1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Sodium tetraborate decahydrate

Product Number : S9640
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No. : 005-011-01-1
REACH No. : 01-2119490790-32-XXXX
CAS-No. : 1303-96-4

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich
3050 Spruce Street
SAINT LOUIS MO  63103
USA

Telephone : +1 800-325-5832
Fax : +1 800-325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
Reproductive toxicity (Category 1B), H360

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)
H360 : May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary statement(s)
P201 : Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 : Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P281 : Use personal protective equipment as required.
P308 + P313 : IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
P405 : Store locked up.
P501 : Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none
3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Synonyms:
- Boraxdecahydrate
- Sodium boratedecahydrate

Formula:
\[ \text{B}_4\text{Na}_2\text{O}_7 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O} \]

Molecular Weight: 381.37 g/mol

CAS-No.: 1303-96-4

EC-No.: 215-540-4

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Hazardous components

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

If swallowed
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

no data available

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Borane/boron oxides, Sodium oxides

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

The product itself does not burn.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.
For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 **Environmental precautions**
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 **Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 **Reference to other sections**
For disposal see section 13.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 **Precautions for safe handling**
Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

7.3 **Specific end use(s)**
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 **Control parameters**

**Components with workplace control parameters**

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8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection
Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166. Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166 (EU).

Skin protection
Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374
If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Body Protection
Impervious clothing. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Respiratory protection
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Control of environmental exposure
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance
   Form: crystalline
   Colour: white

b) Odour
   No data available

c) Odour Threshold
   No data available

d) pH
   9.2 at 10 g/l

e) Melting point/freezing point
   62 °C (144 °F)

f) Initial boiling point and boiling range
   No data available

g) Flash point
   No data available
h) Evaporation rate no data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas) no data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits no data available
k) Vapour pressure no data available
l) Vapour density no data available
m) Relative density 1.73 g/cm3 at 25 °C (77 °F)
n) Water solubility 38.1 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - completely soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water no data available
p) Auto-ignition temperature no data available
q) Decomposition temperature no data available
r) Viscosity no data available
s) Explosive properties no data available
t) Oxidizing properties no data available

9.2 Other safety information
no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity
no data available

10.2 Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
no data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid
no data available

10.5 Incompatible materials
Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
Other decomposition products - no data available
In the event of fire: see section 5

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - rat - 4,500 - 5,000 mg/kg
Inhalation: no data available
LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 10,000 mg/kg
no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
no data available
Respiratory or skin sensitisation
no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
no data available

Carcinogenicity
IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity
fetotoxicity
Presumed human reproductive toxicant

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
no data available

Aspiration hazard
no data available

Additional Information
RTECS: VZ2275000
Animal feeding studies in rat, mouse and dog, at high doses, have demonstrated effects on fertility and testes. Studies with the chemically related boric acid in the rat, mouse and rabbit, at high doses, demonstrate developmental effects on the fetus, including fetal weight loss and minor skeletal variations. The doses administered were many times in excess of those to which humans would normally be exposed. Human epidemiological studies show no increase in pulmonary disease in occupational populations with chronic exposures to boric acid dust and sodium borate dust. A recent epidemiological study under the conditions of normal occupational exposure to borate dusts indicated no effect on fertility.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity
Toxicity to fish LC50 - Carassius auratus (goldfish) - 178 mg/l - 72 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 1,085 - 1,402 mg/l - 48 h
Toxicity to algae IC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - 158 mg/l - 96 h

12.2 Persistence and degradability
no data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
no data available

12.4 Mobility in soil
no data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Other adverse effects
no data available
13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
Not dangerous goods

IMDG
Not dangerous goods

IATA
Not dangerous goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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SARA 302 Components
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components
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Pennsylvania Right To Know Components
Disodium tetraborate decahydrate
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Revision Date 2007-03-01

New Jersey Right To Know Components
Disodium tetraborate decahydrate
CAS-No. 1303-96-4
Revision Date 2007-03-01

California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.
Repr. Reproductive toxicity

HMIS Rating
Health hazard: 1
Chronic Health Hazard: *
Flammability: 0
Physical Hazard 0
NFPA Rating
Health hazard: 0
Fire Hazard: 0
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Further information
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