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## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### SECTION I - IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT:** CA1090 HIGH PURITY STEARIC ACID 85%  
**SYNONYMS:** OCTADECANOIC ACID  
**CHEMICAL:** ALIPHATIC ACID  
**CAS NO:** 57-11-4  
**SARA HAZARD:** NONE NOTED (SECTION 311/312)  
TITLE III SECTION 313 NOT LISTED

### SECTION II - INGREDIENTS AND HAZARD CLASSIFICATION

COMPOSITION	TYPICAL %	PEL/TLV	HAZARD
STEARIC ACID (57-11-4)	87	NONE/NONE	NONE NOTED
PALMITIC ACID (57-10-3)	11	NONE / NONE	NONE NOTED
MYRISTIC ACID (544-63-8)	2	NONE / NONE	NONE NOTED

### SECTION III - HEALTH INFORMATION

**INHALATION:** UNKNOWN

**INGESTION:** LD50:>10 G/KG (ALBINO RATS) (STEARIC AND PALMITIC ACIDS)

**EYE CONTACT:** THE MATERIAL PRODUCED ONLY MILD CONJUNCTIVAL ERYTHEMA IN TWO OF SIX RABBITS AT HE 24 AND 48 - HOUR READINGS. NOT OTHER SIGNS OF IRRITATION WERE OBSERVED. ALL SIGNS OF IRRITATION HAD SUBSIDED COMPLETELY AT THE 72 - HOUR READING.

**SKIN CONTACT:** NO SIGNS OF IRRITATION OR CORROSIVITY AT EITHER INTACT OR ABRADED SITES ON ALBINO RABBIT. PRIMARY IRRITATION INDEX WAS ZERO. 75 MG OF STEARIC ACID APPLIED INTERMITTENTLY TO HUMAN SKIN OVER A 3-DAY PERIOD RESULTED IN MILD IRRITATION. 500 MG OF STEARIC ACID APPLIED TO RABBIT SKIN OVER A 24-HOUR PERIOD RESULTED IN MODERATE IRRITATION.

#### SECTION IV - OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMITS

PEL: NO OSHA PEL  
TLV: NO ACGIH TLV

#### SECTION V - EMERGENCY FIRST AID PROCEDURE

**INGESTION:** CALL A PHYSICIAN OR POISON CONTROL CENTER PROMPTLY.

**INHALATION:** IMMEDIATELY REMOVE VICTIM TO FRESH AIR. IF VICTIM HAS STOPPED BREATHING GIVE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION, PREFERABLY BY MOUTH TO MOUTH. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

**EYE CONTACT:** IMMEDIATELY FLUSH EYES WITH PLENTY OF COOL WATER FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES. DO NOT LET VICTIM RUB EYES. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

**SKIN CONTACT:** WASH AFFECTED AREA

#### SECTION VI - PHYSICAL DATA

**BOILING POINT:** 720 DEG F (382 DEG C) @ 760 mm Hg  
**MELTING POINT:** 65 - 67 DEG C  
**VAPOR PRESSURE:** 10 MM HG PRESSURE AT 225 DEG C (APPROX.)  
**SPECIFIC GRAVITY:** 0.85 AT 75/25 DEG C  
**SOLUBILITY IN WATER:** INSOLUBLE  
**APPEARANCE AND COLOR:** WHITE, WAXY SOLID WITH A FATTY ACID ODOR

#### SECTION VII - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS

**FLASH POINT AND METHOD USED:** 365 DEG F (185 DEG C) COC  
**FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR, % BY VOL. LOWER:** NOT ESTABLISHED  
**FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR, % BY VOL. UPPER:** NOT ESTABLISHED  
**NFPA RATING: HEALTH: (1) FIRE: (1) REACTIVITY: (0)**  
**HMIS RATING: HEALTH: (1) FIRE: (1) REACTIVITY: (0)**

#### SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES AND PRECAUTIONS:

INDIVIDUALS SHOULD PERFORM ONLY THOSE FIRE PROCEDURES FOR WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED. WATER OR FOAM MAY CAUSE FROTHING WHEN APPLIED TO FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS HAVING FLASH POINTS ABOVE 212 DEG F (100 DEG C). THE REMARK IS INCLUDED ONLY AS A PRECAUTION AND DOES NOT MEAN THAT WATER OR FOAM SHOULD NOT OR COULD NOT BE USED IN FIGHTING FIRES IN SUCH LIQUIDS. THE FROTHING MAY BE QUITE VIOLENT AND COULD ENDANGER THE LIFE OF THE FIREFIGHTER PARTICULARLY WHEN SOLID STREAMS ARE DIRECTED INTO THE HOT BURNING LIQUID. ON THE OTHER HAND, WATER SPRAY CAREFULLY APPLIED HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN USED WITH SUCCESS IN EXTINGUISHING SUCH FIRES BY CAUSING THE FROTHING TO OCCUR ONLY ON THE SURFACE AND THIS FOAMING ACTION BLANKETS THE EXTINGUISHES THE FIRE. (NFPA 325M-1984)

#### UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:

FIREFIGHTERS SHOULD WEAR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS IN THE POSITIVE-PRESSURE MODE WITH A FULL FACEPIECE WHEN THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF EXPOSURE TO SMOKE, FUMES OR HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION

PRODUCTS. STEARIC ACID POWDER IS A FLAMMABLE DUST. CONCENTRATIONS AS LOW AS 0.017 OZ/CU FT IN AIR CAN BURN AND IF IGNITED IN A CONFINED SPACE CAN EXPLODE.

#### SECTION VIII - REACTIVITY

<b>STABILITY:</b>	GENERALLY STABLE
<b>HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:</b>	NONE LIKELY
<b>CONDITIONS AND MATERIALS TO AVOID:</b>	AVOID CONTACT WITH STRONG OXIDIZING AGENTS AND STRONG ALKALIS.
<b>HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:</b>	DECOMPOSITION MAY PRODUCE CARBON MONOXIDE AND CARBON DIOXIDE.

#### SECTION IX - EMPLOYEE PROTECTION

**CONTROL MEASURES:**  
HANDLE IN THE PRESENCE OF ADEQUATE VENTILATION.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:**  
RECOMMENDED EXPOSURE LIMITS (I. E. OSHA-PEL AND ACGIH-TLV) HAVE NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THIS MATERIAL. WHETHER THERE IS A NEED FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION UNDER YOUR CONDITIONS OF HANDLING OF THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE EVALUATED BY A QUALIFIED HEALTH SPECIALIST.

**PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:**  
WEAR GLOVES AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING WHICH ARE IMPERVIOUS TO THE PRODUCT FOR THE DURATION OF ANTICIPATED EXPOSURE IF THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR PROLONGED OR REPEATED SKIN CONTACT.

**EYE PROTECTION:**  
WEAR SAFETY GLASSES MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS OF ANSI STANDARD Z87.1 WHERE NO CONTACT WITH THE EYE IS ANTICIPATED. CHEMICAL SAFETY GOGGLES MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS OF ANSI STANDARD Z87.1 SHOULD BE WORN WHENEVER THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF SPLASHING OR OTHER CONTACT WITH THE EYES.

#### SECTION X - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS:**  
AVOID UNCONTROLLED RELEASES OF THIS MATERIAL. WHERE SPILLS ARE POSSIBLE, A COMPREHENSIVE SPILL RESPONSE PLAN SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED.

**SPILL OR LEAK PRECAUTIONS:**  
WEAR APPROPRIATE RESPIRATORY PROTECTION AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION IX. CONTAIN SPILLED MATERIAL. TRANSFER TO SECURE CONTAINERS. WHERE NECESSARY, COLLECT USING ABSORBENT MEDIA. IN THE EVENT OF AN UNCONTROLLED RELEASE OF THIS MATERIAL, THE USER SHOULD DETERMINE IF THE RELEASE IS REPORTABLE UNDER APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

**WASTE DISPOSAL:**

ALL RECOVERED MATERIAL SHOULD BE PACKAGED, LABELED, TRANSPORTED, AND DISPOSED OR RECLAIMED IN CONFORMANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND IN CONFORMANCE WITH GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICES. AVOID LANDFILLING OF LIQUIDS. RECLAIM WHERE POSSIBLE.

**SECTION XI - REGULATORY CONTROLS**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:**

**DOT CLASSIFICATION:** NOT REGULATED  
**DOT PROPER SHIPPING NAME:**  
**OTHER DOT INFORMATION:**

**OTHER REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

LISTED IN TSCA INVENTORY  
LISTED IN CANADIAN DSL

**CERCLA HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:**

NONE NOTED

**SECTION XII - PRECAUTIONS: HANDLING, STORAGE AND USAGE**

NO SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY.

KEEP IN CLOSED OR COVERED CONTAINERS AND DO NOT STORE NEAR HEAT OR OPEN FLAMES TO PRESERVE THE COLOR AND ODOR CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS PRODUCT.

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