

# **CHROMIUM SULPHATE BASIC ALPHA CHEMICALS PTY LTD**

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## SECTION 1 Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

Product	Identifier
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Product name	CHROMIUM SULPHATE BASIC	
Chemical Name	chromic sulfate	
Synonyms  Cr3-O8-S2; Cr3(SO4)2; Cr3/2(H2SO4); basic chromium sulfate; sulfuric acid, chromium(3+) salt (3:2); chromic sulphate; dichromium to sulfuric acid, chromium(3+) salt (3:2); chromic sulphate; dichromium to sulfuric acid, chromium(3+) salt (3:2); Cr.3/2 H2-O4-S.x H2-O (CAS RN: 15244-38-9); chromium(III) sulfate hydrate; chromium tis(sulfate; chromiumsulfate (2:3) hydrate; chromium(3+) sesquisulfate hydrate; Cuirextan ECO; Cuirextan BS; octahydrate - CAS RN: 15244-38-9); chromium(III) sulfate hydrate; chromium tis(sulfate; chromium tis(sulfate; chromium) sulfate; chromium(III) sulfate hydrate; chromium tis(sulfate; chromium) sulfate; sulfuric acid, chromium(3+) salt (3:2); chromic sulphate; dichromium tis(sulfate; chromium) sulfate; sulfuric acid, chromium(III) sulfate hydrate; chromium tis(sulfate; chromium) sulfate; chromium tis(sulfate;		
Proper shipping name	corrosive solid, Acidic, Inorganic, N.O.S. (contains Chromium Sulphate Basic)	
<b>Chemical formula</b> Cr.3/2H2O4S.15/2H2O Cr .3/2 H2-O4-S Cr.3/2H2O4S.xH2O		
Other means of identification Not Available		
CAS number	<b>CAS number</b> 10101-53-8	

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

Relevant identified uses	Source of inorganic chromic compounds. For insolubilising gelatin, catalyst preparation, textile mordant, leather tanning, chrome plating,
	improving dispersibility of vinyl polymers in water and the manufacture of green varnishes, paints, inks, glazes for porcelain.

## Details of the manufacturer or supplier of the safety data sheet

Registered company name	ALPHA CHEMICALS PTY LTD	
Address	4 ALLEN PLACE WETHERILL PARK NSW 2164 Australia	
Telephone	61 (0)2 9982 4622	
Fax	Not Available	
Website	~	
Email	shane@alphachem.com.au	

## **Emergency telephone number**

Association / Organisation	ALPHA CHEMICALS PTY LTD	CHEMWATCH EMERGENCY RESPONSE
Emergency telephone numbers	61 (0)418 237 771	+61 1800 951 288
Other emergency telephone numbers	Not Available	+61 3 9573 3188

Once connected and if the message is not in your preferred language then please dial 01

## **SECTION 2 Hazards identification**

## Classification of the substance or mixture

## HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL. DANGEROUS GOODS. According to the WHS Regulations and the ADG Code.

## Chemwatch Hazard Ratings



Poisons Schedule	Not Applicable
Classification [1]  Acute Toxicity (Oral) Category 4, Acute Toxicity (Dermal) Category 4, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 4, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 4, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 4, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 4, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 4, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 4, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 4, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 3, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 4, Acute Toxi	
Legend:	1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI

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#### Label elements







Signal word	

Danger

## Hazard statement(s)

H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H312	Harmful in contact with skin.
H332	Harmful if inhaled.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

## Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

P260	Do not breathe dust/fume.	
P264	P264 Wash all exposed external body areas thoroughly after handling.	
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.		
P280	Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.	
P270	P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.	
P273	Avoid release to the environment.	

## Precautionary statement(s) Response

P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.	
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water [or shower].	
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.	
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider.	
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.	
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider if you feel unwell.	
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.	
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.	

## Precautionary statement(s) Storage

P405 Store locked up.

## Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation.

## **SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients**

## Substances

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
10101-53-8	100	Chromium Sulphate Basic

Legend: \* EU IOELVs available

1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI; 4. Classification drawn from C&L;

## **Mixtures**

See section above for composition of Substances

## **SECTION 4 First aid measures**

## Description of first aid measures

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

- ▶ 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 Contact**

**Eye Contact** 

- Immediately flush body and clothes with large amounts of water, using safety shower if available.
- Quickly remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.
- Wash skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre.
- ► Transport to hospital, or doctor.

If skin or hair contact occurs:

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If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested. Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary. Transport to hospital, or doctor, without delay. Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes) may cause lung oedema. Inhalation ▶ Corrosive substances may cause lung damage (e.g. lung oedema, fluid in the lungs). As this reaction may be delayed up to 24 hours after exposure, affected individuals need complete rest (preferably in semi-recumbent posture) and must be kept under medical observation even if no symptoms are (yet) manifested. ▶ Before any such manifestation, the administration of a spray containing a dexamethasone derivative or beclomethasone derivative may be considered. This must definitely be left to a doctor or person authorised by him/her. (ICSC13719) For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor at once. Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed. If swallowed do **NOT** induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration. Ingestion Observe the patient carefully. ▶ Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious. • Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink. ► Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.

## Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

For acute or short term repeated exposures to strong acids:

- Airway problems may arise from laryngeal edema and inhalation exposure. Treat with 100% oxygen initially.
- Respiratory distress may require cricothyroidotomy if endotracheal intubation is contraindicated by excessive swelling
- Intravenous lines should be established immediately in all cases where there is evidence of circulatory compromise.
- Strong acids produce a coagulation necrosis characterised by formation of a coagulum (eschar) as a result of the dessicating action of the acid on proteins in specific tissues. INGESTION:
- Immediate dilution (milk or water) within 30 minutes post ingestion is recommended.
- ▶ DO NOT attempt to neutralise the acid since exothermic reaction may extend the corrosive injury.
- ▶ Be careful to avoid further vomit since re-exposure of the mucosa to the acid is harmful. Limit fluids to one or two glasses in an adult.
- Charcoal has no place in acid management.
- ▶ Some authors suggest the use of lavage within 1 hour of ingestion.

## SKIN:

- ▶ Skin lesions require copious saline irrigation. Treat chemical burns as thermal burns with non-adherent gauze and wrapping.
- ▶ Deep second-degree burns may benefit from topical silver sulfadiazine.

## EYE:

- Eye injuries require retraction of the eyelids to ensure thorough irrigation of the conjuctival cul-de-sacs. Irrigation should last at least 20-30 minutes. DO NOT use neutralising agents or any other additives. Several litres of saline are required.
- Cycloplegic drops, (1% cyclopentolate for short-term use or 5% homatropine for longer term use) antibiotic drops, vasoconstrictive agents or artificial tears may be indicated dependent on the severity of the injury.
- ▶ Steroid eye drops should only be administered with the approval of a consulting ophthalmologist).

[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

## **SECTION 5 Firefighting measures**

## **Extinguishing media**

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

## Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility	None known.		
Advice for firefighters			
Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.     Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.     Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.     Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding 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.			
Non combustible.     Not considered to be a significant fire risk.     Acids may react with metals to produce hydrogen, a highly flammable and explosive gas.     Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.     May emit corrosive, poisonous fumes. May emit acrid smoke.     Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of: sulfur oxides (SOx) metal oxides			
HAZCHEM	2X		

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## Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

## **Environmental precautions**

See section 12

Methods and material for cont	ainment and cleaning up
Minor Spills	<ul> <li>Remove all ignition sources.</li> <li>Clean up all spills immediately.</li> <li>Avoid contact with skin and eyes.</li> <li>Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.</li> <li>Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.</li> <li>Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.</li> <li>Drains for storage or use areas should have retention basins for pH adjustments and dilution of spills before discharge or disposal of material.</li> <li>Check regularly for spills and leaks.</li> </ul>
Major Spills	<ul> <li>Clear area of personnel and move upwind.</li> <li>Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.</li> <li>Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.</li> <li>Consider evacuation (or protect in place).</li> <li>Stop leak if safe to do so.</li> <li>Contain spill with sand, earth or vermiculite.</li> <li>Collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling.</li> </ul>

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

## **SECTION 7 Handling and storage**

Storage incompatibility

Precautions for safe handling	
Safe handling	<ul> <li>Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.</li> <li>Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.</li> <li>Use in a well-ventilated area.</li> <li>WARNING: To avoid violent reaction, ALWAYS add material to water and NEVER water to material.</li> <li>Avoid smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.</li> <li>Avoid contact with incompatible materials.</li> <li>When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.</li> <li>Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.</li> </ul>
Other information	<ul> <li>Store in original containers.</li> <li>Keep containers securely sealed.</li> <li>Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.</li> <li>Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.</li> <li>Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.</li> <li>Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.</li> </ul>

## Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- DO NOT use aluminium or galvanised containers Check regularly for spills and leaks
  - Glass container is suitable for laboratory quantities
- ▶ Lined metal can, lined metal pail/ can.
- Plastic pail.
- Polyliner drum
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.
- Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

For low viscosity materials

- ▶ Drums and jerricans must be of the non-removable head type. Suitable container
  - ▶ Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure. For materials with a viscosity of at least 2680 cSt. (23 deg. C) and solids (between 15 C deg. and 40 deg C.):
  - ► Removable head packaging;
  - Cans with friction closures and
  - low pressure tubes and cartridges

may be used.

Where combination packages are used, and the inner packages are of glass, porcelain or stoneware, there must be sufficient inert cushioning material in contact with inner and outer packages unless the outer packaging is a close fitting moulded plastic box and the substances are not incompatible with the plastic.

## Derivative of electropositive metal.

- Inorganic acids are generally soluble in water with the release of hydrogen ions. The resulting solutions have pH's of less than 7.0.
- Inorganic acids neutralise chemical bases (for example: amines and inorganic hydroxides) to form salts neutralisation can generate dangerously large amounts of heat in small spaces.
- ▶ The dissolution of inorganic acids in water or the dilution of their concentrated solutions with additional water may generate significant heat.
- The addition of water to inorganic acids often generates sufficient heat in the small region of mixing to cause some of the water to boil explosively. The resulting "bumping" can spatter the acid.
- Inorganic acids react with active metals, including such structural metals as aluminum and iron, to release hydrogen, a flammable gas.
- Inorganic acids can initiate the polymerisation of certain classes of organic compounds.
- WARNING: Avoid or control reaction with peroxides. All transition metal peroxides should be considered as potentially explosive. For example transition metal complexes of alkyl hydroperoxides may decompose explosively.
- The pi-complexes formed between chromium(0), vanadium(0) and other transition metals (haloarene-metal complexes) and mono-or poly-fluorobenzene show extreme sensitivity to heat and are explosive.
- Avoid reaction with borohydrides or cyanoborohydrides
- Metals and their oxides or salts may react violently with chlorine trifluoride and bromine trifluoride.

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- These trifluorides are hypergolic oxidisers. They ignite on contact (without external source of heat or ignition) with recognised fuels contact with these materials, following an ambient or slightly elevated temperature, is often violent and may produce ignition.
- ► The state of subdivision may affect the results.

## SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

#### Control parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

#### **INGREDIENT DATA**

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
Australia Exposure Standards	Chromium Sulphate Basic	Chromium (III) compounds (as Cr)	0.5 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

#### Emergency Limits

Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2		TEEL-3
Chromium Sulphate Basic	5.7 mg/m3	63 mg/m3		380 mg/m3
Ingredient	Original IDLH		Revised IDLH	
Chromium Sulphate Basic	25 mg/m3		Not Available	

#### **Exposure controls**

## Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection. The basic types of engineering controls are:

## Appropriate engineering

controls

Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.

Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use. Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.

Local exhaust ventilation usually required

#### Personal protection









## Eye and face protection

- ▶ Safety glasses with unperforated side shields may be used where continuous eye protection is desirable, as in laboratories; spectacles are not sufficient where complete eye protection is needed such as when handling bulk-quantities, where there is a danger of splashing, or if the material may be under pressure.
- Chemical goggles.whenever there is a danger of the material coming in contact with the eyes; goggles must be properly fitted.
- Full face shield (20 cm, 8 in minimum) may be required for supplementary but never for primary protection of eyes; these afford face
- Alternatively a gas mask may replace splash goggles and face shields.
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses 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.

## Skin protection

## See Hand protection below

## ► Elbow length PVC gloves

The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.

## Hands/feet protection

The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.

Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended. Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage

## **Body protection**

## See Other protection below

# Other protection

- Overalls.
- ► PVC Apron. ▶ PVC protective suit may be required if exposure severe.
- Eyewash unit.
- Ensure there is ready access to a safety shower.

## Respiratory protection

- · Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered. positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- · Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory protection. These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- · Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU)
- · Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne
- · Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

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## **SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties**

## Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appea	rance

Violet or red powder depending on state of hydration. No odour. Exists in two modifications, one soluble in water the other insoluble. The commercial product comes in the form of a finely granular, dark-green flake or powder (approximately Cr2(SO4)3.H2O) which is readily soluble in

	water.		
Physical state	Divided Solid	Relative density (Water = 1)	3.012
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	Not Available
pH (as supplied)	Not Applicable	Decomposition temperature (°C)	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	90	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Applicable
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	Decomposes	Molecular weight (g/mol)	392.18
Flash point (°C)	Not Applicable	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Applicable	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	Not Applicable	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Applicable
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Applicable
Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Applicable	Gas group	Not Available
Solubility in water	Partly miscible	pH as a solution (1%)	Not Available
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Applicable	VOC g/L	Not Available

## **SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity**

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	<ul> <li>Contact with alkaline material liberates heat</li> <li>Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>Product is considered stable.</li> <li>Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

## **SECTION 11 Toxicological information**

Information on toxicological ef	fects
Inhaled	Inhalation of the dust may cause coughing, headache, shortness of breath and fever. Tracheobronchial irritation and pulmonary oedema may also result. Prolonged or repeated inhalation of the dust may cause perforation of the nasal septum. Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material, during the course of normal handling, may be harmful.  The material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.  Corrosive acids can cause irritation of the respiratory tract, with coughing, choking and mucous membrane damage. There may be dizziness, headache, nausea and weakness.  Levels above 10 micrograms per cubic metre of suspended inorganic sulfates in the air may cause an excess risk of asthmatic attacks in susceptible people.  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.  If prior damage to the circulatory or nervous systems has occurred or if kidney damage has been sustained, proper screenings should be conducted on individuals who may be exposed to further risk if handling and use of the material result in excessive exposures.
Ingestion	Ingestion of large doses may cause dizziness, intense thirst, abdominal pain, vomiting and shock. Death due to renal failure may occur in extreme cases.  Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.  Ingestion of acidic corrosives may produce burns around and in the mouth, the throat and oesophagus. Immediate pain and difficulties in swallowing and speaking may also be evident.  Sulfates are not well absorbed orally, but can cause diarrhoea.
Skin Contact	Skin contact with the material may be harmful; systemic effects may result following absorption.  Skin contact with acidic corrosives may result in pain and burns; these may be deep with distinct edges and may heal slowly with the formation of scar tissue.  Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material  Solution of material in moisture on the skin, or perspiration, may markedly increase skin corrosion and accelerate tissue destruction  Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.
Еуе	If applied to the eyes, this material causes severe eye damage.  Direct eye contact with acid corrosives may produce pain, tears, sensitivity to light and burns. Mild burns of the epithelia generally recover rapidly and completely.

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#### Chronic

Repeated or prolonged exposure to acids may result in the erosion of teeth, swelling and/or ulceration of mouth lining. Irritation of airways to lung, with cough, and inflammation of lung tissue often occurs.

Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in airways disease, involving difficulty breathing and related whole-body problems. There has been some concern that this material can cause cancer or mutations but there is not enough data to make an assessment. Substance accumulation, in the human body, may occur and may cause some concern following repeated or long-term occupational exposure. There is some evidence that inhaling this product is more likely to cause a sensitisation reaction in some persons compared to the general population.

Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis, caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung.

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Chromium (III) is an essential trace mineral. Chronic exposure to chromium (III) irritates the airways, malnourishes the liver and kidneys, causes fluid in the lungs, and adverse effects on white blood cells, and also increases the risk of developing lung cancer.

	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
Chromium Sulphate Basic	Oral (Rat) LD50; 3250 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>	Not Available

#### Legend:

1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2. Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances

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Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ends. This may be due to a non-allergic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur after exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Main criteria for diagnosing RADS include the absence of previous airways disease in a non-atopic individual, with sudden onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. Other criteria for diagnosis of RADS include a reversible airflow pattern on lung function tests, moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing, and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. On the other hand, industrial bronchitis is a disorder that occurs as a result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particles) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterized by difficulty breathing, cough and mucus production.

On skin and inhalation exposure, chromium and its compounds (except hexavalent) can be a potent sensitiser, as particulates. Studies show that they have a complex toxicity mechanism with hexavalent chromium associated with an increased risk of lung damage and respiratory cancers (primarily bronchogenic and nose cancers). However, there is no evidence that elemental, divalent, or trivalent chromium compounds causes cancer or genetic toxicity.

No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

For acid mists, aerosols, vapours

Test results suggest that eukaryotic cells are susceptible to genetic damage when the pH falls to about 6.5. Cells from the respiratory tract have not been examined in this respect. Mucous secretion may protect the cells of the airway from direct exposure to inhaled acidic mists (which also protects the stomach lining from the hydrochloric acid secreted there).

The substance is classified by IARC as Group 3:

NOT classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

Evidence of carcinogenicity may be inadequate or limited in animal testing.

Acute Toxicity	✓	Carcinogenicity	×
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	✓	Reproductivity	×
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	✓	STOT - Single Exposure	×
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	×	STOT - Repeated Exposure	×
Mutagenicity	×	Aspiration Hazard	X

Legend:

★ – Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification

Data available to make classification

## **SECTION 12 Ecological information**

## **Toxicity**

	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
Chromium Sulphate Basic	EC50(ECx)	24h	Algae or other aquatic plants	0.562mg/l	2
	LC50	96h	Fish	294272.4mg/L	4
		4 WOUR T. 12'S ROLL O. F FOUR R. 12'S			

Legend:

Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data

Harmful to aquatic organisms.

## **Ecotoxicity:**

The tolerance of water organisms towards pH margin and variation is diverse. Recommended pH values for test species listed in OECD guidelines are between 6.0 and almost 9. Acute testing with fish showed 96h-LC50 at about pH 3.5

For Inorganic Sulfate:

Environmental Fate - Sulfates can produce a laxative effect at concentrations of 1000 - 1200 mg/liter, but no increase in diarrhea, dehydration or weight loss. The presence of sulfate in drinking-water can also result in a noticeable taste. Sulfate may also contribute to the corrosion of distribution systems. No health-based guideline value for sulfate in drinking water is proposed.

Atmospheric Fate: Sulfates are removed from the air by both dry and wet deposition processes. Wet deposition processes including rain-out (a process that occurs within the clouds) and washout (removal by precipitation below the clouds) which contribute to the removal of sulfate from the atmosphere.

Terrestrial Fate: Soil - In soil, the inorganic sulfates can adsorb to soil particles or leach into surface water and groundwater. Plants - Sodium sulfate is not very toxic to terrestrial plants however; sulfates can be taken up by plants and be incorporated into the parenchyma of the plant.

Atmospheric Fate - Metal-containing inorganic substances generally have negligible vapour pressure and are not expected to partition to air.

Environmental Fate: Environmental processes, such as oxidation, the presence of acids or bases and microbiological processes, may transform insoluble metals to more soluble ionic forms. Environmental processes may enhance bioavailability and may also be important in changing solubilities.

Aquatic/Terrestrial Fate: When released to dry soil, most metals will exhibit limited mobility and remain in the upper layer; some will leach locally into ground water and/ or surface water ecosystems when soaked by rain or melt ice. A metal ion is considered infinitely persistent because it cannot degrade further. Once released to surface waters and moist soils their fate depends on solubility and dissociation in water. A significant proportion of dissolved/ sorbed metals will end up in sediments through the settling of suspended particles. The remaining metal ions can then be taken up by aquatic organisms. Ionic species may bind to dissolved ligands or sorb to solid particles in water.

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For Chromium: Chromium is poorly absorbed by cells found in microorganisms, plants and animals. Hexavalent chromate anions are readily transported into cells and toxicity is closely linked to the higher oxidation state.

Ecotoxicity - Toxicity in Aquatic Organisms: Chromium is harmful to aquatic organisms in very low concentrations. Organisms consumed by fish species are very sensitive to low levels of chromium. Chromium is toxic to fish although less so in warm water. Marked decreases in toxicity are found with increasing pH or water hardness; changes in salinity have little if any effect. Chromium appears to make fish more susceptible to infection. High concentrations can damage and/or accumulate in various fish tissues and in invertebrates such as snails and worms

For chromium:

Aquatic Fate - Most chromium released into water will be deposited in the sediment. A small percentage of chromium can be found in soluble and insoluble forms with soluble chromium making up a very small percentage of the total chromium. Most of the soluble chromium is present as chromium (VI) and soluble chromium (III) complexes. In the aquatic phase, chromium (III) occurs mostly as suspended solids adsorbed onto clayish materials, organics, or iron oxide present in water. Soluble forms and suspended chromium can undergo intramedia transport. Chromium (VI) in water will eventually be reduced to chromium (III) by organic matter in the water. This process may be slower depending on the type and amount of organic material present and on the redox condition of the water. The reaction was generally faster under anaerobic than aerobic conditions.

Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways

## Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
Chromium Sulphate Basic	HIGH	HIGH

## **Bioaccumulative potential**

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
Chromium Sulphate Basic	LOW (LogKOW = -2.2002)

#### Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
Chromium Sulphate Basic	LOW (KOC = 6.124)

#### **SECTION 13 Disposal considerations**

## Waste treatment methods

- ▶ Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.
- ▶ Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible.

#### Otherwise:

- If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.
- Where possible retain label warnings and SDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- Reduction
- ► Reuse
- Recycling
- ► Disposal (if all else fails)

## Product / Packaging disposal

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate. In most instances the supplier of the material should be consulted.

- DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains
- It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
- In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.
- Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.

Recycle wherever possible.

- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult local or regional waste management authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
- Freat and neutralise at an approved treatment plant. Treatment should involve: Mixing or slurrying in water; Neutralisation with soda-lime or soda-ash followed by: burial in a land-fill specifically licensed to accept chemical and / or pharmaceutical wastes or Incineration in a licensed apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
- Decontaminate empty containers with 5% aqueous sodium hydroxide or soda ash, followed by water. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

## **SECTION 14 Transport information**

## Labels Required



Marine Pollutant
HAZCHEM

NO

2X

## Land transport (ADG)

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UN number	3260
UN proper shipping name	CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (contains Chromium Sulphate Basic)

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Transport hazard class(es)	Class 8 Subrisk Not App	licable
Packing group	II	
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable	
Special precautions for user	Special provisions	274
	Limited quantity	1 kg

## Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

UN number	3260			
UN proper shipping name	Corrosive solid, acidic, ir	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. * (contains Chromium Sulphate Basic)		
	ICAO/IATA Class	8		
Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO / IATA Subrisk	Not Applicable		
	ERG Code	8L		
Packing group	II			
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable			
	Special provisions		A3 A803	
	Cargo Only Packing In	863		
	Cargo Only Maximum	50 kg		
Special precautions for user	Passenger and Cargo	Packing Instructions	859	
	Passenger and Cargo	15 kg		
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions		Y844	
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Maximum Qty / Pack		5 kg	

## Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

UN number	3260		
UN proper shipping name	CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (contains Chromium Sulphate Basic)		
Transport hazard class(es)	IMDG Class 8 IMDG Subrisk Not Applicable		
Packing group			
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable		
Special precautions for user	EMS Number F-A, S-B Special provisions 274 Limited Quantities 1 kg		

## Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code

Not Applicable

## Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code

Product name	Group
Chromium Sulphate Basic	Not Available

## Transport in bulk in accordance with the ICG Code

Product name	Ship Type
Chromium Sulphate Basic	Not Available

## **SECTION 15 Regulatory information**

## Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture

## Chromium Sulphate Basic is found on the following regulatory lists

Australia Model Work Health and Safety Regulations - Hazardous chemicals (other than lead) requiring health monitoring

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

## **National Inventory Status**

National Inventory	Status
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	Yes
Canada - DSL	Yes
Canada - NDSL	No (Chromium Sulphate Basic)

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National Inventory	Status
China - IECSC	Yes
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes
Japan - ENCS	Yes
Korea - KECI	Yes
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes
Philippines - PICCS	Yes
USA - TSCA	Yes
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes
Mexico - INSQ	Yes
Vietnam - NCI	Yes
Russia - FBEPH	No (Chromium Sulphate Basic)
Legend:	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory  No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.

## **SECTION 16 Other information**

Revision Date	20/06/2022
Initial Date	12/05/2005

#### **SDS Version Summary**

Version	Date of Update	Sections Updated
7.1	04/12/2017	Acute Health (inhaled), Chronic Health, Classification, Environmental, Storage (storage incompatibility), Synonyms, Toxicity and Irritation (Other)
8.1	20/06/2022	Expiration. Review and Update

#### Other information

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

## **Definitions and abbreviations**

PC-TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average

PC-STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit。

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations

ES: Exposure Standard

OSF: Odour Safety Factor

NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level

LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level

TLV: Threshold Limit Value

LOD: Limit Of Detection

OTV: Odour Threshold Value

BCF: BioConcentration Factors

BEI: Biological Exposure Index

AIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

DSL: Domestic Substances List

NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List

IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China

EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

NLP: No-Longer Polymers

ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory

KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory

NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act

TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory

INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas

NCI: National Chemical Inventory

FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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