

Polysorbate 20

Safety Data Sheet

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

1.1. Product identifier

Product form : Substance
Substance name : Polysorbate 20
EC-No. : 500-018-3
CAS-No. : 9005-64-5
Formula : C₅₈H₁₁₄O₂₆

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

1.2.1. Relevant identified uses

Main use category : Professional use
Use of the substance/mixture : Laboratory chemicals

1.2.2. Uses advised against

No additional information available

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Country	Official advisory body	Address	Emergency number	Comment
Germany	Giftnotruf der Charité CBF, Haus VIII (Wirtschaftsgebäude), UG	Hindenburgdamm 30 12203 Berlin	+49 30 19240	

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Not classified

Adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects

To our knowledge, this product does not present any particular risk, provided it is handled in accordance with good occupational hygiene and safety practice.

2.2. Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

No labelling applicable

2.3. Other hazards

No additional information available

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Name	Product identifier	Conc. (% w/w)
Polysorbate 20	(CAS-No.) 9005-64-5 (EC-No.) 500-018-3	100

3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general : Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. People with over sensibility problems are not allowed to work or be exposed to the product. In all cases of doubt, or when symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

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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 eyes with water as a precaution.
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

No additional information available

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 chemical powder, alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide (CO ₂).
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: Strong water jet.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Fire hazard	: Keep away from ignition sources (including static discharges). Contact with combustible material may cause fire.
Explosion hazard	: Heat may build pressure, rupturing closed containers, spreading fire and increasing risk of burns and injuries.
Reactivity in case of fire	: At high temperature may liberate dangerous gases.
Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire	: Toxic fumes may be released.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Precautionary measures fire	: Approach from upwind. Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Keep away from combustible materials.
Firefighting instructions	: Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Cool adjacent tanks / containers / drums with water jet. Do not allow water to enter the vessels, a violent reaction may occur. Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire. Keep upwind. In case of fire: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.
Protection during firefighting	: Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.
Other information	: High temperature decomposition products are harmful by inhalation. Inhalation of vapour can cause breathing difficulties.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures	: Eliminate every possible source of ignition. Access forbidden to unauthorised personnel. Use protective clothing. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters. Use care in walking on spilled material. Do not inhale vapour.
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6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Protective equipment	: Wear recommended personal protective equipment. Dust formation: dust mask. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye or face protection.
Emergency procedures	: Ventilate spillage area. Do not touch or walk on the spilled product. Evacuate unnecessary personnel. Mark out the contaminated area with signs and prevent access to unauthorized personnel.
Measures in case of dust release	: In case of dust production: protective goggles. Dust mask.

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". Only qualified personnel equipped with suitable protective equipment may intervene. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.
Emergency procedures	: Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not touch spilled material. Evacuate unnecessary personnel. Keep away from combustible material. Keep public away from danger area. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous. Ventilate area. Stop leak if safe to do so.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Do not allow to enter drains or water courses. Do not discharge into drains or waterways without neutralizing.

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6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- For containment : Comply with the safety instructions. Soak up with inert absorbent material (for example sand, sawdust, a universal binder, silica gel). Contain any spills with dikes or absorbents to prevent migration and entry into sewers or streams.
- Methods for cleaning up : Clean up any spills as soon as possible, using an absorbent material to collect it. Absorb with liquid-binding material (e.g. sand, diatomaceous earth, acid- or universal binding agents). Sweep or shovel spills into appropriate container for disposal. Minimise generation of dust.
- Other information : Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site. Dispose of contaminated materials in accordance with current regulations.

6.4. Reference to other sections

Concerning personal protective equipment to use, see section 8. Concerning disposal elimination after cleaning, see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Additional hazards when processed : Use adequate ventilation to keep vapour concentrations below applicable standard. Take all necessary technical measures to avoid or minimize the release of the product on the workplace.
- Precautions for safe handling : Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid prolonged and repeated contact with skin. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Do not spray on an open flame or other ignition source. Floors, walls and other surfaces in the hazard area must be cleaned regularly. Keep valves and fittings free from oil and grease. Take all necessary technical measures to avoid or minimize the release of the product on the workplace. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
- 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

- Technical measures : Containers which are opened should be properly resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. The floor of the depot should be impermeable and designed to form a water-tight basin. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Comply with applicable regulations.
- Storage conditions : Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
- Incompatible products : Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizing agents. Peroxides. Explosives.
- Incompatible materials : Extremely high or low temperatures.
- Heat and ignition sources : Do not smoke. KEEP SUBSTANCE AWAY FROM: ignition sources. heat sources.
- Information on mixed storage : Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.
- Storage area : Avoid: Extremely high or low temperatures. Heat and ignition sources.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

No additional information available

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls:

Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Carry out operations in the open/under local exhaust/ventilation or with respiratory protection. Consider the use of a work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities. Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure. In the event that dust and/or fine particles are generated with this product, it is prudent to minimize prolonged inhalation exposure to these forms not to exceed the occupational exposure limit. Measure concentrations regularly, and at the time of any change occurring in conditions likely to have consequences on workers exposure.

Hand protection:

Protective gloves. EN 374. Choosing the proper glove is a decision that depends not only on the type of material, but also on other quality features, which differ for each manufacturer. Gloves must be replaced after each use and whenever signs of wear or perforation appear

Eye protection:

Safety glasses. EN 166

Skin and body protection:

Wear suitable protective clothing. Where contact with eyes or skin is likely, wear suitable protection. In case of dust production: dustproof clothing. In case of dust production: head/neck protection

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Respiratory protection:

In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Dust production: dust mask with filter type P1. Where excessive vapour may result, wear approved mask

Environmental exposure controls:

Avoid release to the environment.

Consumer exposure controls:

Do not eat, drink or smoke during use. Always wash hands after handling the product. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid contact during pregnancy/while nursing.

Other information:

Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Liquid
Appearance	: Liquid.
Molecular mass	: 1228 g/mol
Colour	: According to product specification.
Odour	: According to product specification.
Odour threshold	: No data available
pH	: 6 - 8 (50 g/l, H ₂ O, 20 °C)
Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1)	: No data available
Melting point	: Not applicable
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: 275 °C
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not applicable
Vapour pressure	: <1.4 hPa (20 °C)
Relative vapour density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 1.095 - 1.105 (20 °C)
Solubility	: Water: < 0.2 mg/l at 20 °C
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)	: 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	: 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

Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizing agents. Peroxides. Explosives.

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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

Polysorbate 20 (9005-64-5)	
LD50 oral rat	38.900 mg/kg

Acute toxicity (dermal) : Not classified

Acute toxicity (inhalation) : Not classified

Skin corrosion/irritation : Not classified

Serious eye damage/irritation : Not classified

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

No additional information available

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No additional information available

12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No additional information available

12.6. Other adverse effects

No additional information available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

Regional legislation (waste) : Disposal must be done according to official regulations. Waste Management Regulation published in the Official Journal numbered 29314 on April 2, 2015.

Sewage disposal recommendations : Disposal must be done according to official regulations.

Product/Packaging disposal recommendations : Completely empty the packaging prior to decontamination. Empty containers should be taken for recycling, recovery or waste in accordance with local regulation. Comply with applicable regulations for solid waste disposal.

Additional information : Empty containers should be taken for recycling, recovery or waste in accordance with local regulation.

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SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with ADR / RID / IMDG / IATA / ADN

ADR	IMDG	IATA	ADN	RID
14.1. UN number				
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.2. UN proper shipping name				
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)				
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.4. Packing group				
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.5. Environmental hazards				
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
No supplementary information available				

14.6. Special precautions for user

- Overland transport

Not applicable

- Transport by sea

Not applicable

- Air transport

Not applicable

- Inland waterway transport

Not applicable

- Rail transport

Not applicable

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code

Not applicable

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

15.1.1. EU-Regulations

No REACH Annex XVII restrictions

Polysorbate 20 is not on the REACH Candidate List

Polysorbate 20 is not on the REACH Annex XIV List

15.1.2. National regulations

No additional information available

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADN	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways
ADR	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
BCF	Bioconcentration factor
DMEL	Derived Minimal Effect level
DNEL	Derived-No Effect Level

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EC50	Median effective concentration
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods
LC50	Median lethal concentration
LD50	Median lethal dose
LOAEL	Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOAEC	No-Observed Adverse Effect Concentration
NOAEL	No-Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOEC	No-Observed Effect Concentration
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PBT	Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
RID	Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
STP	Sewage treatment plant
TLM	Median Tolerance Limit
vPvB	Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative
CAS-No.	Chemical Abstract Service number
BLV	Biological limit value
BOD	Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
EC-No.	European Community number
EN	European Standard
IOELV	Indicative Occupational Exposure Limit Value
N.O.S.	Not Otherwise Specified
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
Pow (log)	n-octanol/water partition coefficient
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006
ThOD	Theoretical oxygen demand (ThOD)
TRGS	Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
WGK	Water Hazard Class
COD	Chemical oxygen demand (COD)

Data sources : Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]. ECHA (European Chemicals Agency). Supplier's safety documents.

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