

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

**1.1 Product identifier**

Trade name **Sodium metaborate tetrahydrate**

Stock number: 36736

CAS Number:  
10555-76-7

EC number:  
231-891-6

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

Identified use: SU24 Scientific research and development

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

**Manufacturer/Supplier:**

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Informing department: Product safety department.

**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**

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008



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Skin Irrit. 2 H315 Causes skin irritation.

Eye Irrit. 2 H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

STOT SE 3 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Other hazards that do not result in classification No information known.

**2.2 Label elements**

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 The substance is classified and labelled according to the CLP regulation.

**Hazard pictograms**



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**Signal word** Warning

**Hazard statements**

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

**Precautionary statements**

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P280 Wear protective gloves / 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.

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P312 Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.

P321 Specific treatment (see on this label).

P332+P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

P405 Store locked up.

P403+P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**2.3 Other hazards**

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT: Not applicable.

vPvB: Not applicable.

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

**3.1 Substances**

**CAS# Designation:**

10555-76-7 Sodium metaborate tetrahydrate

**Concentration:** ≤100%

**Identification number(s):**

EC number: 231-891-6

**SECTION 4: First aid measures**

**4.1 Description of first aid measures**

**After inhalation**

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm. Consult doctor if symptoms persist.

Seek immediate medical advice.

**After skin contact**

Instantly wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

**After eye contact** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult doctor.

**After swallowing** Seek medical treatment.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

Causes skin irritation.

Causes serious eye irritation.

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed** No further relevant information available.

**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

**5.1 Extinguishing media**

**Suitable extinguishing agents** Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.

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**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Sodium oxide

Boron oxide

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

**Protective equipment:**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

Wear full protective suit.

**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

**6.2 Environmental precautions:** Do not allow product to reach sewage system or water bodies.

**6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:** Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Prevention of secondary hazards:** No special measures required.

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for information on disposal.

**SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

**7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Keep containers tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.

**Information about protection against explosions and fires:** The product is not flammable

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Storage**

**Requirements to be met by storerooms and containers:** No special requirements.

**Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Store away from oxidising agents.

**Further information about storage conditions:**

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

**7.3 Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

**SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

**Additional information about design of technical systems:**

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

**8.1 Control parameters**

**Components with critical values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

The product does not contain any relevant quantities of materials with critical values that have to be monitored at the workplace.

**Additional information:** No data

**8.2 Exposure controls**

**Personal protective equipment**

**General protective and hygienic measures**

The usual precautionary measures should be adhered to in handling the chemicals.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and food.

Instantly remove any soiled and impregnated garments.

Wash hands during breaks and at the end of the work.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

**Breathing equipment:** Use breathing protection with high concentrations.

**Recommended filter device for short term use:**

Use a respirator with type P100 (USA) or P3 (EN 143) cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. Risk assessment should be performed to determine if air-purifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.

**Protection of hands:**

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

**Material of gloves** Impervious gloves

**Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)** Not determined

**Eye protection:**

Safety glasses

Face protection

**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

**General Information**

**Appearance:**

**Form:** Crystalline

**Odour:** Not determined

**Odour threshold:** Not determined.

**pH-value:** Not applicable.

**Change in condition**

**Melting point/freezing point:** ca 53 °C (dec)

**Initial boiling point and boiling range:** Not determined

**Sublimation temperature / start:** Not determined

**Inflammability (solid, gaseous)** Not determined.

**Ignition temperature:** Not determined

**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined

**Self-inflammability:** Not determined.

**Explosive properties:** Not determined.

**Critical values for explosion:**

**Lower:** Not determined

**Upper:** Not determined

**Steam pressure:** Not applicable.

**Density** Not determined

**Relative density** Not determined.

**Vapour density** Not applicable.

**Evaporation rate** Not applicable.

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**Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:** Soluble  
**Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:** Not determined.  
**Viscosity:**  
**dynamic:** Not applicable.  
**kinematic:** Not applicable.  
**9.2 Other information** No further relevant information available.

### SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

**10.1 Reactivity** No information known.  
**10.2 Chemical stability** Stable under recommended storage conditions.  
**Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used and stored according to specifications.  
**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions** Reacts with strong oxidising agents  
**10.4 Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.  
**10.5 Incompatible materials:** Oxidising agents  
**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:**  
Sodium oxide  
Boron oxide

### SECTION 11: Toxicological information

#### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

##### Acute toxicity

The following RTECS statement/statements refer to the anhydrous compound:  
The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains acute toxicity data for this substance.

##### LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

The following value/values refer to the anhydrous compound:

Oral LD50 2330 mg/kg (rat)

##### Skin irritation or corrosion:

Causes skin irritation.

Causes skin irritation.

##### Eye irritation or corrosion:

Causes serious eye irritation.

Causes serious eye irritation.

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Germ cell mutagenicity:** No effects known.

**Carcinogenicity:** EPA-I: Data are inadequate for an assessment of human carcinogenic potential.

**Reproductive toxicity:** No effects known.

**Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:** No effects known.

**Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:** May cause respiratory irritation.

**Aspiration hazard:** No effects known.

**Subacute to chronic toxicity:** No effects known.

**Additional toxicological information:** To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

### SECTION 12: Ecological information

#### 12.1 Toxicity

**Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.

**12.2 Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.

**12.4 Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.

#### Additional ecological information:

##### General notes:

Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water.

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

#### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

**PBT:** Not applicable.

**vPvB:** Not applicable.

**12.6 Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

##### Recommendation

Hand over to disposers of hazardous waste.

Must be specially treated under adherence to official regulations.

Consult state, local or national regulations for proper disposal.

##### Uncleaned packagings:

**Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

**Recommended cleaning agent:** Water, if necessary with cleaning agent.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

#### UN-Number

ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA Not applicable

#### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA Not applicable

#### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA Not applicable

#### Class

ADR, IMDG, IATA Not applicable

#### 14.5 Environmental hazards:

ADR, IMDG, IATA Not applicable.

**14.6 Special precautions for user** Not applicable.

**14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

**UN "Model Regulation":** Not applicable

### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

**Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances** Substance is listed.

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**Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons** Substance is not listed.

**Directive 2012/18/EU**

**Named dangerous substances - ANNEX I** Substance is not listed.

**National regulations**

**Information about limitation of use:**

Employment restrictions concerning young persons must be observed.

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

**Water hazard class:** Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water.

**Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations**

**ELINCS (European List of Notified Chemical Substances)** Substance is not listed.

**Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.** Substance is not listed.

**The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.**

Substance is not listed.

**Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)** Substance is not listed.

**15.2 Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

### **SECTION 16: Other information**

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

**Department issuing SDS:** Global Marketing Department

**Abbreviations and acronyms:**

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

GHS: Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)

TLV: Threshold Limit Value

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

BEI: Biological Exposure Limit

Skin Irrit. 2: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 2

Eye Irrit. 2: Serious eye damage/eye irritation – Category 2

STOT SE 3: Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) – Category 3

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