SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Hydroquinone

Product Number : H9003
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No. : 604-005-00-4
REACH No. : 01-2119524016-51-XXXX
CAS-No. : 123-31-9

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company :

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +(44)-870-8200418 (CHEMTREC (GB))
+(353)-19014670 (CHEMTREC Ireland)
001-803-017-9114 (CHEMTREC India)

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Acute toxicity, (Category 4)	H302: Harmful if swallowed.
Serious eye damage, (Category 1)	H318: Causes serious eye damage.
Skin sensitisation, (Sub-category 1B)	H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Germ cell mutagenicity, (Category 2)	H341: Suspected of causing genetic defects.
Carcinogenicity, (Category 2)	H351: Suspected of causing cancer.
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard, (Category 1)	H400: Very toxic to aquatic life.

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Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard, (Category 1)	H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram



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H410	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary Statements	
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
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.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

Reduced Labelling (<= 125 ml)

Pictogram



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2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Ecological information:
The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.
Toxicological information:
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SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Synonyms : 1,4-Benzenediol
1,4-Dihydroxybenzene

Formula : $C_6H_6O_2$
Molecular weight : 110.11 g/mol
CAS-No. : 123-31-9
EC-No. : 204-617-8
Index-No. : 604-005-00-4

Component		Classification	Concentration
hydroquinone			
CAS-No. EC-No. Index-No.	123-31-9 204-617-8 604-005-00-4	Acute Tox. 4; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1B; Muta. 2; Carc. 2; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H302, H318, H317, H341, H351, H400, H410 M-Factor - Aquatic Acute: 10	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled
After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

In case of skin contact
In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

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If swallowed
After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO2) Dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media
For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Carbon oxides
Combustible.
Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.
Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.
Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

5.4 Further information
Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.
For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions
Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

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SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling
Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

Hygiene measures
Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions
Tightly closed. Dry.

Air and light sensitive.

Storage class
Storage class (TRGS 510): 11: Combustible Solids

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

8.2 Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection
Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

Skin protection
This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).
Full contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

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Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Body Protection
protective clothing

Respiratory protection
Recommended Filter type: Filter A-(P2)

The entrepeneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Control of environmental exposure
Do not let product enter drains.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a)	Physical state	crystalline
b)	Color	colourless
c)	Odor	No data available
d)	Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/ range: 172 - 175 °C - lit.
e)	Initial boiling point and boiling range	285 °C - lit.
f)	Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
g)	Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
h)	Flash point	165 °C at ca.1,013 hPa - closed cup
i)	Autoignition temperature	515.56 °C at 1,013 hPa
j)	Decomposition temperature	No data available
k)	pH	3.7 at 70 g/l
l)	Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: No data available Viscosity, dynamic: No data available
m)	Water solubility	72 g/l at 25 °C - completely soluble
n)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 0.59 at 20 - 25 °C - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
o)	Vapor pressure	1 hPa at 132 °C
p)	Density	1.332 g/cm3 at 15 °C - (HSDB)
	Relative density	No data available
q)	Relative vapour	No data available

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density

r) Particle characteristics — No data available

s) Explosive properties — Not classified as explosive.

t) Oxidizing properties — none

9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapour density — 3.80 - (Air = 1.0)

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.
A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.
The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.

10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

increased reactivity with:
Aluminium
Risk of explosion with:
Oxygen
Exothermic reaction with:
Strong oxidizing agents
alkalines
Violent reactions possible with:
Sodium hydroxide

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Air Light.
Strong heating.

10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Rat - female - 367.3 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 401)
Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 367.3 mg/kg
(ATE value derived from LD50/LC50 value)
Inhalation: No data available

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LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 402)

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: No skin irritation - 24 h
Remarks: (ECHA)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.
(Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

Respiratory or skin sensitization
Local lymph node assay (LLNA) - Mouse
Result: positive
(OECD Test Guideline 429)

Germ cell mutagenicity
Suspected of causing genetic defects.
Test Type: Ames test
Test system: S. typhimurium
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 471
Result: negative
Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro
Test system: Human lymphocytes
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 473
Result: negative
Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Test system: mouse lymphoma cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 476
Result: positive
Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro
Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells
Metabolic activation: without metabolic activation
Result: negative
Remarks: (ECHA)

Test Type: comet assay
Species: Rat

Application Route: Oral
Method: OECD Test Guideline 489
Result: negative

Test Type: Transgenic rodent somatic cell gene mutation assay
Species: Mouse

Application Route: Oral
Method: OECD Test Guideline 488
Result: negative

Test Type: dominant lethal test
Species: Rat

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Application Route: Oral
Method: OECD Test Guideline 478
Result: negative

Test Type: Micronucleus test
Species: Mouse
Cell type: Red blood cells (erythrocytes)
Application Route: Intraperitoneal
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474
Result: positive

Test Type: Micronucleus test
Species: Mouse
Cell type: Red blood cells (erythrocytes)
Application Route: Intraperitoneal

Result: positive
Remarks: (ECHA)

Carcinogenicity
Suspected of causing cancer.

Reproductive toxicity
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
No data available

Aspiration hazard
No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Endocrine disrupting properties

Product:

Assessment	The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 13 Weeks - No observed adverse effect level - 50 mg/kg
Remarks: (ECHA)

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Dermal - 13 Weeks - No observed adverse effect level - 73.9 mg/kg

RTECS: MX3500000
Absorption into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which in sufficient concentration causes cyanosis. Onset may be delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer.
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	flow-through test LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 0.638 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	semi-static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.134 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 0.33 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
	static test NOEC - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 0.019 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
Toxicity to fish(Chronic toxicity)	flow-through test NOEC - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - >= 0.1 mg/l - 32 d (OECD Test Guideline 210)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates(Chronic toxicity)	semi-static test LC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.061 mg/l - 21 d (OECD Test Guideline 211)

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	aerobic - Exposure time 14 d Result: 70 % - Readily biodegradable. (OECD Test Guideline 301C)

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

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12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

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SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods
No data available

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number
ADR/RID: 3077 IMDG: 3077 IATA: 3077

14.2 UN proper shipping name
ADR/RID: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (hydroquinone)
IMDG: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (hydroquinone)
IATA: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (hydroquinone)

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)
ADR/RID: 9 IMDG: 9 IATA: 9

14.4 Packaging group
ADR/RID: III IMDG: III IATA: III

14.5 Environmental hazards
ADR/RID: yes IMDG Marine pollutant: yes IATA: yes

14.6 Special precautions for user

Further information
EHS-Mark required (ADR 2.2.9.1.10, IMDG code 2.10.3) for single packagings and combination packagings containing inner packagings with Dangerous Goods > 5L for liquids or > 5kg for solids.

14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments
Not applicable for product as supplied.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

Authorisations and/or restrictions on use

National legislation

Seveso III: Directive 2012/18/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances.	E1	ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

15.2 Chemical safety assessment
For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements

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Full text of other abbreviations

ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways; ADR - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Further information

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