Safety Data Sheet



According to EC Directive 91/155/EEC

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1. Identification of the substance/preparation and of the company/undertaking

Identification of the product

Catalogue No.: 105314

Product name: Kubel-Tiemann's litmus solution for microbiology

Company/undertaking identification

Company: Merck KGaA * 64271 Darmstadt * Germany * Tel: +49 6151 72-0

Emergency telephone No.: Please contact the regional Merck representation

in your country.

2. Composition/information on ingredients

Aqueous solution of organic compounds.

Synonyms

Tiemann's solution, Litmus solution

Hazardous ingredients:

Name according to EC Directives:

CAS-No. EC No. EC-Index-No. Labelling according to EC Directives Content:

Chloroform

67-66-3 200-663-8 602-006-00-4 Xn ≥ 1 - < 5 %

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3. Hazards identification

Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

4. First aid measures

After inhalation: fresh air.

After skin contact: wash off with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing.

After eye contact: rinse out with water.

After swallowing: make the victim drink plenty of water, induce vomiting. Call in physician.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media:

In adaption to materials stored in the immediate neighbourhood.

Special risks:

Non-combustible.

Special protective equipment for fire fighting:

Do not stay in dangerous zone without self-contained breathing apparatus.

Other information:

Prevent fire-fighting water from entering surface water or groundwater.

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Accidental release measures

Person-related precautionary measures:

Avoid substance contact. Do not inhale vapours/aerosols. Ensure supply of fresh air in enclosed rooms

Environmental-protection measures:

Do not allow to enter sewerage system.

Procedures for cleaning / absorption:

Take up with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Forward for disposal. Clean up affected

7. Handling and storage

Handling:

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

Storage:

Tightly closed. In a well-ventilated place. At +15°C to +25°C.

8. **Exposure controls/personal protection**

Specific control parameter

EC

Chloroform Name 2 ml/m^3 Value 10 mg/m^3

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Personal protective equipment:

Protective clothing should be selected specifically for the working place, depending on concentration and quantity of the hazardous substances handled. The resistance of the protective clothing to chemicals should be ascertained with the respective supplier.

Respiratory protection: required when vapours/aerosols are generated.

Eye protection: required Hand protection: required

Industrial hygiene:

Change contaminated clothing. Application of skin- protective barrier cream recommended. Wash hands after working with substance.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Form: liquid Colour: dark blue Odour: odourless

pH value

(20 °C) ~ 9.0

Melting point not available Boiling point not available Ignition temperature not available

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Flash point not available **Explosion limits** lower not available

> not available upper

Density (20 °C) 1.01 g/cm^3

Solubility in

water (20 °C) soluble

10. Stability and reactivity

Conditions to be avoided

no information available

Substances to be avoided

no information available

Hazardous decomposition products

no information available

11. Toxicological information

Acute toxicity

Quantitative data on the toxicity of this product are not available.

Subacute to chronic toxicity

Applicable to partial component(s):

The carcinogenic potential requires further clarification.

Further toxicological information

Property that must be anticipated on the basis from the components of the preparation:

After inhalation of vapours: coughing, dyspnoea.

After absorption: agitation, spasms, narcosis.
After skin contact: Slight irritations. Danger of skin absorption.

After eye contact: Slight irritations. After swallowing: nausea, vomiting.

Systemic effects:

After long-term exposure to the chemical: drop in blood pressure, headache, ataxia (impaired locomotor coordination), gastrointestinal complaints, cardiovascular disorders.

Other notes: Cannot be excluded: Damage of: liver, kidneys.

Further data

Further hazardous properties cannot be excluded. The product should be handled with the care usual when dealing with chemicals.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxic effects:

Quantitative data on the ecological effect of this product are not available.

Further ecologic data:

Do not allow to enter waters, waste water, or soil!

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13. Disposal considerations

Product:

There are no uniform EC Regulations for the disposal of chemicals or residues. Chemical residues generally count as special waste. The disposal of the latter is regulated in the EC member countries through corresponding laws and regulations. We recommend that you contact either the authorities in charge or approved waste disposal companies which will advise you on how to dispose of special waste.

Packaging:

Disposal in compliance with official regulations. Handle contaminated packaging in the same way as the substance itself. If not officially specified differently, non-contaminated packaging may be treated like household waste or recycled.

14. Transport information

Entire package: not subject to transport regulations.

15. Regulatory information

Labelling according to EC Directives

Symbol: Xn Harmful

R-phrases: 40 Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.
S-phrases: 36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

contains: Chloroform

16. Other information

Classified as hazardous substance after reevaluation.

Change/addition in the chapter 8. Specific control parameter.

Change in the chapter on toxicology.

General update.

Regional representation:

This information is given on the authorised Safety Data Sheet for your country.

The information contained herein is based on the present state of our knowledge. It characterizes the product with regard to the appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent a guarantee of the properties of the product.