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## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Sodium tetraborate decahydrate

**Cat No. :** C2117, C7270, C7271

**Synonyms** Sodium borate decahydrate; Borax

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** No Information available

**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Company**

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**Emergency Telephone Number**

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation  
Reproductive Toxicity

Category 2  
Category 1B

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Causes serious eye irritation  
May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child



**Precautionary Statements**

**Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
 Use personal protective equipment as required  
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Wear eye/face protection

**Response**

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

**Eyes**

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

**Storage**

Store locked up

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

None identified

### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	1303-96-4	100

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects Notes to Physician</b>	No information available. Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Dry chemical. chemical foam.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point Method -</b>	No information available No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	Not applicable
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	Not oxidising
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Oxides of boron

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**NFPA**

<b>Health</b> 2	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Instability</b> 0	<b>Physical hazards</b> N/A
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**6. Accidental release measures****Personal Precautions**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment.

**Environmental Precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

**7. Handling and storage****Handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust. Avoid contact with clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Storage**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

**8. Exposure controls / personal protection****Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWAEV
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

**Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

**Personal Protective Equipment****Eye/face Protection**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin and body protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection**

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**9. Physical and chemical properties**

**Physical State**  
**Appearance**

Powder Solid  
White

Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	9 5% aq.sol. 20°C
Melting Point/Range	75 °C / 167 °F
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Relative Density	1.7300
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	Not applicable
Decomposition Temperature	> 100°C
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	B <sub>4</sub> Na <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> · 10 H <sub>2</sub> O
Molecular Weight	381.36

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Exposure to air. Incompatible products. Avoid dust formation.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Powdered metal salts
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Oxides of boron
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	5660 mg/kg ( Rat )	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	2.03 mg/l (Rat)

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

<b>Irritation</b>	May cause eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	1303-96-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	May cause harm to the unborn child.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	None known
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	No information available
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	2.6-21.8 mg/L EC50 96h 158 mg/L EC50 = 96h	340 mg/L LC50 96 h 708 mg/l LC50 96 h (Pimephales promelas)	-	1085 - 1402 mg/L LC50 48 h

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.  
**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	- 0.757

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

<b>DOT</b>	Not regulated
<b>TDG</b>	Not regulated
<b>IATA</b>	Not regulated
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	Not regulated

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	X	X	-	215-540-4	-		X	X	X	X	X

#### Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

### U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313 Not applicable

#### SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	Yes
Fire Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

Clean Water Act Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Not applicable

CERCLA  
Not applicable

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

### State Right-to-Know

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	X	X	X	X	X

### U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N

DOT Marine Pollutant N

DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

### U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

### Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

### Canada

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

WHMIS Hazard Class D2A Very toxic materials



## 16. Other information

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### Disclaimer

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**End of SDS**