

SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product identifier

Trade name : GIEMSA STAIN
 IUPAC name : (7-aminophenothiazin-3-ylidene)-dimethylazanium;chloride
 EC-No. : 257-438-2
 CAS-No. : 51811-82-6
 Product code : 107020xxx
 Formula : C14H14ClN3S

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

Recommended uses and restrictions : For laboratory use only

1.3. Supplier's details

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : +27 11 452 1116

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to the United Nations GHS

Serious eye damage/eye irritation, H319
 Category 2A
 Full text of H statements : see section 16

2.2. Label elements

Labelling according to the United Nations GHS

Hazard pictograms (GHS-ZA) :



GHS07

Signal word (GHS-ZA) : Warning
 Hazard statements (GHS-ZA) : H319 - Causes serious eye irritation.
 Precautionary statements (GHS-ZA) : P264 - Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling.
 P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/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.
 P337+P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

2.3. Other hazards

Adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects : Causes serious eye irritation.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

IUPAC name : (7-aminophenothiazin-3-ylidene)-dimethylazanium;chloride
 Substance identification codes: See section 1.1

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to the United Nations GHS
azure A (Main constituent)	(CAS-No.) 51811-82-6	100	Eye Irrit. 2A, H319

Full text of H-statements: see section 16

3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

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According to SANS 10234:2019 and SANS 11014:2010

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

- First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
- First-aid measures after skin contact : Wash skin with plenty of water.
- First-aid measures after eye contact : Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
- First-aid measures after ingestion : Call a poison center or a doctor if you feel unwell.

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

- Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Eye irritation.

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

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray. Dry powder. Foam.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire : Toxic fumes may be released.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

- Protection during firefighting : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

No additional information available

6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

- Emergency procedures : Ventilate spillage area. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

6.1.2. For emergency responders

- Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- Methods for cleaning up : Mechanically recover the product.
- Other information : Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Precautions for safe handling : Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear personal protective equipment.
- Hygiene measures : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- Storage conditions : Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

- Appropriate engineering controls : Ensure good ventilation of the work station.
- Environmental exposure controls : Avoid release to the environment.

8.3. Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

- Hand protection : Protective gloves
- Eye protection : Safety glasses
- Skin and body protection : Wear suitable protective clothing
- Respiratory protection : Dust production: dust mask with filter type P1

Personal protective equipment symbol(s):

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8.4. Exposure limit values for the other components

No additional information available

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Solid
Appearance	: No data available
Molecular mass	: 291.8 g/mol
Colour	: No data available
Odour	: No data available
Odour threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
pH solution	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1)	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (ether=1)	: No data available
Melting point	: No data available
Freezing point	: Not applicable
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	: Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Non flammable.
Vapour pressure	: No data available
Vapour pressure at 50 °C	: No data available
Relative vapour density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Relative density of saturated gas/air mixture	: No data available
Density	: No data available
Relative gas density	: No data available
Solubility	: No data available
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)	: No data available
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidising properties	: No data available
Explosive limits	: Not applicable
Lower explosive limit (LEL)	: No data available
Upper explosive limit (UEL)	: No data available

9.2. Other information

No additional information available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

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10.5. Incompatible materials

No additional information available

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (oral)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (dermal)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: Not classified
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye irritation.
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
STOT-single exposure	: Not classified
STOT-repeated exposure	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general	: The product is not considered harmful to aquatic organisms nor to cause long-term adverse effects in the environment.
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute)	: Not classified
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic)	: Not classified

12.2. Persistence and degradability

GIEMSA STAIN (51811-82-6)	
Persistence and degradability	No additional information available

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Bioaccumulative potential	No additional information available

12.4. Mobility in soil

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Mobility in soil	No additional information available

12.5. Other adverse effects

Ozone	: Not classified
Other adverse effects	: No additional information available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Disposal methods

Waste treatment methods	: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.
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SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with SANS / IMDG / IATA

SANS	IMDG	IATA
14.1. UN number		
Not regulated for transport		
14.2. Proper Shipping Name		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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SANS	IMDG	IATA
14.4. Packing group		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.5. Environmental hazards		
Dangerous for the environment : No	Dangerous for the environment : No :	Dangerous for the environment : No
No supplementary information available		

14.6. Special precautions for user

- SANS

No data available

- IMDG

No data available

- IATA

No data available

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health, and environmental national regulations specific for the product

Regulatory reference : SANS 10234:2008; SANS 11014:2010; SANS 10228:2012;SANS 10229:2010; SANS 10232(1,2,4), SANS 10231:2018; Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993; National Road Traffic Act 93 of 1996.

SECTION 16: Other information

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Full text of H-statements:

H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
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