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Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME

ISOPHTHALIC ACID

OTHER NAMES

C8-H6-O4, C6H4(COOH)2, "1, 3-benzenedicarboxylic acid",
m-dicarboxybenzene, "m-benzenedicarboxylic acid", "benzene-1, 3-dicarboxylic
acid", "m-phthalic acid", "iso-phthalic acid"

PRODUCT USE

Polyester, alkyd; polyurethane and other high polymers, plasticisers.

SUPPLIER

Company: S D FINE- CHEM LIMITED

Address:

315- 317, T.V. INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,

248, WORLI,

MUMBAI- 400030.INDIA.

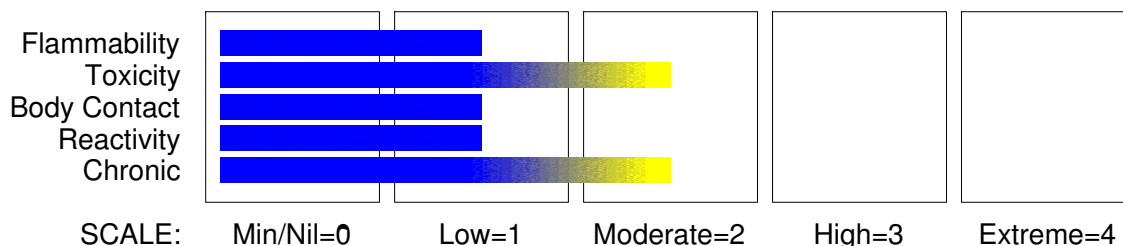
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HAZARD RATINGS



Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classification

Eye Irritation Category 2B

Reproductive Toxicity Category 2

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Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION



EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

HAZARD

WARNING

Determined by using GHS criteria:

H320 H361

Causes eye irritation

Suspected of damaging fertility

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Prevention

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Obtain special instructions before use.

Use personal protective equipment as required.

Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Response

If exposed or concerned: Get medical attention advice.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

If eye irritation persists, get medical advice/attention.

Storage

Store locked up.

Disposal

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with relevant legislation.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
isophthalic acid	121-91-5	>99

Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED

· Immediately give a glass of water.

· First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

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Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

EYE

If this product comes in contact with the eyes:

- Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water.
- Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
- Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
- Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.
- Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

SKIN

If skin contact occurs:

- Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.
- Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
- Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

INHALED

- If dust is inhaled, remove from contaminated area.
- Encourage patient to blow nose to ensure clear passage of breathing.
- If irritation or discomfort persists seek medical attention.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.
- Water spray or fog - Large fires only.

FIRE FIGHTING

- Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.
- Do not approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

FIRE/EXPLOSION HAZARD

- Solid which exhibits difficult combustion or is difficult to ignite.
- Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air, and any source of ignition, i.e. flame or spark, will cause fire or explosion. Dust clouds generated by the fine grinding of the solid are a particular hazard; accumulations of fine dust may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited.
- Dry dust can also be charged electrostatically by turbulence, pneumatic transport, pouring, in exhaust ducts and during transport.
- Build-up of electrostatic charge may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require

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Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

additional protection measures such as explosion venting.

- All movable parts coming in contact with this material should have a speed of less than 1-metre/sec.

FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

Personal Protective Equipment

Chemical splash suit.

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

MINOR SPILLS

- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Wear impervious gloves and safety glasses.
- Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Sweep up or
- Vacuum up (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).
- Place spilled material in clean, dry, sealable, labelled container.

MAJOR SPILLS

- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Control personal contact by using protective equipment and dust respirator.
- Prevent spillage from entering drains, sewers or water courses.
- Avoid generating dust.
- Sweep, shovel up. Recover product wherever possible.
- Put residues in labelled plastic bags or other containers for disposal.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



+: May be stored together

O: May be stored together with specific preventions

X: Must not be stored together

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the MSDS.

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Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- Limit all unnecessary personal contact.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- When handling DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Use good occupational work practice.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

SUITABLE CONTAINER

Multi-ply paper bag with sealed plastic liner or heavy gauge plastic bag.

NOTE: Bags should be stacked, blocked, interlocked, and limited in height so that they are stable and secure against sliding or collapse. Check that all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks. Packing as recommended by manufacturer.

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

Store away from strong oxidisers and strong alkalis.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Keep dry.
- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials.
- Protect containers against physical damage.
- Check regularly for leaks.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

The following materials had no OELs on our records

- isophthalic acid:

CAS:121- 91- 5 CAS:55185- 18- 7

MATERIAL DATA

CEL TWA: 5 mg/m³ (compare WEEL TWA)

OEL STEL (Russia): 0.2 mg/m³ (skin)

MAK Section IIb: Substances for which no MAK values can be established at present.

Exposure limits with "skin" notation indicate that vapour and liquid may be absorbed through intact skin. Absorption by skin may readily exceed vapour inhalation exposure.

Symptoms for skin absorption are the same as for inhalation. Contact with eyes and mucous membranes may also contribute to overall exposure and may also invalidate the exposure standard.

Saturated vapour concentration: 10(exp-4) mg/m³ at 25 deg. C..

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Isophthalic acid is essentially nontoxic in acute exposure. The only significant adverse effect in long-term exposure studies was the formation of kidney and bladder calculi in rats fed at relatively high doses. The no-effect level seen in a 4-week inhalation study was at least 9.6 mg/m³. Airborne concentrations necessary to produce kidney and bladder calculi are estimated to be 1400 mg/m³ assuming 100% absorption. A workplace environmental exposure level (WEEL) recommended by the AIHA is protective against systemic effects.

PERSONAL PROTECTION



EYE

- Safety glasses.
- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59].

HANDS/FEET

Rubber gloves.
PVC gloves.
Safety footwear.
Rubber boots.

OTHER

Overalls.
PVC apron.
• Barrier cream.
• Eyewash unit.
Ensure there is ready access to a safety shower.

RESPIRATOR

Protection Factor	Half- Face Respirator	Full- Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
10 x ES	P1 Air- line*	- -	PAPR- P1 -
50 x ES	Air- line**	P2	PAPR- P2
100 x ES	-	P3	-
		Air- line*	-
100+ x ES	-	Air- line**	PAPR- P3

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* - Negative pressure demand ** - Continuous flow.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.
For further information consult your Occupational Health and Safety Advisor.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

General exhaust is adequate under normal operating conditions. If risk of overexposure exists, wear SAA approved respirator. Correct fit is essential to obtain adequate protection. Provide adequate ventilation in warehouse or closed storage areas. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
solvent, vapours, degreasing etc., evaporating from tank (in still air)	0.25- 0.5 m/s (50- 100 f/min)
aerosols, fumes from pouring operations, intermittent container filling, low speed conveyer transfers, welding, spray drift, plating acid fumes, pickling (released at low velocity into zone of active generation)	0.5- 1 m/s (100- 200 f/min.)
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1- 2.5 m/s (200- 500 f/min)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5- 10 m/s (500- 2000 f/min.)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood - local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2 m/s (200-400 f/min.) for extraction of solvents generated in a tank 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

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Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE

White crystalline powder; does not mix well with water
(1:8000 cold, 1:460 boiling). Soluble in alcohol, glacial acetic acid.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid.

Does not mix with water.

Sinks in water.

Molecular Weight: 166.14

Melting Range (°C): 341- 343

Solubility in water (g/L): Immiscible

pH (1% solution): Not available

Volatile Component (%vol): Negligible

Relative Vapour Density (air=1): 5.7 (est.)

Lower Explosive Limit (%): Not available

Autoignition Temp (°C): 647.78

State: Divided solid

Boiling Range (°C): Not available

Specific Gravity (water=1): 1.5 approx.

pH (as supplied): Not applicable

Vapour Pressure (kPa): 1.5×10^{-8} mm

Evaporation Rate: Not applicable

Flash Point (°C): >110

Upper Explosive Limit (%): Not available

Decomposition Temp (°C): Not available

log Kow: 1.66

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY AND REACTIVITY INFORMATION

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

SWALLOWED

Accidental ingestion of the material may be damaging to the health of the individual. Phthalates (aromatic dicarboxylic acid esters), in general, exhibit low toxicity, partly because of poor absorption but mainly as a result of rapid metabolism in which the esters are saponified to phthalic acid (which is rapidly excreted) and the parent alcohol (which is subsequently metabolised). The pathology of these compounds seems to be related to the released alcohol and its biological effects. The rate of absorption of ingested phthalate esters is influenced by the content of dietary fat. Ingested phthalate esters may to a lesser degree be absorbed as the monoester derivatives or in the case of di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, as the diester. Cumulative toxicity of the phthalates has been observed on repeated administration. Both di-n-octyl phthalate and di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate were found to have 22-28 times greater toxicity (based on LD50s)

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following repeated administration to animals. The liver has been shown to be the target organ affected by the phthalates. In general phthalates have induced liver enlargement; this increase in liver weight has been attributed to rapid cell division (hyperplasia) along with the detachment of cells (hypertrophy). The increase in liver weight caused by phthalates has been found to reverse to normal or even below normal levels on prolonged exposure.

Exposure to phthalates, in general, has been found to be associated with a reduction in circulating cholesterol and serum triglyceride levels which accounted for a reduction in liver steroidogenesis. The phthalates also effect carbohydrate metabolism in the liver producing depleted glycogen electron transport inhibitors following interaction with mitochondria. Testicular atrophy produced in rats during feeding studies depends on the length and structure of the alcohol; in general the lower molecular weight esters produce the more severe effects. The toxicity of phthalic acid isomers decreases in the order o-phthalic acid, isophthalic acid and terephthalic acid. Phthalic acid is not metabolised but is excreted, unchanged, in the urine and faeces. Terephthalic acid appears to potentiate the biological effects of substances such as antibiotics, thiamine and sulfonamides.

EYE

Limited evidence exists, or practical experience suggests, that the material may cause eye irritation in a substantial number of individuals and/or is expected to produce significant ocular lesions which are present twenty-four hours or more after instillation into the eye(s) of experimental animals. Repeated or prolonged eye contact may cause inflammation characterised by temporary redness (similar to windburn) of the conjunctiva (conjunctivitis); temporary impairment of vision and/or other transient eye damage/ulceration may occur.

The dust may produce eye discomfort causing transient smarting, blinking.

The material may be irritating to the eye, with prolonged contact causing inflammation.

Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.

SKIN

Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.

The material is not thought to be a skin irritant (i.e. is unlikely to produce irritant dermatitis as described in EC Directives using animal models). Temporary discomfort, however, may result from prolonged dermal exposures. Good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting.

Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.

INHALED

The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting.

Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.

CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

Principal routes of exposure are by accidental skin and eye contact and inhalation of generated dusts.

Chronic over-exposure may result in kidney damage. [Sigma/Aldrich]

A Russian study describes exposure by workers to mixed phthalates (and other

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plasticisers) - pain, numbness and spasms in the upper and lower extremities were related to duration of exposures. Symptoms usually developed after the sixth or seventh year of work. Neurological studies revealed the development of polyneuritis in about 30% of the workers involved in this study. About 30% of the workforce showed depression of the vestibular receptors. Because the study described mixed exposures it is difficult to determine what, if any, unique role was played by the phthalates. Increased incidences of anovulatory reproductive cycles and low oestrogen concentrations were reported among Russian women working with phthalate plasticisers; the abnormal cycles were associated with spontaneous abortion. The specific phthalates implicated, dose levels and other data were not reported. It has been alleged that the phthalates mimic or interfere with sex packaging) and are used as ingredients in paints, inks and adhesives. Their potential for entering the human body is marked. They have been added to a list of chemicals (including alkyl phenolics, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and dioxins) which are implicated in reducing sperm counts and fertility in males a phenomenon which has apparently arisen since the mid 1960s.

Although the human foetus is "bathed" in naturally occurring oestrogens during pregnancy it is suggested that it has developed a protective mechanism against natural oestrogens but is not safe from synthetic variants. These tend to accumulate in body fats which sets them apart from the natural product. During early pregnancy, fats are broken down and may flood the body with concentrated pollutants.

TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

TOXICITY

Oral (rat) LD50: 10400 mg/kg

Intraperitoneal (mouse) LD50: 4200 mg/kg

IRRITATION

Eye (rabbit): 500 mg/24h - Mild

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

log Pow (Verschuereen 1983): 1.66

log Kow: 1.66

Toxicity Fish: LC50(96)145-295mg/L

Toxicity invertebrate: LC50(48)120mg/L

Bioaccumulation: not sig

Effects on algae and plankton: EC50(96)105-122mg/L

Degradation Biological: some

processes Abiotic: nohydrl&photl,oxid not sig,RxnOH*

Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.
- Consult State Land Waste Authority for disposal.
- Bury or incinerate residue at an approved site.
- Recycle containers if possible, or dispose of in an authorised landfill.

Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

HAZCHEM: None

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS:UN, IATA,

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Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

REGULATIONS

isophthalic acid (CAS: 121-91-5) is found on the following regulatory lists;
International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) - High Production Volume List
OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals

No data available for isophthalic acid as CAS: 55185-18-7.

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

Denmark Advisory list for selfclassification of dangerous substances

Substance	CAS	Suggested codes
isophthalic acid	121- 91- 5	R43

INGREDIENTS WITH MULTIPLE CAS NUMBERS

Ingredient Name	CAS
isophthalic acid	121- 91- 5, 55185- 18- 7

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