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MSDS No: M00484

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

Product Name: Benzene
Catalog Number: 1444017

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SDS Number: M00484
Chemical Name: Benzene
Chemical Formula: C₆H₆
Chemical Family: Aromatic Compounds
Use of the substance/preparation: Laboratory Reagent
CAS No.: 71-43-2

Hazard: Extremely Flammable. Highly toxic. Vapors harmful. Recognized carcinogen. May cause irritation. Experimental mutagen.

Date of MSDS Preparation:

Day: 12

Month: 01

Year: 2006

Additional Emergency Response Numbers: Austria: +49 (0)6131 19240, Belgium: +32 -(0)70 -245245, France: +33 (0)1 -40370404, Italy: +39 -0266101029, Netherlands: +31 -(0)30 -2748888, Switzerland: +41 -(0)1 -2515151

2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Benzene

EEC Number: 2007537

CAS No.: 7440

Percent Range: 100,0

Percent Range Units: volume / volume

Ingredient EEC Symbol: F - HIGHLY FLAMMABLE T - TOXIC

Ingredient R phrase(s) (R phrase details given in Heading 16): R 45 R 48/23/24/25 R 11

TLV: 1 ppm

PEL: 10 ppm

EU Occupational Exposure Limits: 1 ppm (3,2 mg/m³); Skin Notation

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview:

Appearance: Clear, colorless liquid

Odor: Mild hydrocarbon

EU Symbols: F - HIGHLY FLAMMABLE T - TOXIC

R PHRASES: R 45: May cause cancer. R 11: Highly flammable. R 48/23/24/25: Toxic: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

Protective Equipment:

Potential Health Effects:

Eye Contact (EC): Causes moderate irritation

Skin Contact (EC): Causes moderate irritation Can defat the skin causing: skin redness, irritation or dermatitis

Skin Absorption (EC): Toxic Will be absorbed through the skin. Effects similar to those of ingestion

Target Organs (SA E): Central nervous system Blood Liver Kidneys Bone marrow

Ingestion (EC): Toxic Causes: gastrointestinal disturbances nausea vomiting Benzene causes central nervous effects including: headache, confusion, drunkenness, dizziness, giddiness, ringing in the ears, fatigue, lethargy sleepiness, central nervous stimulation and then depression, and coma. Benzene can cause: tightening of the muscles, constriction of the chest, chemical pneumonitis, breathlessness, reversible liver and kidney damage, ventricular fibrillation, respiratory collapse, and death.

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Medical Conditions Aggravated: Pre-existing: Eye conditions Skin conditions Respiratory conditions Bone marrow diseases Kidney conditions Liver conditions blood disorders Central nervous system diseases

Chronic Effects: Benzene causes: anemia, bone marrow effects, central nervous effects, tachycardia, nosebleeds, bleeding of the gums and weight loss. Benzene can accumulate in the body's tissues. Chronic overexposure may cause leukemia

Cancer / Reproductive Toxicity Information:

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Additional Cancer / Reproductive Toxicity Information: an experimental mutagen. an experimental teratogen.

Toxicologically Synergistic Products: Benzene's toxic effects are enhanced when it is mixed with toluene and gasoline. Benzene, when combined with lead, may suppress the production of heme (the oxygen-carrying component of blood) more than either chemical alone.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes with water for 15 minutes. Call physician.

Skin Contact (First Aid): Wash skin with soap and plenty of water for 15 minutes. Call physician immediately. Remove contaminated clothing.

Ingestion (First Aid): Do not induce vomiting. Call physician immediately.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if necessary. Call physician.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable Properties: Extremely Flammable. Material will readily ignite at room temperatures. Vaporizes easily at normal temperatures. Vapors may form explosive mixture with air. Vapors can travel to a source of ignition and flash back.

Hazardous Combustion Products: Toxic fumes of: carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide.

Fire / Explosion Hazards: Very flammable. Do not expose to flames. Do not expose to sparks or other ignition sources. May react violently with: oxidizers

Static Discharge: None reported.

Mechanical Impact: None reported

Extinguishing Media: Carbon dioxide Dry chemical. Alcohol foam. Do NOT use water.

Extinguishing Media NOT To Be Used: Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable Do NOT use water.

Fire Fighting Instruction: As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand and full protective gear. Containers can build up pressure if exposed to heat. Evacuate area and fight fire from a safe distance.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Spill Response Notice:

Only persons properly qualified to respond to an emergency involving hazardous substances should respond to a spill involving chemicals. See Section 13, Special Instructions for disposal assistance.

Containment Technique: Releases of this material may contaminate the environment. Remove all combustible material from spill area. Remove all ignition and spark-creating sources from the spill area. Cover spilled liquid with a commercially available flammable liquid sorbent such as vapor barrier blanket or activated carbon to avoid evolution of fumes. Vapors may travel to a source of ignition and flash back. May be ignited by: heat, sparks, or flames. Material will float on water creating a fire hazard. Dike the material to create a barrier to combustibles.

Clean -up Technique: Eliminate all sources of ignition. Do not breathe the fumes. Cover with an inert material, such as sand. Use only non -sparking tools. Sweep up material. Incinerate material at an E.P.A. approved hazardous waste facility. Decontaminate the area of the spill with a soap solution.

Evacuation Procedure: Evacuate general area (50 foot radius or as directed by your facility's emergency response plan) when: any quantity is spilled. If conditions warrant, increase the size of the evacuation.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Avoid contact with eyes skin clothing Do not breathe mist or vapors. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling. Maintain general industrial hygiene practices when using this product.

Storage: Protect from: heat sparks, flames and other ignition sources Keep container tightly closed when not in use.

Special Packaging Instructions: Not applicable

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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Engineering Controls: Have an eyewash station nearby. Have a safety shower nearby. Maintain adequate ventilation to keep vapor level below TWA for chemicals in this product. Maintain general industrial hygiene practices when using this product.

Personal Protective Equipment:

Eye Protection: chemical splash goggles

Skin / Hand Protection: nitrile gloves lab coat

Inhalation Protection: laboratory fume hood

Precautionary Measures: Avoid contact with: eyes skin clothing Do not breathe: mist/vapor Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling. Protect from: heat sparks, flames and other ignition sources

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9. PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Clear, colorless liquid

Physical State: Liquid

Odor: Mild hydrocarbon

pH: Not Applicable

Vapor Pressure: 100 mm @ 26° C (79° F)

Vapor Density (air = 1): 2,77

Boiling Point: 80° C (176° F)

Melting Point: Not determined

Flash Point: -11° C (12° F)

Method: Closed cup

Autoignition Temperature: 562° C (1044° F)

Flammability Limits:

Lower Explosion Limits: 1,3%

Upper Explosion Limits: 7,5%

Specific Gravity (water = 1): 0,879

Evaporation Rate (water = 1): Not determined

Volatile Organic Compounds Content: 100%

Partition Coefficient (n -octanol / water): Not determined

Solubility:

Water: Insoluble

Acid: Not determined

Other: Soluble in most organic solvents

Metal Corrosivity:

Steel: Not determined

Aluminum: Not determined

10. STABILITY / REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability: Stable when stored under proper conditions.

Conditions to Avoid: Contact with heat, sparks, open flames or other ignition sources.
Reactivity / Incompatibility: May react violently in contact with: oxidizers Incompatible with: acids chlorine
Hazardous Decomposition: Heating to decomposition releases toxic and/or corrosive fumes of: carbon dioxide carbon monoxide
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Product Toxicological Data:

LD50: Oral rat LD50 = 930 mg/kg, Oral mouse LD50 = 4700 mg/kg, Oral Human LDLo = 50 mg/kg, See RTECS for further information.

LC50: Inhalation rat LC50 = 10000 ppm/7H, Inhalation Human LCLo = 2000 ppm/5M, See RTECS for further information.

Dermal Toxicity Data: Dermal rabbit LD50 > 9400 mg/kg, Dermal guinea pig LD50 > 9400 mg/kg

Skin and Eye Irritation Data: Skin: rabbit 15 mg /24H MILD, rabbit 20mg/24H MODERATE; Eye: rabbit 88 mg MODERATE, rabbit 2 mg/24H SEVERE

Mutation Data: Human DNA inhibition - Leukocytes 2200 µmol, Human DNA inhibition - HeLa Cells 2200 µmol, Human Sister Chromatid exchange - Lymphocytes 200 µmol, See RTECS for further information.

Reproductive Effects Data: Inhalation rat TCLo = 670 mg/m³/24H - effects on fertility, Inhalation rat TCLo = 50 ppm/24H extra embryonic structures - fetotoxicity, Inhalation rat TCLo = 150 ppm/24H effects on fertility - musculoskeletal abnormalities

Oral mouse TCLo = 9 mg/kg effects on fertility, Oral mouse TCLo = 6500 mg/kg effects on newborn growth statistics, See RTECS for further information.

Ingredient Toxicological Data: --

Not applicable

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Product Ecological Information: BOD₅ = 2,18; COD = 2,15; minnow LC50 = 5 -7 mg/l/6H; bluegill sunfish LC50 = 20 mg/l/24 -48H; Algae: Chlorella vulgaris 50% inhibition of cell multiplication at 92 mg/l

Ingredient Ecological Information: --

Not applicable

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

NOTICE (Disposal): These disposal guidelines are based on federal regulations and may be superseded by more stringent state or local requirements. Please consult your local environmental regulators for more information. In Europe: Chemical and analysis solutions must be disposed of in compliance with the respective national regulations. Product packaging must be disposed of in compliance with the country-specific regulations or must be passed to a packaging return system.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

I.C.A.O.:

I.C.A.O. Proper Shipping Name: Benzene

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ICAO Hazard Class: 3

ICAO Subsidiary Risk: NA

ICAO UN/ID Number: UN1114

ICAO Packing Group: II

I.M.O.:

I.M.O. Proper Shipping Name: Benzene

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I.M.O. Hazard Class: 3

I.M.O. Subsidiary Risk: NA

I.M.O. UN Number: UN1114

I.M.O. Packing Group: II

A.D.R.:

A.D.R. Proper Shipping Name: Benzene

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A.D.R. Hazard Class: 3

A.D.R. Subsidiary Risk: NA

A.D.R. UN -Number:: 1114

A.D.R. Packing Group: II

Additional Information: This product may be shipped as part of a chemical kit composed of various compatible dangerous goods for analytical or testing purposes. This kit would have the following classification: Proper Shipping Name: Chemical Kit Hazard Class: 9 UN Number 3 316

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

National Inventories:

EEC Inventory Status: EINECS Listed: Yes

EEC Number: 2007537

EEC LABEL COPY:

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S PHRASES: S 53: Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use. S 45: In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Revision Summary: Updates in Section(s) 14,

Legend:

NA - Not Applicable	w/w - weight/weight
ND - Not Determined	w/v - weight/volume
NV - Not Available	v/v - volume/volume

USER RESPONSIBILITY: Each user should read and understand this information and incorporate it in individual site safety programs in accordance with applicable hazard communication standards and regulations.

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