1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name: Dexamethasone Solid Formulation

Manufacturer or supplier’s details

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          Singapore - Singapore 638408
Telephone: +1-908-740-4000
Emergency telephone number: 65 6697 2111 (24/7/365)
E-mail address: EHSDATASTEWARD@msd.com

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

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classification
Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

GHS label elements
Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

Other hazards which do not result in classification
Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.
Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.
May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture: Mixture

Components

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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: If in eyes, rinse well with water. 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: Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin. Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.

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.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

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

Unsuitable extinguishing media: None known.

Specific hazards during firefighting: Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard. Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.

Hazardous combustion products: Carbon 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.

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. 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: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration. 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.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Technical measures: Static electricity may accumulate and ignite suspended dust causing an explosion. Provide adequate precautions, such as electrical grounding and bonding, or inert atmospheres.

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 dust. 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. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Keep container closed when not in use. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment.

Conditions for safe storage: Keep in properly labelled containers. 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.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

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Engineering measures: All engineering controls should be implemented by facility design and operated in accordance with GMP principles to protect products, workers, and the environment. Containment technologies suitable for controlling compounds are required to control at source and to prevent migration of the compound to uncontrolled areas (e.g., open-face containment devices). Minimize open handling.

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: Particulates type

Hand protection: Chemical-resistant gloves

Remarks: Consider double gloving.

Eye protection: Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles. If the work environment or activity involves dusty conditions, mists or aerosols, wear the appropriate goggles. Wear a faceshield or other full face protection if there is a potential for direct contact to the face with dusts, mists, or aerosols.

Skin and body protection: Work uniform or laboratory coat. Additional body garments should be used based upon the task being performed (e.g., sleevelets, apron, gauntlets, disposable suits) to avoid exposed skin surfaces. Use appropriate degowning techniques to remove potentially contaminated clothing.

Hygiene measures: If exposure to chemical is likely during typical use, provide eye flushing systems and safety showers close to the working place. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use. The effective operation of a facility should include review of engineering controls, proper personal protective equipment, appropriate degowning and decontamination procedures, industrial hygiene monitoring, medical surveillance and the use of administrative controls.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: powder

Colour: white

Odour: No data available

Odour Threshold: No data available
SAFETY DATA SHEET

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pH : No data available

Melting point/freezing point : No data available

Initial boiling point and boiling range : No data available

Flash point : Not applicable

Evaporation rate : Not applicable

Flammability (solid, gas) : May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means.

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 : Not applicable

Relative vapour density : Not applicable

Relative density : No data available

Density : No data available

Solubility(ies) : Water solubility : No data available

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Not applicable

Auto-ignition temperature : No data available

Decomposition temperature : No data available

Viscosity : Viscosity, kinematic : Not applicable

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

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY
# Reactivity
Not classified as a reactivity hazard.

# Chemical stability
Stable under normal conditions.

# Possibility of hazardous reactions
May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means. Can react with strong oxidizing agents.

# Conditions to avoid
Heat, flames and sparks. Avoid dust formation.

# Incompatible materials
Oxidizing agents

# Hazardous decomposition products
No hazardous decomposition products are known.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on likely routes of exposure
- Inhalation
- Skin contact
- Ingestion
- Eye contact

### Acute toxicity
Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

**Starch:**
- Acute oral toxicity: LD50 (Rat): > 5,000 mg/kg
- Acute dermal toxicity: LD50 (Rabbit): > 2,000 mg/kg

**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:

**Dexamethasone:**
- Species: Rabbit
  - Result: Mild skin irritation

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

#### Components:

**Starch:**
- Species: Rabbit
  - Result: No eye irritation
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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:

Starch:
Test Type: Maximisation Test
Exposure routes: Skin contact
Species: Guinea pig
Result: negative

Germ cell mutagenicity
Not classified based on available information.

Components:

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

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

Genotoxicity in vitro:
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.

Reproductive toxicity
Not classified based on available information.

Components:

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

Species: Rabbit
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:

Starch:
Species: Rat
NOAEL: >= 2,000 mg/kg
Application Route: Skin contact
Exposure time: 28 Days
Method: OECD Test Guideline 410

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

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

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
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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

M-Factor (Chronic aquatic toxicity):
: 1

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:

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

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

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

Mobility in soil
No data available

Other adverse effects
No data available

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.
14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

**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
- 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.

**Special precautions for user**
- Not applicable

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

**Workplace Safety and Health Act and Workplace Safety and Health (General Provisions) Regulations:** This product is subjected to the SDS, labelling, PEL and other requirements in the Act/Regulations.

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

- **AICS**: not determined
- **DSL**: not determined
- **IECSC**: not determined

16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Further information**

**Date format**: dd.mm.yyyy

**Full text of other abbreviations**

- **ACGIH / TWA**: USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
- **SG OEL**: Singapore. Workplace Safety and Health (General Provisions) Regulations - First Schedule Permissible Exposure Limits of Toxic Substances.

**ACGIH / TWA**: 8-hour, time-weighted average
**SG OEL / PEL (long term)**: Permissible Exposure Level (PEL) Long Term

- **AICL** - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; **ANTT** - National Agency for Transport by Land of Brazil; **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; **ERG** - Emergency Response Guide; **GHS** - Globally Harmonized 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 Organization; **ISHL** - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); **ISO** - International Organisation for Standardization; **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; **Nch** - Chilean Norm; **NO(A)EC** - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; **NO(A)EL** - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; **NOELR** - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; **NOM** - Official Mexican Norm; **NTP** - National Toxicology Program; **NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; **OECD** - Organization 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; **SADT** - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; **SDS** - Safety Data Sheet; **TCSI** - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; **TDG** - Trans-
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