Section 1: Identification

Product name: Dexamethasone Formulation

Manufacturer or supplier’s details

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Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use
Recommended use: Veterinary product

Section 2: Hazard identification

GHS Classification
Reproductive toxicity: Category 1B

GHS label elements
Hazard pictograms:

Signal word: Danger
Hazard statements: H360D May damage the unborn child.

Precautionary statements:
Prevention:
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

Storage:
P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.
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Other hazards which do not result in classification
None known.

Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

Components

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<th>CAS-No.</th>
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<td>100-51-6</td>
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Section 4: First-aid measures

General advice : In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately. When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.

If inhaled : If inhaled, remove to fresh air. Get medical attention.

In case of skin contact : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with soap and plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

In case of eye contact : Flush eyes with water as a precaution. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

If swallowed : If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention. Rinse mouth thoroughly with water.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
Protection of first-aiders : First Aid responders should pay attention to self-protection, and use the recommended personal protective equipment when the potential for exposure exists (see section 8).

Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section 5: Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray
Alcohol-resistant foam
Carbon dioxide (CO2)
Dry chemical

Unsuitable extinguishing media : None known.

Specific hazards during firefighting
Hazardous combustion products : Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.
Carbon oxides
Metal oxides
### Specific extinguishing methods

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Use water spray to cool unopened containers. Remove undamaged containers from fire area if it is safe to do so. Evacuate area.

### Special protective equipment for firefighters

In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Use personal protective equipment.

## Section 6: Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Follow safe handling advice (see section 7) and personal protective equipment recommendations (see section 8).

### Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Prevent spreading over a wide area (e.g. by containment or oil barriers). Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Soak up with inert absorbent material. For large spills, provide dyeing or other appropriate containment to keep material from spreading. If dyed material can be pumped, store recovered material in appropriate container. Clean up remaining materials from spill with suitable absorbent. Local or national regulations may apply to releases and disposal of this material, as well as those materials and items employed in the cleanup of releases. You will need to determine which regulations are applicable. Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding certain local or national requirements.

## Section 7: Handling and storage

### Technical measures

See Engineering measures under EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION section.

### Local/Total ventilation

If sufficient ventilation is unavailable, use with local exhaust ventilation.

### Advice on safe handling

Do not get on skin or clothing. Do not breathe vapours or spray mist. Do not swallow. Avoid contact with eyes. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice, based on the results of the workplace exposure assessment. Keep container tightly closed. Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment.

### Hygiene measures

If exposure to chemical is likely during typical use, provide eye flushing systems and safety showers close to the working
When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

Conditions for safe storage:
- Keep in properly labelled containers.
- Store locked up.
- Keep tightly closed.
- Store in accordance with the particular national regulations.

Materials to avoid:
- Do not store with the following product types:
  - Strong oxidizing agents

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

**Components with workplace control parameters**

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<td>Wipe limit</td>
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**Engineering measures**:
- Minimize workplace exposure concentrations.
  - If sufficient ventilation is unavailable, use with local exhaust ventilation.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Respiratory protection**:
- If adequate local exhaust ventilation is not available or exposure assessment demonstrates exposures outside the recommended guidelines, use respiratory protection.
  - Filter type: Combined particulates and organic vapour type

**Hand protection**:
- Material: Chemical-resistant gloves
  - Remarks: Choose gloves to protect hands against chemicals depending on the concentration and quantity of the hazardous substance and specific to place of work. Breakthrough time is not determined for the product. Change gloves often! For special applications, we recommend clarifying the resistance to chemicals of the aforementioned protective gloves with the glove manufacturer. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

**Eye protection**:
- Wear the following personal protective equipment:
  - Safety glasses

**Skin and body protection**:
- Select appropriate protective clothing based on chemical resistance data and an assessment of the local exposure potential.
  - Skin contact must be avoided by using impervious protective clothing (gloves, aprons, boots, etc.).

**Section 9: Physical and chemical properties**

**Appearance**:
- liquid
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Colour : white to off-white
Odour : No data available
Odour Threshold : No data available
pH : 7.0 - 7.8
Melting point/freezing point : No data available
Initial boiling point and boiling range : No data available
Flash point : No data available
Evaporation rate : No data available
Flammability (solid, gas) : Not applicable
Flammability (liquids) : No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit : No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit : No data available
Vapour pressure : No data available
Relative vapour density : No data available
Density : No data available
Solubility(ies) Water solubility : No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : No data available
Auto-ignition temperature : No data available
Decomposition temperature : No data available
Viscosity Viscosity, kinematic : No data available
Explosive properties : Not explosive
Oxidizing properties : The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.
Molecular weight : No data available
Particle size : No data available
Section 10: Stability and reactivity
Reactivity: Not classified as a reactivity hazard.
Chemical stability: Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions: Can react with strong oxidizing agents.
Conditions to avoid: None known.
Incompatible materials: Oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products: No hazardous decomposition products are known.

Section 11: Toxicological information
Exposure routes:
- Inhalation
- Skin contact
- Ingestion
- Eye contact

Acute toxicity
Not classified based on available information.

Product:
Acute oral toxicity: Acute toxicity estimate: > 2,000 mg/kg
    Method: Calculation method

Acute inhalation toxicity: Acute toxicity estimate: > 5 mg/l
    Exposure time: 4 h
    Test atmosphere: dust/mist
    Method: Calculation method

Components:
Benzyl alcohol:
Acute oral toxicity: LD50 (Rat): 1,620 mg/kg
Acute inhalation toxicity: LC50 (Rat): > 4.178 mg/l
    Exposure time: 4 h
    Test atmosphere: dust/mist
    Method: OECD Test Guideline 403

Dexamethasone:
Acute oral toxicity: LD50 (Rat): > 2,000 mg/kg
LD50 (Mouse): > 6,500 mg/kg
Acute toxicity (other routes of administration): LD50 (Rat): 14 mg/kg
    Application Route: Subcutaneous

Skin corrosion/irritation
Not classified based on available information.

Components:
Benzyl alcohol:
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Species: Rabbit
Method: OECD Test Guideline 404
Result: No skin irritation

Dexamethasone:
Species: Rabbit
Result: Mild skin irritation

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Not classified based on available information.

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:
Species: Rabbit
Result: Irritation to eyes, reversing within 21 days
Method: OECD Test Guideline 405

Dexamethasone:
Species: Rabbit
Result: Mild eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Skin sensitisation
Not classified based on available information.

Respiratory sensitisation
Not classified based on available information.

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:
Test Type: Maximisation Test
Exposure routes: Skin contact
Species: Guinea pig
Method: OECD Test Guideline 406
Result: negative

Chronic toxicity

Germ cell mutagenicity
Not classified based on available information.

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:
Genotoxicity in vitro: Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES)
Result: negative

Genotoxicity in vivo: Test Type: Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (in vivo cytogenetic assay)
Species: Mouse
Application Route: Intraperitoneal injection
Result: negative

**Dexamethasone:**

**Genotoxicity in vitro** :
- Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES)
  Result: negative

- Test Type: in vitro assay
  Test system: mouse lymphoma cells
  Result: negative

**Genotoxicity in vivo** :
- Test Type: Micronucleus test
  Species: Mouse
  Application Route: Oral
  Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**
Not classified based on available information.

**Components:**

**Benzyl alcohol:**
- Species: Mouse
- Application Route: Ingestion
- Exposure time: 103 weeks
- Method: OECD Test Guideline 451
- Result: negative

**Reproductive toxicity**
May damage the unborn child.

**Components:**

**Benzyl alcohol:**
- Effects on fertility
  - Test Type: Fertility/early embryonic development
    Species: Rat
    Application Route: Ingestion
    Result: negative
    Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

- Effects on foetal development
  - Test Type: Embryo-foetal development
    Species: Mouse
    Application Route: Ingestion
    Result: negative

**Dexamethasone:**
- Effects on foetal development
  - Test Type: Development
    Species: Mouse
    Application Route: Subcutaneous
    Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: 6 mg/kg body weight
    Result: Specific developmental abnormalities, Cleft palate

Species: Rabbit
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Application Route: Intramuscular
Developmental Toxicity: NOAEL: 0.025 mg/kg body weight
Result: Specific developmental abnormalities

Species: Rabbit
Application Route: Intramuscular
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: >= 0.062 mg/kg body weight
Result: Specific developmental abnormalities

Species: Rat
Application Route: Subcutaneous
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: >= 0.02 mg/kg body weight
Result: Skeletal and visceral variations, Retardations

Reproductive toxicity - Assessment: May damage the unborn child.

STOT - single exposure
Not classified based on available information.

STOT - repeated exposure
Not classified based on available information.

Components:

Dexamethasone:
Exposure routes: Oral
Target Organs: Adrenal gland, Immune system, thymus gland
Assessment: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Repeated dose toxicity

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:
Species: Rat
NOAEL: 1.072 mg/l
Application Route: inhalation (dust/mist/fume)
Exposure time: 28 Days
Method: OECD Test Guideline 412

Dexamethasone:
Species: Rat
NOAEL: 0.0015 mg/kg
Application Route: Oral
Exposure time: 7 d
Target Organs: Liver
Remarks: Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species: Rat
LOAEL: 0.003 mg/kg
Application Route: Oral
Exposure time: 90 d
Target Organs: Blood, Adrenal gland, thymus gland
Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species : Rat
LOAEL : 0.125 mg/kg
Application Route : Oral
Exposure time : 6 Weeks
Target Organs : Adrenal gland
Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species : Rat
LOAEL : 0.4 mg/kg
Application Route : Oral
Exposure time : 3 Months
Target Organs : Immune system
Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species : Dog
LOAEL : 8 mg/kg
Application Route : Oral
Exposure time : 3 Months
Target Organs : Immune system
Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Aspiration toxicity
Not classified based on available information.

Experience with human exposure

Components:

Dexamethasone:
Ingestion : Target Organs: Immune system
Target Organs: Adrenal gland
Target Organs: Bone
Symptoms: muscle weakness

Section 12: Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Components:

Benzy alcohol:
Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 460 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 230 mg/l
Exposure time: 48 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : EC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 770 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
NOEC (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 310 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity):

NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 51 mg/l
Exposure time: 21 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 211

Dexamethasone:
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates:

EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 56 mg/l
Exposure time: 48 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants:

EC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): > 9.2 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

NOEC (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 9.2 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity):

NOEC (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 0.033 mg/l
Exposure time: 32 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 210

Toxicity to microorganisms:

EC50: > 1,000 mg/l
Exposure time: 3 h
Test Type: Respiration inhibition
Method: OECD Test Guideline 209

NOEC: 1,000 mg/l
Exposure time: 3 h
Test Type: Respiration inhibition
Method: OECD Test Guideline 209

Persistence and degradability

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:
Biodegradability:
Result: Readily biodegradable.
Biodegradation: 92 - 96 %
Exposure time: 14 d

Dexamethasone:
Biodegradability:
Result: Not readily biodegradable.
Biodegradation: 50 %
Exposure time: 3.54 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 314
Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

**Benzyl alcohol:**
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: log Pow: 1.05

**Dexamethasone:**
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: log Pow: 1.83

Mobility in soil
No data available

Other adverse effects
No data available

Section 13: Disposal considerations

Disposal methods
Waste from residues: Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
Contaminated packaging: Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. If not otherwise specified: Dispose of as unused product.

Section 14: Transport information

**UNRTDG**
UN number: Not applicable
Proper shipping name: Not applicable
Class: Not applicable
Subsidiary risk: Not applicable
Packing group: Not applicable
Labels: Not applicable

**IATA-DGR**
UN/ID No.: Not applicable
Proper shipping name: Not applicable
Class: Not applicable
Subsidiary risk: Not applicable
Packing group: Not applicable
Labels: Not applicable
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft): Not applicable
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft): Not applicable

**IMDG-Code**
UN number: Not applicable
Proper shipping name: Not applicable
Class: Not applicable
Subsidiary risk: Not applicable
Packing group: Not applicable
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Labels: Not applicable
EmS Code: Not applicable
Marine pollutant: Not applicable

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code
Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

NZS 5433
UN number: Not applicable
Proper shipping name: Not applicable
Class: Not applicable
Subsidiary risk: Not applicable
Packing group: Not applicable
Labels: Not applicable
Hazchem Code: Not applicable

Special precautions for user
Not applicable

Section 15: Regulatory information

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

HSN O Approval Number
HSR100759 Veterinary Medicines Non dispersive Open System Application Group Standard 2017

HSW Controls
Certified handler certificate not required.
Tracking hazardous substance not required.
Refer to the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017, for further information.

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

AICS: not determined
DSL: not determined
IECSC: not determined

Section 16: Other information

Further information

Date format: dd.mm.yyyy

Full text of other abbreviations
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