SAFETY DATA SHEET

Betamethasone Liquid Formulation

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name: Betamethasone Liquid Formulation

Manufacturer or supplier’s details
Company: MSD
Address: 50 Tuas West Drive
Singapore - Singapore 638408
Telephone: 908-740-4000
Emergency telephone number: 65 6697 2111 (24/7/365)
E-mail address: EHSDATASTEWARD@msd.com
Telefax: 908-735-1496

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use
Recommended use: Pharmaceutical

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classification
Reproductive toxicity: Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure: Category 1 (Pituitary gland, Immune system, muscle, thymus gland, Blood, Adrenal gland)
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard: Category 1

GHS label elements
Hazard pictograms: 
Signal word: Danger
Hazard statements: H360D May damage the unborn child. H372 Causes damage to organs (Pituitary gland, Immune system, muscle, thymus gland, Blood, Adrenal gland) through prolonged or repeated exposure. H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statements: Prevention: P201 Obtain special instructions before use. P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. P260 Do not breathe mist or vapours.
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P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

**Response:**  
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P391 Collect spillage.

**Storage:**  
P405 Store locked up.

**Disposal:**  
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**  
None known.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Substance / Mixture:** Mixture

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<td>8001-54-5</td>
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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:** 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:** May damage the unborn child. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**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:
- Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.

Hazardous combustion products:
- No hazardous combustion products are known

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 and personal protective equipment recommendations.

Environmental precautions:
- Discharge into the environment must be avoided.
- 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 dyking or other appropriate containment to keep material from spreading. If dyked 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.

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.

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

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

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<td>Wipe limit</td>
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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.
- Essentially no open handling permitted.
- Use closed processing systems or containment technologies.
- If handled in a laboratory, use a properly designed biosafety cabinet, fume hood, or other containment device if the potential exists for aerosolization. If this potential does not exist, handle over lined trays or benchtops.

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:
    - Material: 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: liquid
Colour: colourless
Odour: No data available
Odour Threshold: No data available
pH: 6.8 - 7.2
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
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: No data available
Explosive properties: Not explosive
Oxidizing properties: The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.
Particle size: Not applicable

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.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION
Information on likely routes of exposure
  Inhalation
  Skin contact
  Ingestion
  Eye contact

Acute toxicity
Not classified based on available information.

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

Components:
  betamethasone:
Acute oral toxicity:
- LD$_{50}$ (Rat): > 5,000 mg/kg
- LD$_{50}$ (Mouse): > 4,500 mg/kg

Acute inhalation toxicity:
- LC$_{50}$ (Rat): 0.4 mg/l
  - Exposure time: 4 h

**Benzalkonium chloride:**

Acute oral toxicity:
- LD$_{50}$ (Rat): 344 mg/kg
  - Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Acute inhalation toxicity:
- LC$_{50}$ (Rat): 0.25 mg/l
  - Exposure time: 4 h
  - Test atmosphere: dust/mist
  - Method: OECD Test Guideline 403
  - Assessment: Corrosive to the respiratory tract.
  - Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Acute dermal toxicity:
- LD$_{50}$ (Rabbit): 3,412 mg/kg
  - Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

**Skin corrosion/irritation**
Not classified based on available information.

**Components:**

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

**Benzalkonium chloride:**
- Species: Rabbit
- Result: Corrosive after 3 minutes to 1 hour of exposure
- Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

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

**Components:**

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

**Benzalkonium chloride:**
- Species: Rabbit
- Result: Irreversible effects on the eye
- Remarks: Based on data from similar materials
Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Skin sensitisation
Not classified based on available information.

Respiratory sensitisation
Not classified based on available information.

Components:

betamethasone:
- Exposure routes: Dermal
- Species: Guinea pig
- Result: Weak sensitizer

Benzalkonium chloride:
- Test Type: Buehler Test
- Exposure routes: Skin contact
- Species: Guinea pig
- Method: OECD Test Guideline 406
- Result: negative
- Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Germ cell mutagenicity
Not classified based on available information.

Components:

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

- Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test Result: negative

- Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro Result: positive

Genotoxicity in vivo:
- Test Type: Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (in vivo cytogenetic assay) Species: Mouse Application Route: Oral Result: equivocal

Germ cell mutagenicity - Assessment:
- Weight of evidence does not support classification as a germ cell mutagen.

Benzalkonium chloride:
- Genotoxicity in vitro: Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES) Method: OECD Test Guideline 471 Result: negative Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Genotoxicity in vivo:
- Test Type: Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (in vivo...
cytogenetic assay)  
Species: Mouse  
Application Route: Ingestion  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

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

**Components:**

**Benzalkonium chloride:**
Species: Rat  
Application Route: Ingestion  
Exposure time: 2 Years  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 453  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

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

**Components:**

**Betamethasone:**
Effects on foetal development:  
Species: Rabbit  
Application Route: Intramuscular  
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: 0.05 mg/kg body weight  
Result: Fetotoxicity, Malformations were observed.

Species: Rat  
Application Route: Subcutaneous  
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: 0.42 mg/kg body weight  
Result: Malformations were observed.

Species: Mouse  
Application Route: Intramuscular  
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: 1 mg/kg body weight  
Result: Malformations were observed.

Reproductive toxicity - Assessment:  
Clear evidence of adverse effects on development, based on animal experiments.

**Benzalkonium chloride:**
Effects on fertility:  
Test Type: Two-generation study  
Species: Rat  
Application Route: Ingestion  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 416  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Effects on foetal development:  
Test Type: Embryo-foetal development  
Species: Rabbit
STOT - single exposure
Not classified based on available information.

STOT - repeated exposure
Causes damage to organs (Pituitary gland, Immune system, muscle, thymus gland, Blood, Adrenal gland) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Components:

**Betamethasone:**
- **Target Organs:** Pituitary gland, Immune system, muscle, thymus gland, Blood, Adrenal gland
- **Assessment:** Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Repeated dose toxicity**

Components:

**Betamethasone:**
- **Species:** Rabbit
- **LOAEL:** 0.05 %
- **Application Route:** Skin contact
- **Exposure time:** 10 - 30 d
- **Target Organs:** Pituitary gland, Immune system, muscle

- **Species:** Rat
- **LOAEL:** 0.05 %
- **Application Route:** Skin contact
- **Exposure time:** 8 Weeks
- **Target Organs:** thymus gland

- **Species:** Mouse
- **LOAEL:** 0.1 %
- **Application Route:** Skin contact
- **Exposure time:** 8 Weeks
- **Target Organs:** thymus gland

- **Species:** Dog
- **LOAEL:** 0.05 mg/kg
- **Application Route:** Oral
- **Exposure time:** 28 d
- **Target Organs:** Blood, thymus gland, Adrenal gland

**Benzalkonium chloride:**
- **Species:** Dog
- **NOAEL:** 50 mg/kg
- **Application Route:** Ingestion
- **Exposure time:** 13 Weeks
ASPIRATION TOXICITY
Not classified based on available information.

EXPERIENCE WITH HUMAN EXPOSURE

COMPONENTS:

Betamethasone:

Inhalation: Target Organs: Adrenal gland
Skin contact: Symptoms: Redness, pruritis, Irritation

ECOTOXICITY

COMPONENTS:

Betamethasone:

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates:
EC50 (Americamysis): > 50 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants:
EC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): > 34 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
Remarks: No toxicity at the limit of solubility

NOEC (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 34 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
Remarks: No toxicity at the limit of solubility

Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity):
NOEC (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 0.052 mg/l
Exposure time: 32 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 210

NOEC (Oryzias latipes (Japanese medaka)): 0.07 µg/l
Exposure time: 219 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 229

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity):
NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 8 mg/l
Exposure time: 21 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 211

M-Factor (Chronic aquatic toxicity):
1,000

Benzalkonium chloride:

Toxicity to fish:
LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 0.85 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials
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Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates:
EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 0.016 mg/l
Exposure time: 48 h
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants:
EC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 0.049 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

EC10 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 0.009 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

M-Factor (Acute aquatic toxicity):

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| NOEC (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): | > 32.2 mg/l
| Exposure time: 34 d |
| Remarks: Based on data from similar materials |

M-Factor (Chronic aquatic toxicity):

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**Persistence and degradability**

**Components:**

**Benzalkonium chloride:**
Biodegradability: Result: Readily biodegradable.
Biodegradation: 95.5 %
Exposure time: 28 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 301
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

**Bioaccumulative potential**

**Components:**

**betamethasone:**
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: log Pow: 2.11
Benzalkonium chloride:
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: log Pow: 0.004
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

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.
If not otherwise specified: Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

UNRTDG
UN number: UN 3082
Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (betamethasone)
Class: 9
Packing group: III
Labels: 9

IATA-DGR
UN/ID No.: UN 3082
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s. (betamethasone)
Class: 9
Packing group: III
Labels: Miscellaneous
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft): 964
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft): 964
Environmentally hazardous: yes

IMDG-Code
UN number: UN 3082
Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (betamethasone)
Class: 9
Packing group: III
Labels: 9
EmS Code: F-A, S-F
Marine pollutant: yes
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
The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

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.

Environmental Protection and Management Act and Environmental Protection and Management (Hazardous Substances) Regulations : Not applicable

Fire Safety (Petroleum and Flammable Materials) Regulations : Not applicable

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

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances; 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 Sys-
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