalation of vomited material may seriously damage the lungs. The danger of this is greater than the risk of poisoning through absorption of this relatively low-toxicity product. The stomach should only be emptied under medical supervision, after the installation of an airway to protect the lungs.

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<sup>\*</sup> Other components will be glycerol monoesters of other fatty acids of similar molecular weight such as lauric, oleic, and linoleic acids

# V FLAMMABILITY & FIRE-FIGHTING

Flash Point not determined – >93°C / >200°F; for glycerol – 160°C¹, for stearic acid – 196°C¹

Autoignition Temperature not determined – for glycerol – above 290°C, for stearic acid – 395°C

Flammable Limits not known – *not flammable*, *but will burn in fire* 

Combustion Products carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, smoke, part oxidised hydrocarbon fragments as for materials sustaining fire or as for an oil fire; firefighters must wear SCBA

Static Discharge may accumulate a static charge

## VI ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Leak Precaution not applicable – solid material; if molten, spill solidifies rapidly on contact with cool surfaces

Handling Spill sweep, shovel & store in closed containers for disposal

## VII HANDLING & STORAGE

Store below 58°C / 136°F, away from sources of ignition and oxidising agents. Product dust may accumulate a static charge. Ground containers and transfer equipment before handling to prevent static discharge, which may cause ignition. Avoid creating or breathing product dust. If dust forms, install adequate ventilation to clear workplace air. Avoid prolonged contact with skin and wash work clothes frequently. An eye bath should be available near the workplace.

#### VIII EXPOSURE CONTROL & PERSONAL PROTECTION

ACGIH TLV not listed ACGIH STEL not listed OSHA PEL not listed OSHA STEL not listed

Ventilation mechanical ventilation is required to maintain airborne vapour or mist concentrations below TLV; a respirator

with organic vapour cartridge should be available for escape purposes, in case of a spill or should ventilation fail (always store respirator in an airtight container [eg: "Tupperware"] to maintain cartridge "freshness")

Hands gloves – always confirm suitability with supplier

Eves safety glasses with side shields or chemical goggles – *always protect eyes!* 

Clothing impermeable (hands, above) apron, boots, long sleeves, if splashing is anticipated

## IX PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

NOTE: for Flash Point, Autoignition Temp, & Flammable Limits see Part 5.

Odour & Appearance white to creamy coloured micro-beads
Odour Threshold not known – *virtually odourless* 

Vapour Pressure not known – *little or no vapour is present* 

Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate = 1) not known – not volatile

Vapour Density (air = 1)  $12 - but \ little \ or \ no \ vapour \ is \ present$ 

Decomposition Temperature not known – no decomposition to boiling point

Boiling Point above 230°C / 446°F Melting Point 58-62°C / 136-144°F

Specific Gravity approx. 920 grams/litre  $(20^{\circ}\text{C})^3$  – for similar substance, glycerol monolaurate Water Solubility 0.0123mg/litre  $(25^{\circ}\text{C} / 77^{\circ}\text{F})^1$  – virtually insoluble; dispersible in hot  $(60^{\circ}\text{C})$  water

- in other solvents soluble in fats and hydrocarbons

 $\label{eq:logPower} \begin{array}{ll} Log \; P_{o/w} \; (\textit{Octanol/H}_2\textit{O Partition Coefficient}) & 6.62 - \textit{QSAR calculation}^1 \\ Viscosity & not \; applicable - \textit{solid substance} \end{array}$ 

pH not known – does not yield hydrogen ions in water

Molecular Weight 358grams/mole; may contain other, similar glycerol fatty monoesters

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# X REACTIVITY

Dangerously Reactive With no dangerous reactivity known

Also Reactive With strong alkalis cause saponification; may be vigorous if temperature is elevated & alcohol is present

Chemical Stability stable; will not polymerize

Decomposes in Presence of no decomposition triggers known

Decomposition Products none apart from Hazardous Combustion Products

Mechanical Impact not sensitive

# XI TOXICITY INFORMATION

#### i. ACUTE EXPOSURE

Skin Contact slightly irritating<sup>1</sup>, or not irritating<sup>3</sup>

Skin Absorption yes, slowly; toxic effects unlikely by this route

Eye Contact slightly irritating<sup>1</sup>, or not irritating<sup>3</sup>

Inhalation not known; dust expected to be slightly irritating Ingestion not known – ingestion causes no symptoms<sup>1,3</sup>

LD<sub>50</sub> (oral) >5000mg/kg (rat)<sup>1</sup>, for similar substance glycerol monolaurate: >20,000 & >53,000mg/kg (rat)<sup>3</sup>

LD<sub>50</sub> (skin) >2000mg/kg (rabbit)<sup>3</sup> – for similar substance glycerol monolaurate

LC<sub>50</sub> (inhalation) no data – prolonged inhalation at  $280mg/m^3$  has no effect<sup>3</sup>

#### ii. CHRONIC EXPOSURE

General repeated oral administration had no effect on rats

NOTE: glyceryl monostearate is used as food additive & in "leave-on" cosmetics

Sensitising not a sensitiser<sup>1,3</sup>

Carcinogen/Tumorigen not known to be a tumorigen or a carcinogen in humans or animals<sup>1,3</sup>

Reproductive Effect no known effect on humans or animals<sup>1,3</sup>

Mutagen not known to be a mutagen or teratogen in humans or animals<sup>1,3</sup>

Synergistic With not known

Not considered toxic on ingestion or skin application.<sup>2</sup>

#### XII ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Bioaccumulation readily metabolised; cannot bioaccumulate<sup>1,2</sup>

Biodegradation biodegrades readily in the presence of oxygen if appropriately emulsified into water – by mechanical

means or with a surfactant

Abiotic Degradation not known - should hydrolyse into glycerol and stearic acid, both readily biodegradable

Mobility in soil, water water soluble; moves readily through soil & the water column

**Aquatic Toxicity** 

LC<sub>50</sub> (Fish 96 hr) >100mg/litre (Stepan data for "Drewmulse 200" – no species given)

#### Calculated Aquatic Toxicity

No other experimental aquatic toxicity data (acute) exists. QSAR calculated data (in mg/litre) is:

 $LC_{50}$  (fish) = 0.046,  $LC_{50}$  (crustacea) = 0.018,  $EC_{50}$  (algae) = 0.017 – from Reference #1.

 $ECOSAR\ model\ calculated\ aquatic\ toxicity\ (chronic,\ in\ mg/litre)\ is:$ 

 $LC_{50}$  (fish) = 0.008,  $LC_{50}$  (crustacea) = 0.013,  $EC_{50}$  (algae) = 0.133 - from Reference #3.

**NOTE:** The above calculated data suggest that glyceryl monostearate is highly toxic to aquatic life. However, it is hard to imagine how a very low solubility substance which is simply a partially hydrolysed fat, readily digestible by all animals (terrestrial or aquatic) and rapidly biodegradable could be so toxic. Plus the Stepan data for fish (above) indicates to toxicity at all. So, a "suggested" (Reference #2) GHS classification Chronic Aquatic Toxic, Category 3, seems both illogical and indefensible.

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# XIII DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal do not flush to sewer; may be incinerated in approved facility with flue gas monitoring & scrubbing, mix

with a suitable flammable waste before incineration; local regulations may permit disposal of this harmless

material in sanitary landfill

Containers **Drums** should be reused. Recondition and pressure test by a licensed reconditioner prior to re-use.

Pails must be vented and thoroughly dried prior to crushing and recycling.

**IBCs** (intermediate bulk containers): polyethylene bottle must be pressure tested & recertified at 30 months. Replace at 60 months (5 years). Steel containers must be inspected, pressure tested & recertified every 5 years.

Warning: never cut, drill, weld or grind on or near this container, even if empty.

# XIV TRANSPORT INFORMATION

USA 49 CFR & Canada TDG

Product Identification Number

Shipping Name

Classification

Marine Pollution

UN – not regulated for transport

not regulated for transport

not regulated for transport

not a marine pollutant

ERAP Required No Reportable Quantity (RQ) none

### XV REGULATIONS

Canada DSL on inventory
U.S.A. TSCA ACTIVE
Europe EINECS on inventory

SARA 311/312 Acute: No Chronic: No Fire: No

Sudden Release of Pressure: No

Reactivity: No

#### XVI OTHER INFORMATION

Date of Preparation July 2016

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With data from Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS - USA), Hazardous Substance Data Base (HSDB - USA), Cheminfo (CCOHS - Canada), OSHA website, European Chemicals Agency (EChA) dossiers & other sources (below if used), as required/available.

(1) REACh Appendix 2; Review of Annex IV of Regulation No. 1907/2006; evaluation of existing entries, p119-121: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/reach/pdf/6b\_appendix\_2.pdf

(2) OECD; Categorisation Results fo=rom the Canadian Domestic Substances List, octadecanoic acid, 2,3-dihydroxypropyl ester: <a href="http://webnet.oecd.org/CCRWEB/ChemicalDetails.aspx?ChemicalID=6124c6b7-9da4-4a48-bda3-83dd472d2387">http://webnet.oecd.org/CCRWEB/ChemicalDetails.aspx?ChemicalID=6124c6b7-9da4-4a48-bda3-83dd472d2387</a>

(3) NICNAS (Australia) Full Public Report, octadecadienoic acid, 2,3-dihydroxypropyl ester (CAS# 2277-28-3 – a similar substance): <a href="https://www.nicnas.gov.aw/\_data/assets/word\_doc/0004/6727/LTD1487FR.docx">https://www.nicnas.gov.aw/\_data/assets/word\_doc/0004/6727/LTD1487FR.docx</a>

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