



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SODIUM SULFITE

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT NAME:** Sodium Sulfite

**OTHER/GENERIC NAMES:** Sodium Sulfite

**PRODUCT USE AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE:** Paper manufacture, food additive, water treatment, waste treatment, other industrial processes.

**SUPPLIER:** Esseco USA LLC  
4 Gatehall Drive  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:** 973-267-3330  
(Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm)

**FOR EMERGENCY IN USA, CALL CHEMTREC:** 800-424-9300  
(24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**GHS Classification**

Not Classified as Hazardous

**Label Elements:**

None Required

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| <u>INGREDIENT NAME</u> | <u>CAS NUMBER</u> | <u>WEIGHT %</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Sodium sulfite         | 7757-83-7         | ≥97             |

Trace impurities and additional material names not listed above may appear in Section 15 of this SDS. These materials may be listed for local "Right-To-Know" compliance and for other reasons. The exact concentrations are a trade secret.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**SKIN:** Immediately wash skin with plenty of soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and launder before reuse. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

**EYES:** Flush eyes with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present if you can do so easily and continue flushing. Get medical attention if irritation occurs and persists.

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. Get immediate medical attention if signs of suffocation, irritation or other symptoms develop.



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**INGESTION:** Rinse mouth with water and give 1 glass of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Get medical attention if symptoms develop.

**MOST IMPORTANT SYMPTOMS/EFFECTS, ACUTE AND DELAYED:** May irritate the skin. May cause irritation to the eyes. Harmful if swallowed or inhaled. May cause severe and possibly fatal allergic reactions if inhaled or swallowed by some asthmatics and other 'sulfite-sensitive' individuals. Reacts with acids to form toxic and irritating sulfur dioxide gas.

**INDICATION OF IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND SPECIAL TREATMENT, IF NEEDED:** Immediate medical attention is required for allergic respiratory reaction. Treat symptomatically. Note potential for anaphylactic shock with allergic individuals.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**SUITABLE (AND UNSUITABLE) EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:**

Material is not flammable. Use extinguishing media appropriate for material in surrounding fire.

**SPECIFIC HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE CHEMICAL:**

Releases toxic and irritating sulfur dioxide at fire temperatures.

**SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND PRECAUTIONS FOR FIRE-FIGHTING:**

Wear NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus. Use water-spray to keep containers cool, and to knock down vapors or gases.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:** Provide ventilation to clear sulfur dioxide fumes which may be generated by contact with water. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS:** Spills and releases may have to be reported to Federal and/or local authorities. See Section 15 regarding reporting requirements.

**METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR CONTAINMENT AND CLEANING UP:** Promptly sweep up material with minimum dusting and shovel into an empty container with a cover. Rinse spill area with plenty of water.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING:** (See section 8 for recommended personal protective equipment.) Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not eat or drink in the work area. Use normal personal hygiene and housekeeping. Keep away from acids and oxidizing agents.

**CONDITIONS FOR SAFE STORAGE, INCLUDING ANY INCOMPATIBILITIES:**

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from acids and oxidizing agents.



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### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### EXPOSURE GUIDELINES

| INGREDIENT NAME | ACGIH TLV | OSHA PEL | OTHER LIMIT |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Sodium sulfite  | None      | None     | None        |

#### OTHER EXPOSURE LIMITS FOR POTENTIAL DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:

Sulfur dioxide: OSHA TWA = 5 ppm  
ACGIH STEL = 0.25 ppm

#### APPROPRIATE ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Local exhaust if dusty conditions exist or if there is a release of sulfur dioxide gas. Do not use in unventilated spaces, e.g., the holds of fishing boats, walk-in coolers or confined spaces.

#### INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION MEASURES, SUCH AS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

**SKIN PROTECTION:** For handling dry material, wear rubber gloves and full work clothing, including long-sleeved shirt and trousers. When handling solutions and there is prolonged or repeated contact, wear impervious gloves, clothing and boots.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear chemical safety goggles.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Where required, use a NIOSH-approved respirator for dust, mist and/or sulfur dioxide gas, as conditions indicate. Some exposures may require a NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus or supplied-air respirator. Equipment selection depends on contaminant type and concentration. Select in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134 and good industrial hygiene practice.

**ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:** Eyewash and safety shower are recommended.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

|                                 |   |                                     |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| APPEARANCE:                     | White to pale yellow crystals or powder.    |                                     |
| PHYSICAL STATE:                 | Solid.                                      |                                     |
| ODOR:                           | Odorless.                                   |                                     |
| ODOR THRESHOLD:                 | Not determined.                             |                                     |
| MOLECULAR WEIGHT:               | 126.04                                      |                                     |
| CHEMICAL FORMULA:               | Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>             |                                     |
| RELATIVE DENSITY (water = 1.0): | 2.63  |                                     |
| SOLUBILITY IN WATER (weight %): | 17% at 10°C (50°F); 28% at 33.3°C (91.94°F) |                                     |
| pH:                             | 5% solution - 9.8                           |                                     |
| INITIAL BOILING POINT/RANGE:    | Not applicable.                             |                                     |
| MELTING/FREEZING POINT:         | Decomposes at 900°C (1652°F)                |                                     |
| VAPOR PRESSURE:                 | Not applicable.                             |                                     |
| VAPOR DENSITY (air = 1.0):      | Not applicable.                             |                                     |
| EVAPORATION RATE:               | Not applicable.                             | <b>COMPARED TO:</b> Not applicable. |
| % VOLATILES:                    | Not applicable.                             |                                     |



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| PARTITION COEFFICIENT (N-OCTANOL/WATER): | Not determined. |
| VISCOSITY:                               | Not applicable. |
| FLASH POINT:                             | Not flammable.  |
| FLASH POINT METHOD:                      | Not applicable. |
| AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:                | Not applicable. |
| UPPER FLAME LIMIT (volume % in air):     | Not applicable. |
| LOWER FLAME LIMIT (volume % in air):     | Not applicable. |
| DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE:               | Not determined. |
| FLAMMABILITY (SOLID, GAS)                | Not flammable.  |
| OSHA FLAMMABILITY CLASS:                 | Not applicable. |

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

#### REACTIVITY:

Not normally reactive

#### CHEMICAL STABILITY:

Normally stable.

#### POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS:

Reacts with acids to form toxic and irritating sulfur dioxide gas.

#### CONDITIONS TO AVOID:

Avoid elevated temperatures. Temperatures above 900°C (1652°F) cause the rapid evolution of toxic and corrosive sulfur dioxide gas and hazardous residue.

#### INCOMPATIBILITIES:

Oxidizers: may cause strong exothermic reactions.  
Acids: releases sulfur dioxide gas.

#### HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:

Sulfur dioxide and sodium sulfide residue. Sodium sulfide is flammable, a dangerous fire risk, a strong irritant to skin and tissue, and is incompatible with acids.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARDS

##### ACUTE EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE:

- SKIN:** Repeated or prolonged contact with dust may cause irritation. Contact with solutions will cause skin irritation.
- EYES:** Dust or mist may irritate the eyes. Solutions will irritate or burn.
- INHALATION:** Inhalation of dust or mist can irritate the respiratory tract. May cause severe or deadly allergic reactions in some asthmatics and sulfite sensitive individuals. Possible signs and symptoms of allergic reactions include bronchoconstriction, sweating, flushing, hives, rapid heart rate, decreased blood pressure, and anaphylaxis. Contact with acids releases sulfur dioxide gas which may be harmful or deadly if inhaled.



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**INGESTION:** May irritate the gastrointestinal tract. May cause severe or deadly allergic reactions in some asthmatics and sulfite sensitive individuals. Large doses may cause violent colic and diarrhea, circulatory disturbances, central nervous system depression, and even death.

**CHRONIC EFFECTS:** None known.

Ingredients found on one of the three OSHA designated carcinogen lists are listed below.

| <u>INGREDIENT NAME</u>                 | <u>NTP STATUS</u> | <u>IARC STATUS</u> | <u>OSHA LIST</u> |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| No ingredients listed in this section. | ----              | ----               | ----             |

### NUMERICAL MEASURES OF TOXICITY:

#### **Immediate (Acute) Effects:**

Sodium sulfite -LD<sub>50</sub> (oral, rat) = 2610-6400 mg/kg; LC<sub>50</sub> (inhalation, rat) >5.5 mg/L/4 hr.; LC<sub>50</sub> (inhalation, rat) >22 mg/L/1 hr.

#### **Delayed (Subchronic and Chronic) Effects:**

Sodium sulfite has been demonstrated to be mutagenic in microbial systems; however, it is not mutagenic in studies involving insects and is not considered to present a mutagenic threat to multi-cell organisms.

#### **Other Data:**

None

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### **ECOTOXICITY:**

The following ecotoxicity data is available for Sodium sulfite:

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Daphnia magna LC50 48 hrs       | 440 mg/L                  |
| Western Mosquitofish 96hrs LC50 | 460 mg/L                  |
| Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD)  | 0.12 lb/lb, instantaneous |

### **PERSISTENCE AND DEGRADABILITY:**

No data available

### **BIOACCUMULATIVE POTENTIAL:**

No data available

### **MOBILITY IN SOIL:**

No data available

### **OTHER ADVERSE EFFECTS:**

No data available.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### RCRA

Is the unused product a RCRA hazardous waste if discarded? No

If yes, the RCRA ID number is: Not applicable.



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### OTHER DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Dispose of in accordance with applicable Federal, State and Local regulations.

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product such as mixing with other materials may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the RCRA classification and the proper disposal method.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

US DOT HAZARD CLASS: Not regulated.  
US DOT ID NUMBER: Not applicable.  
PROPER SHIPPING NAME: Not applicable.

For additional information on shipping regulations affecting this material, contact the information number found in Section 1.

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA)

TSCA INVENTORY STATUS: All components are listed on TSCA Inventory of Chemical Substances.  
OTHER TSCA ISSUES: None.

#### SARA TITLE III/CERCLA

"Reportable Quantities" (RQs) and/or "Threshold Planning Quantities" (TPQs) exist for the following ingredients.

| <u>INGREDIENT NAME</u>                 | <u>SARA/CERCLA RQ (lb)</u> | <u>SARA EHS TPQ (lb)</u> |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| No ingredients listed in this section. | ----                       | ----                     |

Spills or releases resulting in the loss of any ingredient at or above its RQ requires immediate notification to the National Response Center [(800) 424-8802] and to your Local Emergency Planning Committee. Many states have more stringent regulations. Report all spills in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

SECTION 311 HAZARD CLASS: See OSHA Hazard Classification in Section 2.

#### SARA 313 TOXIC CHEMICALS:

The following ingredients are SARA 313 "Toxic Chemicals" and may be subject to annual reporting requirements. CAS numbers and weight percents are found in Section 2.

| <u>INGREDIENT NAME</u>                 | <u>COMMENT</u> |
|--|----------------|
| No ingredients listed in this section. | ----           |

#### STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW

In addition to the ingredients found in Section 2, the following are listed for state right-to-know purposes.

| <u>INGREDIENT NAME</u>                 | <u>WEIGHT %</u> | <u>COMMENT</u> |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
| No ingredients listed in this section. | ----            | ----           |



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### CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65

This product does not contain any ingredients known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive harm.

### ADDITIONAL REGULATORY INFORMATION:

None

### FOREIGN CHEMICAL CONTROL INVENTORY STATUS:

Listed on Canadian DSL, Australian AICS, Philippines PICCS, Chinese IECSC, Japanese MITI, Korean KECL, and EU EINECS.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

CURRENT ISSUE DATE: April, 2017  
PREVIOUS ISSUE DATE: December, 2013

### CHANGES TO SDS FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE DATE ARE DUE TO THE FOLLOWING:

Removed old WHMIS classification system.

OTHER INFORMATION: This product is not for drug use. Only Food Grade material is for use as a food additive.

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