

SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product identifier

Trade name	: DISODIUM TETRABORATE 10hydr
Chemical name	: disodium tetraborate decahydrate, borax decahydrate
EC-No.	: 215-540-4
EC Index-No.	: 005-011-01-1
CAS-No.	: 1303-96-4
Product code	: 119280xxx
Formula	: Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ ·10H ₂ O

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

Recommended uses and restrictions	: For laboratory use only
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1.3. Supplier's details

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number	: +27 11 452 1116
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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to the United Nations GHS

Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 2A	H319
Reproductive toxicity, Category 1B	H360
Full text of H statements : see section 16	

2.2. Label elements

Labelling according to the United Nations GHS

Hazard pictograms (GHS-ZA) :



GHS08

Signal word (GHS-ZA)	: Danger
Hazard statements (GHS-ZA)	: H319 - Causes serious eye irritation. H360 - May damage fertility or the unborn child.
Precautionary statements (GHS-ZA)	: P201 - Obtain special instructions before use. P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. 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. P308+P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. P337+P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. P405 - Store locked up. P501 - Dispose of contents/container to hazardous or special waste collection point, in accordance with local, regional, national and/or international regulation.

2.3. Other hazards

Adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects	: May damage fertility or the unborn child, Causes serious eye irritation.
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SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Chemical name	: disodium tetraborate decahydrate, borax decahydrate
Substance identification codes: See section 1.1	

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Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to the United Nations GHS
disodium tetraborate decahydrate, borax decahydrate (Main constituent)	(CAS-No.) 1303-96-4	≥ 99.9	Eye Irrit. 2A, H319 Repr. 1B, H360

Full text of H-statements: see section 16

3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

- First-aid measures general : IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
- 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 : Only qualified personnel equipped with suitable protective equipment may intervene.

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. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- Methods for cleaning up : Mechanically recover the product. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters.
- 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. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Hygiene measures : Separate working clothes from town clothes. Launder separately. 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 locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

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South Africa - Occupational Exposure Limits (Recommended Limits)	
Local name	Borates, tetra, Sodium salts decahydrate (Disodium tetraborate decahydrate)
OEL TWA (mg/m ³)	5 mg/m ³
Regulatory reference	Government Notice. R: 1179

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 : In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Dust production: dust mask with filter type P1

Personal protective equipment symbol(s):



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 : Crystalline powder.
Molecular mass : 381.38 g/mol
Colour : white.
Odour : odourless.
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 : 75 °C (Decomposes)
Freezing point : Not applicable
Boiling point : 1575 °C (anhydrous)
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 : 1.73 g/cm³
Relative gas density : No data available
Solubility : Water: 31.7 g/l
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

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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).

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	: May damage fertility or the unborn child.
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

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Persistence and degradability	No additional information available
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12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Bioaccumulative potential	No additional information available
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12.4. Mobility in soil

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Mobility in soil	No additional information available
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12.5. Other adverse effects

Ozone	: Not classified
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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.

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
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.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.

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The data provided in this Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is correct to the best of our knowledge. The data relates to the specific product as named and is intended as a guide to the safe handling of the product in all its facets. The data may no longer be valid if the product is used in any process or in combination with other products. This SDS is not a quality specification nor any form of guarantee.