

General Purpose Detergent Nowchem

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Safety Data Sheet according to WHS and ADG requirements

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

Product Identifier

Product name	General Purpose Detergent
Chemical Name	Not Applicable
Synonyms	Not Available
Other means of identification	Not Available

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

Relevant identified uses	A perfume-free, bio-degradable general detergent.
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Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Emergency telephone number

Association / Organisation	Nowchem
Emergency telephone numbers	(02) 4421 4099
Other emergency telephone numbers	0413 809 255

SECTION 2 Hazards identification

Classification of the substance or mixture

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

ChemWatch Hazard Ratings

	Min	Max
Flammability	1	1
Toxicity	0	0
Body Contact	2	2
Reactivity	1	1
Chronic	0	0

0 = Minimum
1 = Low
2 = Moderate
3 = High
4 = Extreme

Poisons Schedule	Not Applicable
Classification [1]	Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, Serious Eye Damage Category 1
Legend:	1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI

Label elements

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Hazard pictogram(s)	
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Signal word	Danger
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Hazard statement(s)

H315	Causes skin irritation.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.

Precautionary statement(s) General

P101	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.
P102	Keep out of reach of children.
P103	Read carefully and follow all instructions.

Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

P101	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.
P102	Keep out of reach of children.
P103	Read label before use.
P280	Wear protective gloves/eye protection when appropriate.

Precautionary statement(s) Response

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/...
P321	Specific treatment (see ... on this label).
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P362+P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Precautionary statement(s) Storage

Not Applicable

Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

Not Applicable

SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients

Substances

See section below for composition of Mixtures

Mixtures

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
8046-53-5	<10	<u>(linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts</u>
68891-38-3	<10	<u>sodium linear-(C12-14)alkyl ether sulfate</u>
8051-30-7	<10	<u>diethanolamine cocoate</u>
2634-33-5	<1	<u>1,2-benzisothiazoline-3-one</u>

SECTION 4 First aid measures

Description of first aid measures

Eye Contact	<p>If this product comes in contact with the eyes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash out immediately with fresh 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 and lower lids. Seek medical attention without delay; if pain persists or recurs seek medical attention. Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.
Skin Contact	<p>If skin contact occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear. Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available). Seek medical attention in event of irritation.
Inhalation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If fumes, aerosols or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. Other measures are usually unnecessary.
Ingestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediately give a glass of water. First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

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Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

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	▶ Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result
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Advice for firefighters

Fire Fighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 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 water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area. ▶ Avoid spraying water onto liquid pools. ▶ 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.
Fire/Explosion Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Combustible. ▶ Slight fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame. ▶ Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers. ▶ On combustion, may emit toxic fumes of carbon monoxide (CO). ▶ May emit acrid smoke. ▶ Mists containing combustible materials may be explosive. <p>Combustion products include: carbon dioxide (CO₂) other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material. May emit poisonous fumes. May emit corrosive fumes.</p>
HAZCHEM	Not Applicable

SECTION 6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

Environmental precautions

See section 12

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Minor Spills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Remove all ignition sources. ▶ Clean up all spills immediately. ▶ Avoid breathing vapours and contact with skin and eyes. ▶ Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment. ▶ Contain and absorb spill with sand, earth, inert material or vermiculite. ▶ Wipe up. ▶ Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.
Major Spills	<p>Moderate hazard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Clear area of personnel and move upwind. ▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard. ▶ Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves. ▶ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course. ▶ No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources. ▶ Increase ventilation. ▶ Stop leak if safe to do so. ▶ Contain spill with sand, earth or vermiculite. ▶ Collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling. ▶ Absorb remaining product with sand, earth or vermiculite. ▶ Collect solid residues and seal in labelled drums for disposal. ▶ Wash area and prevent runoff into drains. ▶ If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

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

SECTION 7 Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

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Safe handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation. ▶ Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs. ▶ Use in a well-ventilated area. ▶ Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps. ▶ DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked. ▶ Avoid smoking, naked lights or ignition sources. ▶ Avoid contact with incompatible materials. ▶ When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke. ▶ Keep containers securely sealed when not in use. ▶ Avoid physical damage to containers. ▶ Work clothes should be laundered separately. ▶ Use good occupational work practice. ▶ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS. ▶ Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions. ▶ DO NOT allow clothing wet with material to stay in contact with skin
Other information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Store in original containers. ▶ Keep containers securely sealed. ▶ No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources. ▶ Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. ▶ Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers. ▶ Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks. ▶ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable container	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Packaging as recommended by manufacturer (HDPE). ▶ Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.
Storage incompatibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Avoid reaction with oxidising agents

SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

INGREDIENT DATA

Not Available

Emergency Limits

Ingredient	Material name	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
General Purpose Detergent	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
(linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts	Not Available	Not Available
sodium linear-(C12-14)alkyl ether sulfate	Not Available	Not Available
diethanolamine cocoate	Not Available	Not Available
1,2-benzisothiazoline-3-one	Not Available	Not Available

Occupational Exposure Banding

Ingredient	Occupational Exposure Band Rating	Occupational Exposure Band Limit
(linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts	E	≤ 0.01 mg/m ³
sodium linear-(C12-14)alkyl ether sulfate	E	≤ 0.01 mg/m ³
diethanolamine cocoate	E	≤ 0.1 ppm
1,2-benzisothiazoline-3-one	E	≤ 0.01 mg/m ³

Notes: Occupational exposure banding is a process of assigning chemicals into specific categories or bands based on a chemical's potency and the adverse health outcomes associated with exposure. The output of this process is an occupational exposure band (OEB), which corresponds to a range of exposure concentrations that are expected to protect worker health.

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Sensory irritants are chemicals that produce temporary and undesirable side-effects on the eyes, nose or throat. Historically occupational exposure standards for these irritants have been based on observation of workers' responses to various airborne concentrations. Present day expectations require that nearly every individual should be protected against even minor sensory irritation and exposure standards are established using uncertainty factors or safety factors of 5 to 10 or more. On occasion animal no-observable-effect-levels (NOEL) are used to determine these limits where human results are unavailable. An additional approach, typically used by the TLV committee (USA) in determining respiratory standards for this group of chemicals, has been to assign ceiling values (TLV C) to rapidly acting irritants and to assign short-term exposure limits (TLV STELs) when the weight of evidence from irritation, bioaccumulation and other endpoints combine to warrant such a limit. In contrast the MAK Commission (Germany) uses a five-category system based on intensive odour, local irritation, and elimination half-life. However this system is being replaced to be consistent with the European Union (EU) Scientific Committee for Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL); this is more closely allied to that of the USA.

OSHA (USA) concluded that exposure to sensory irritants can:

- ▶ cause inflammation
- ▶ cause increased susceptibility to other irritants and infectious agents
- ▶ lead to permanent injury or dysfunction
- ▶ permit greater absorption of hazardous substances and
- ▶ acclimate the worker to the irritant warning properties of these substances thus increasing the risk of overexposure.

Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls	<p>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.</p> <p>The basic types of engineering controls are:</p> <p>Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.</p> <p>General exhaust is adequate under normal operating conditions. Local exhaust ventilation may be required in specific circumstances. If risk of overexposure exists, wear approved respirator. Correct fit is essential to obtain adequate protection. Provide adequate ventilation in warehouse or closed storage areas.</p>
Personal protection	
Eye and face protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Safety glasses with side shields. ▶ Chemical goggles. ▶ 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. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1336 or national equivalent]
Skin protection	See Hand protection below
Hands/feet protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Wear chemical protective gloves, e.g. PVC. <p>NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The material may produce skin sensitisation in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ frequency and duration of contact, ▶ chemical resistance of glove material, ▶ glove thickness and ▶ dexterity <p>Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended. ▶ When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended. ▶ Some glove polymer types are less affected by movement and this should be taken into account when considering gloves for long-term use. ▶ Contaminated gloves should be replaced. <p>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.</p>
Body protection	See Other protection below
Other protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Barrier cream. ▶ Skin cleansing cream. ▶ Eye wash unit.

SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Clear Pale Straw Liquid
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Physical state	Liquid	Relative density (Water = 1)	1.00 - 1.05
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	Not Available
pH (as supplied)	7 - 8	Decomposition temperature	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	Not Available	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	Not Available	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Not Available
Flash point (°C)	Not Available	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Available	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	Non Flammable	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Available
Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Available	Gas group	Not Available
Solubility in water	Miscible	pH as a solution (1%)	Not Available
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Available	VOC g/L	Not Available

SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials. ▶ Product is considered stable. ▶ Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.
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 effects

Inhaled	The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting.
Ingestion	The material has NOT been classified by EC Directives or other classification systems as 'harmful by ingestion'. This is because of the lack of corroborating animal or human evidence. The material may still be damaging to the health of the individual, following ingestion, especially where pre-existing organ (e.g liver, kidney) damage is evident. Present definitions of harmful or toxic substances are generally based on doses producing mortality rather than those producing morbidity (disease, ill-health). Gastrointestinal tract discomfort may produce nausea and vomiting. In an occupational setting however, ingestion of insignificant quantities is not thought to be cause for concern.
Skin Contact	The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or skin irritation following contact (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting. Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds 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.
Eye	Evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material may cause eye irritation in a substantial number of individuals and/or may produce significant ocular lesions which are present twenty-four hours or more after instillation into the eye(s) of experimental animals. Repeated or prolonged eye contact may cause inflammation characterised by temporary redness (similar to windburn) of the conjunctiva (conjunctivitis); temporary impairment of vision and/or other transient eye damage/ulceration may occur.
Chronic	Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems. Limited evidence shows that inhalation of the material is capable of inducing a sensitisation reaction in a significant number of individuals at a greater frequency than would be expected from the response of a normal population. Pulmonary sensitisation, resulting in hyperactive airway dysfunction and pulmonary allergy may be accompanied by fatigue, malaise and aching. Significant symptoms of exposure may persist for extended periods, even after exposure ceases. Symptoms can be activated by a variety of nonspecific environmental stimuli such as automobile exhaust, perfumes and passive smoking. There exists limited evidence that shows that skin contact with the material is capable either of inducing a sensitisation reaction in a significant number of individuals, and/or of producing positive response in experimental animals. Absorbed sulfonates are quickly distributed through living systems and are readily excreted. Toxic effects may result from the effects of binding to proteins and the ability of sulfonates to translocate potassium and nitrate (NO ₃ ⁻) ions from cellular to interstitial fluids. Airborne sulfonates may be responsible for respiratory allergies and, in some instances, minor dermal allergies.

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	Not Available	Not Available
(linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Oral(Rat) LD50: 800 mg/kg ^[2]	Not Available
sodium linear-(C12-14)alkyl ether sulfate	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	dermal (rat) LD50: >=2000 mg/kg ^[1]	Eye: adverse effect observed (irritating) ^[1]
diethanolamine cocoate	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Oral(Rat) LD50: >2000 mg/kg ^[2]	Not Available
1,2-benzisothiazoline-3-one	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	dermal (rat) LD50: >2000 mg/kg ^[1]	Eye: adverse effect observed (irreversible damage) ^[1]
	Oral(Rat) LD50: 454 mg/kg ^[1]	Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) ^[1]

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

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

Legend: ✗ – Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification
✓ – Data available to make classification

SECTION 12 Ecological information

Toxicity

General Purpose Detergent	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
(linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	EC50	48	Crustacea	2mg/L	5
sodium linear-(C12-14)alkyl ether sulfate	NOEC	168	Fish	0.3mg/L	5
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	LC50	96	Fish	>1-<10mg/L	2
	EC50	48	Crustacea	7.2mg/L	2
	EC50	72	Algae or other aquatic plants	1.8mg/L	2
diethanolamine cocoate	NOEC	672	Fish	0.14mg/L	2
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	EC50	48	Crustacea	=2.39mg/L	1
	EC50	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	=2.3mg/L	1
	EC0	96	Algae or other aquatic plants	=1mg/L	1
1,2-benzisothiazoline-3-one	NOEC	504	Crustacea	=1mg/L	1
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	LC50	96	Fish	-0.067-0.29mg/L	4
	EC50	48	Crustacea	0.097-mg/L	4
	EC50	72	Algae or other aquatic plants	0.07mg/L	2

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	NOEL	96	Fish	0.031-mg/L	4
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Legend: Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. EPIWIN Suite V3.12 (QSAR) - Aquatic Toxicity Data (Estimated) 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

For surfactants:

Environmental fate:

Octanol/water partition coefficients cannot easily be determined for surfactants because one part of the molecule is hydrophilic and the other part is hydrophobic. Consequently they tend to accumulate at the interface and are not extracted into one or other of the liquid phases. As a result surfactants are expected to transfer slowly, for example, from water into the flesh of fish. During this process, readily biodegradable surfactants are expected to be metabolised rapidly during the process of bioaccumulation. This was emphasised by the OECD Expert Group stating that chemicals are not to be considered to show bioaccumulation potential if they are readily biodegradable.

Surfactants show a complex solubility behaviour due to aggregation. The monomer concentration, and hence the thermodynamic activity, reaches a limiting value at the critical micelle concentration (CMC). It remains approximately constant as the total concentration is further increased. For ecotoxicological models requiring a solubility value, the critical micelle concentration is therefore the appropriate parameter describing water solubility of surface active materials.

Surfactants can form dispersions or emulsions in which the bioavailability for aquatic toxicity studies is difficult to ascertain, even with careful solution preparation. Micelle formation can result in an overestimation of the bioavailable fraction even when "solutions" are apparently formed. This presents significant problems of interpretation of aquatic toxicity test results for surface active materials. The so-called critical micelle concentration (CMC) is related to surface tension produced by the substance and is the key value for actual water solubility of the substance.

Several anionic and nonionic surfactants have been investigated to evaluate their potential to bioconcentrate in fish. BCF values (BCF - bioconcentration factor) ranging from 1 to 350 were found. These are absolute maximum values, resulting from the radiolabelling technique used. In all these studies, substantial oxidative metabolism was found resulting in the highest radioactivity in the gall bladder. This indicates liver transformation of the parent compound and biliary excretion of the metabolised compounds, so that 'real' bioconcentration is overstated. After correction it can be expected that 'real' parent BCF values are one order of magnitude less than those indicated above, i.e. 'real' BCF is <100. Therefore the usual data used for classification by EU directives to determine whether a substance is 'Dangerous to the Environment' has little bearing on whether the use of the surfactant is environmentally acceptable.

Ecotoxicity:

Surfactant should be considered to be toxic (EC50 and LC50 values of < 10 mg/L) to aquatic species under conditions that allow contact of the chemicals with the organisms. The water solubility of the chemicals does not impact the toxicity except as it relates to the ability to conduct tests appropriately to obtain exposure of the test species. The acute aquatic toxicity generally is considered to be related to the effects of the surfactant properties on the organism and not to direct chemical toxicity.

For linear alkylbenzene sulfonic acids (LABS) (and their salts):

Environmental fate:

LABS are generally highly water soluble (miscible) and have a relatively low Kow. The environmental fate data indicate that these chemicals are highly susceptible to photo- and biodegradation.

LABS are strong acids (pKa <1) that are completely ionised in aqueous solutions. The chemical species present in aqueous solutions at neutral (physiological) pH is the linear alkylbenzene sulfonate (the LAS ion) (C10-14 linear alkyl benzene-SO₃⁻), the identical species present in solutions of LAS, where the counter ion (typically sodium, calcium or ammonium) will disassociate to form the LAS anion. Thus, the physical-chemical, environmental fate, ecotoxicity and toxicity properties of the LABS and LAS would be expected to be similar. It should be noted that the LABS are liquids and LAS is a solid at room temperature. However, in water the difference between the LAB sulfonic acids and LAS disappears as dissociation results in the same ion in solution. Therefore, parameters such as Kow, water solubility and pH/pKa are appropriate to compare. The octanol-water partition coefficients are around 2 (log Kow) for all of the chemicals in this category.

LABS are not expected to volatilise significantly. Fugacity modeling predicts that most of these chemicals will partition to the soil and water. Very little partitions to the air or sediment. Photodegradation is estimated (using EPI Suite software) to be a significant mechanism for breakdown. Based on the model estimates, the hydroxyl radical reaction half-lives ranged from about 7 to 8.6 hours. Estimated data for LAS were similar. Furthermore, measured data for LAS suggest even more rapid photodegradation, with 95% of the material degraded within 20 minutes at 20 °C in a laboratory study.

Experimental data indicate that LAS is stable in water.

LABS are generally biodegradable. Measured biodegradation data indicate substantial microbial degradation under aerobic conditions. For dodecylbenzene sulfonic acid 69% of the material mineralised after 28 days. Biodegradation of the C10-16 derivatives and the LAS are also rapid, with 93% or greater of the material degrading within 28 or 37 days. In addition, studies show that straight chain alkylbenzene sulfonate materials readily degrade, with the shorter chain length compounds degrading more rapidly. Thus, the data indicate that these chemicals are highly susceptible to degradation, both by photolytic and microbial mechanisms.

The initial step in the biodegradation of LABS under aerobic conditions is an omega-oxidation of the terminal methyl group of the alkyl chain to form a carboxylic acid. Further degradation proceeds by a stepwise shortening of the alkyl chain by beta-oxidation leaving a short-chain sulfophenyl carboxylic acid. In the presence of molecular oxygen the aromatic ring structure hydrolyses to form a dihydroxy-benzene structure which is opened before desulfonation of the formed sulfonated dicarboxylic acid. The final degradation steps have not been investigated in details but are likely to occur by general bacterial metabolic routes involving a total mineralisation and assimilation into biomass. Both the initial omega-oxidation and the hydroxylation of the ring structure of LAS require molecular oxygen, and they are not expected to take place under anoxic conditions.

The BioConcentration Factor (BCF) tends to increase with increasing alkyl chain length but also the position of the aryl sulfonate moiety was important. A higher BCF was seen for linear alkyl benzenesulfonate isomers with the aryl sulfonate attached. Available data indicate that LABS have low to moderate bioaccumulation potential, with a bioconcentration factor for dodecyl benzene sulfonic acid of 130. LAS has bioconcentration factors that range from 22 to 87.

Ecotoxicity:

Numerous studies have been performed to determine the effects of LABS towards aquatic organisms. The aquatic effect concentrations that were observed in these studies are highly variable. This variation is partly related to the testing of different isomers and homologues, but it may also be due to the specific test conditions and species. The length of the alkyl chain is an important factor determining the aquatic toxicity. In general, the homologues with the highest number of carbons in the alkyl chain are more toxic than are those with shorter alkyl chains. Today, commercial LABS have a homologue distribution between C10 and C13 with a typical average alkyl chain length of C11.6.

The widest range in the toxicity of LABS towards species belonging to the same group is found for algae. Approximately 90% of the data found in the literature fall between 0.1 and 100 mg/L. Typical ranges of EC50 values are 1 to 100 mg/L for fresh water species and < 1 to 10 mg/L for marine species. Typical values lie between 29 and 170 mg/L.

A very low EC100 value of 0.025 mg/L was determined for *Gymnodium breve*. Previous studies in which *Gymnodium breve* was exposed with AES confirm that this species is highly sensitive to surfactants, and occasionally available data for *Gymnodium breve* should therefore not be used for comparison of the aquatic toxicity between various surfactants.

LC50 values have been found in the range of 1 to 10 mg/L when *Daphnia magna* were exposed with LABS homologues between C10 and C13. The acute toxicity of LABS to *Daphnia magna* generally increases with increasing alkyl chain length. Typical values lie between 3 and 12 mg/L.

A study with the marine crustacean *Acartia tonsa* indicated that a C10-13 LAS affected the survival at 0.54 mg/L (LC50) and the development rate at 0.51 mg/L (EC50) after 8 days of exposure. The 48 h-LC50 that was obtained in the same study with *Acartia tonsa* was 2.1 mg/L.

Metabolites from biotransformation of LABS are reported to have a much lower toxicity to invertebrates compared to the toxicity of the intact surfactant.

The toxicity of LABS to fish generally increases with increasing alkyl chain length, and approximately a 10-fold difference in toxicity between homologues separated by two carbon atoms has been observed. As also noted for invertebrates, fish are less susceptible to metabolites from biotransformation of LABS. LC50 values below 1 mg/L were found for C11.9 (0.71 mg/L), C13 and C14 (both 0.4 mg/L) in studies with fathead minnow.

LABS sorb to sediment with partition coefficients of 50 to 1,000. The toxicity of LABS bound to sediment is relatively low compared to LABS in solution. NOEC and LOEC values were as high as 319 and 993 mg LABS/kg, respectively, for the sediment-living *Chironomus riparius*. The corresponding NOEC for LABS in solution was as low as 2.4 mg/L indicating that only a small fraction of the sorbed LABS was bioavailable. LABS dissolved in water may also cause chronic effects like reduction of the growth rate of the marine mussel *Mytilus galloprovincialis*. LABS sorbed to sediments did not have similar effects.

Environmental and Health Assessment of Substances in Household Detergents and Cosmetic Detergent Products, Environment Project, 615, 2001. Torben Madsen et al: Miljøministeriet (Danish Environmental Protection Agency) Assessment Plan for the Linear Alkylbenzene (LAB) Sulfonic Acids Category in Accordance with the USEPA High Production Volume Chemical Challenge Program: The LAB Sulfonic Acids Coalition

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
	No Data available for all ingredients	No Data available for all ingredients

General Purpose Detergent

Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
	No Data available for all ingredients

Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
	No Data available for all ingredients

SECTION 13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal	<p>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.</p> <p>A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reduction ▶ Reuse ▶ Recycling ▶ Disposal (if all else fails) <p>This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. If it has been contaminated, it may be possible to reclaim the product by filtration, distillation or some other means. 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 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 or consult manufacturer for recycling options. ▶ Consult State Land Waste Authority for disposal. ▶ Bury or incinerate residue at an approved site. ▶ Recycle containers if possible, or dispose of in an authorised landfill.
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SECTION 14 Transport information

Labels Required

Marine Pollutant	NO
HAZCHEM	Not Applicable

Land transport (ADG): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

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
(linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts	Not Available
sodium linear-(C12-14)alkyl ether sulfate	Not Available
diethanolamine cocoate	Not Available
1,2-benzisothiazoline-3-one	Not Available

Transport in bulk in accordance with the ICG Code

Product name	Ship Type
(linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts	Not Available
sodium linear-(C12-14)alkyl ether sulfate	Not Available
diethanolamine cocoate	Not Available
1,2-benzisothiazoline-3-one	Not Available

SECTION 15 Regulatory information

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

(linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts is found on the following regulatory lists

Not Applicable

sodium linear-(C12-14)alkyl ether sulfate is found on the following regulatory lists

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Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

diethanolamine cocoate is found on the following regulatory lists

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

1,2-benzisothiazoline-3-one is found on the following regulatory lists

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

National Inventory Status

National Inventory	Status
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts)
Canada - DSL	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts)
Canada - NDSL	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts; sodium linear-(C12-14)alkyl ether sulfate; diethanolamine cocoate; 1,2-benzisothiazoline-3-one)
China - IECSC	Yes
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts)
Japan - ENCS	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts; diethanolamine cocoate)
Korea - KECI	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts)
New Zealand - NZIoC	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts)
Philippines - PICCS	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts)
USA - TSCA	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts)
Taiwan - TCSI	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts)
Mexico - INSQ	No (sodium linear-(C12-14)alkyl ether sulfate; diethanolamine cocoate)
Vietnam - NCI	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts)
Russia - ARIPS	No ((linear)alkylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salts)
Legend:	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory and are not exempt from listing (see specific ingredients in brackets)

SECTION 16 Other information

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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
 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

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