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## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

<b>Product Description:</b>	<b>Sodium metabisulfite</b>
<b>Cat No. :</b>	<b>A17351</b>
<b>Synonyms</b>	Sodium pyrosulfite
<b>CAS-No</b>	7681-57-4
<b>EC-No.</b>	231-673-0
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	Na <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
<b>Reach Registration Number</b>	-

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

<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals.
<b>Sector of use</b>	SU3 - Industrial uses: Uses of substances as such or in preparations at industrial sites
<b>Product category</b>	PC21 - Laboratory chemicals
<b>Process categories</b>	PROC15 - Use as a laboratory reagent
<b>Environmental release category</b>	ERC6a - Industrial use resulting in manufacture of another substance (use of intermediates)
<b>Uses advised against</b>	No Information available

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

<b>Company</b>	Alfa Aesar Avocado Research Chemicals, Ltd. Shore Road Port of Heysham Industrial Park Heysham, Lancashire LA3 2XY United Kingdom Office Tel: +44 (0) 1524 850506 Office Fax: +44 (0) 1524 850608
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Call Carechem 24 at  
+44 (0) 1865 407333 (English only);  
+44 (0) 1235 239670 (Multi-language)

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

**Physical hazards**

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Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## **Health hazards**

Acute oral toxicity  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 4 (H302)  
Category 1 (H318)

## **Environmental hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## **2.2. Label elements**



Signal Word

Danger

## **Hazard Statements**

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H318 - Causes serious eye damage  
EUH031 - Contact with acids liberates toxic gas

## **Precautionary Statements**

P280 - Wear eye protection/ face protection  
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 or doctor/physician  
P233 - Keep container tightly closed

## **2.3. Other hazards**

In accordance with Annex XIII of the REACH Regulation, inorganic substances do not require assessment

Toxicity to Soil Dwelling Organisms  
Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

## **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

### **3.1. Substances**

Component	CAS-No	EC-No.	Weight %	CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
Sodium metabisulfite	7681-57-4	EEC No. 231-673-0	>95	Acute Tox. 4 (H302) Eye Dam. 1 (H318) (EUH031)

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## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Causes eye burns. Causes severe eye damage.

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

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

#### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Sulfur oxides, Sodium oxides.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

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

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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## 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

## 6.2. Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

## 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Avoid dust formation. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

## 6.4. Reference to other sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep away from acids.

#### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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

**Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510 Storage Class (LGK)**      Class 13  
(Germany)

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### **Exposure limits**

List source(s): **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Third edition. Published 2018. **IRE** - 2018 Code of Practice for the Chemical Agents Regulations, Schedule 1. Published by the Health and Safety Authority

Component	The United Kingdom	European Union	Ireland
Sodium metabisulfite	STEL: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr		TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr. STEL: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min

#### **Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

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## Monitoring methods

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents.

MDHS14/3 General methods for sampling and gravimetric analysis of respirable and inhalable dust

**Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)** No information available

<u>Route of exposure</u>	<u>Acute effects (local)</u>	<u>Acute effects (systemic)</u>	<u>Chronic effects (local)</u>	<u>Chronic effects (systemic)</u>
Oral				8.6 mg/kg bw/day
Dermal				
Inhalation				225 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)** No information available.

Fresh water	1 mg/l
Marine water	0.1 mg/l
Microorganisms in sewage treatment	75.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering Measures

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

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

**Eye Protection** Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

<u>Glove material</u>	<u>Breakthrough time</u>	<u>Glove thickness</u>	<u>EU standard</u>	<u>Glove comments</u>
Natural rubber	See manufacturers recommendations	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber				
Neoprene				
PVC				

**Skin and body protection** Long sleeved clothing

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection** When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Large scale/emergency use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced  
**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

**Small scale/Laboratory use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure

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limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Recommended half mask:-** Particle filtering: EN149:2001  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Environmental exposure controls** Prevent product from entering drains.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Powder Solid	
<b>Appearance</b>	Off-white	
<b>Odor</b>	pungent	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	150 °C / 302 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available	
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	120 °C	
<b>pH</b>	4-6	5% aq.sol
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Soluble	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Sodium metabisulfite	-3.7	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	1.4	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	No data available	

### 9.2. Other information

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	Na <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	190.1
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable - Solid

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**10.1. Reactivity** Yes

**10.2. Chemical stability** Air sensitive, Moisture sensitive.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.  
**Hazardous Reactions** Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

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## 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.

## 10.5. Incompatible materials

Acids. Strong oxidizing agents.

## 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Sulfur oxides. Sodium oxides.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Product Information

#### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral

Category 4

Dermal

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Inhalation

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium metabisulfite	LD50 = 1310 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	-

#### (b) skin corrosion/irritation;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### (c) serious eye damage/irritation;

Category 1

#### (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Skin

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### (e) germ cell mutagenicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### (f) carcinogenicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

#### (g) reproductive toxicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### (h) STOT-single exposure;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### (i) STOT-repeated exposure;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs

None known.

#### (j) aspiration hazard;

Not applicable

Solid

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed No information available.

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## 11.2. Information on other hazards

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties** Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

#### Ecotoxicity effects

Do not empty into drains. Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae
Sodium metabisulfite	LC50: = 32 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus)		EC50: = 40 mg/L, 96h (Desmodesmus subspicatus) EC50: = 48 mg/L, 72h (Desmodesmus subspicatus)

Component	Microtox	M-Factor
Sodium metabisulfite	EC50 = 56 mg/L 17 h	

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

#### Persistence

Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

#### Degradability

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

#### Degradation in sewage treatment plant

Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Sodium metabisulfite	-3.7	No data available

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils

### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

In accordance with Annex XIII of the REACH Regulation, inorganic substances do not require assessment.

### 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

#### Endocrine Disruptor Information

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

### 12.7. Other adverse effects

#### Persistent Organic Pollutant Ozone Depletion Potential

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
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## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

#### Waste from Residues/Unused Products

Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

#### Contaminated Packaging

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

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**European Waste Catalogue (EWC)** According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.  
**Other Information** Do not flush to sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**IMDG/IMO** Not regulated

**14.1. UN number**  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name**  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**  
**14.4. Packing group**

**ADR** Not regulated

**14.1. UN number**  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name**  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**  
**14.4. Packing group**

**IATA** Not regulated

**14.1. UN number**  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name**  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**  
**14.4. Packing group**

**14.5. Environmental hazards** No hazards identified

**14.6. Special precautions for user** No special precautions required

**14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments** Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### International Inventories

X = listed, Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), U.S.A. (TSCA), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS), China (IECSC), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), Korea (ECL).

Component	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	IECSC	AICS	KECL
Sodium metabisulfite	231-673-0	-		X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-1270 1

**Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals**  
Not applicable

#### National Regulations

**WGK Classification** See table for values

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Component	Germany - Water Classification (VwVwS)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
Sodium metabisulfite	WGK1	

Component	France - INRS (Tables of occupational diseases)
Sodium metabisulfite	Tableaux des maladies professionnelles (TMP) - RG 66

**UK** - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has not been conducted

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H318 - Causes serious eye damage

EUH031 - Contact with acids liberates toxic gas

### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** (volatile organic compound)

### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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Initial Release.

**This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006**

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