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Interferon Alfa-2b Liquid Formulation

Section 1: Identification

Product name : Interferon Alfa-2b Liquid Formulation

Manufacturer or supplier’s details
Company : MSD
Address : 33 Whakatiki Street - Private Bag 908
          Upper Hutt - New Zealand
Telephone : 908-740-4000
Emergency telephone number : 1-908-423-6000
E-mail address : EHSDATASETWARD@msd.com
Telefax : 908-735-1496

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

Section 2: Hazard identification

GHS Classification
Reproductive toxicity : Repr.1B
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure : STOT RE2 (Blood, Bone marrow)

GHS label elements
Hazard pictograms : 

Signal word : Danger
Hazard statements : H360FD May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child. H373 May cause damage to organs (Blood, Bone marrow) through prolonged or repeated exposure.
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.
P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.

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

Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

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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 :
May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.
May cause 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.

Section 5: Fire-fighting measures

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

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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Engineering measures: Use closed processing systems or containment technologies to control at source (e.g., glove boxes/isolators) and to prevent leakage of compounds into the workplace. All engineering controls should be implemented by facility design and operated in accordance with GMP principles to protect products, workers, and the environment. No open handling permitted. Totally enclosed processes and materials transport systems are required. Operations require the use of appropriate containment technology designed to prevent leakage of compounds into the workplace.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection: No personal respiratory protective equipment normally re-
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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.

Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

Appearance: liquid

Colour: colourless

Odour: No data available

Odour Threshold: No data available

pH: 6.5 - 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

Relative density: No data available
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Density
Solubility(ies)
Water solubility
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water
Auto-ignition temperature
Decomposition temperature
Viscosity
Viscosity, kinematic
Explosive properties
Oxidizing properties
Molecular weight
Particle size

Section 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity
Chemical stability
Possibility of hazardous reactions
Conditions to avoid
Incompatible materials
Hazardous decomposition products

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 dermal toxicity

Components:
m-Cresol:
Acute oral toxicity: LD50 (Rat): 121 mg/kg
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Acute inhalation toxicity: Assessment: Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

Acute dermal toxicity: LD50 (Rabbit): 301 mg/kg
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Skin corrosion/irritation
Not classified based on available information.

Components:
m-Cresol:
Species: Rabbit
Result: Corrosive after 3 minutes to 1 hour of exposure

Interferon alfa-2b:
Species: Rat
Result: Skin irritation

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

Components:
m-Cresol:
Species: Rabbit
Result: Irreversible effects on the eye

Interferon alfa-2b:
Species: Rabbit
Remarks: slight irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Skin sensitisation
Not classified based on available information.

Respiratory sensitisation
Not classified based on available information.

Chronic toxicity

Germ cell mutagenicity
Not classified based on available information.

Components:
m-Cresol:
Genotoxicity in vitro: Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro
Method: OECD Test Guideline 473
Genotoxicity in vivo:
Test Type: Mutagenicity (in vivo mammalian bone-marrow cytogenetic test, chromosomal analysis)
Species: Mouse
Application Route: Ingestion
Method: OECD Test Guideline 475
Result: negative

Interferon alfa-2b:
Genotoxicity in vitro:
Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro
Result: negative

Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES)
Result: negative

Genotoxicity in vivo:
Test Type: Micronucleus test
Species: Mouse
Result: negative
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Carcinogenicity
Not classified based on available information.

Components:
m-Cresol:
Species: Mouse, males
Application Route: Ingestion
Exposure time: 105 weeks
Result: equivocal
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Species: Mouse, female
Application Route: Ingestion
Exposure time: 106 - 107 weeks
Result: positive
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Carcinogenicity - Assessment: Weight of evidence does not support classification as a carcinogen

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

Components:
m-Cresol:
Effects on fertility: Test Type: Two-generation reproduction toxicity study
Species: Rat
Application Route: Ingestion  
Result: negative

Effects on foetal development :  
Test Type: Prenatal development toxicity study (teratogenicity)  
Species: Rat  
Application Route: Ingestion  
Result: negative

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Effects on fertility :  
Test Type: Fertility/early embryonic development  
Species: Monkey  
Fertility: LOAEL: 3.8 µg/kg  
Result: menstrual irregularities  
Remarks: Abortion

Effects on foetal development :  
Test Type: Fertility/early embryonic development  
Species: Monkey  
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: 3.8 µg/kg body weight  
Result: Embryolethal effects

Reproductive toxicity - Assessment :  
May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.

**STOT - single exposure**

Not classified based on available information.

**STOT - repeated exposure**

May cause damage to organs (Blood, Bone marrow) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Components:**

**Interferon alfa-2b:**

Target Organs :  
Blood, Bone marrow  
Assessment :  
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Repeated dose toxicity**

**Components:**

**m-Cresol:**

Species :  
Rat  
NOAEL :  
150 mg/kg  
Application Route :  
Ingestion  
Exposure time :  
13 Weeks  
Method :  
OECD Test Guideline 408

**Interferon alfa-2b:**

Species :  
Monkey  
NOAEL :  
0.095 mg/kg  
Application Route :  
Intramuscular  
Exposure time :  
1 Months  
Remarks :  
No significant adverse effects were reported
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**Aspiration toxicity**
Not classified based on available information.

**Experience with human exposure**

**Components:**

**Interferon alfa-2b:**

Skin contact: Symptoms: The most common side effects are:, flu-like symptoms, Fever, chills, Fatigue

## Section 12: Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

**Components:**

**m-Cresol:**

Toxicity to fish: LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 8.6 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: EC50 (Daphnia pulex (Water flea)): > 99.5 mg/l
Exposure time: 48 h

Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity): NOEC (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 1.35 mg/l
Exposure time: 32 d
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity): NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 1 mg/l
Exposure time: 21 d
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials
Persistence and degradability

Components:
m-Cresol:
- Biodegradability: Result: Readily biodegradable.
  - Biodegradation: 90 %
  - Exposure time: 28 d
  - Method: OECD Test Guideline 301D

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:
m-Cresol:
- Bioaccumulation: Species: Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe)
  - Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 17 - 20
- Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: log Pow: 1.96

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

International Regulations

UNRTDG
Not regulated as a dangerous good

IATA-DGR
Not regulated as a dangerous good

IMDG-Code
Not regulated as a dangerous good

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
Not regulated as a dangerous good
Section 15: Regulatory information

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

HSNO Approval Number
HSR100425
HSR100425 Pharmaceutical Active Ingredients Group Standard 2017

HSW Controls
Approved handler certificate not required.
HSNO tracking not required.
Refer to EPA user guide to the HSNO control regulations for further information.
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
ACGIH : USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
NZ OEL : New Zealand. Workplace Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants
ACGIH / TWA : 8-hour, time-weighted average
NZ OEL / WES-TWA : Workplace Exposure Standard - Time Weighted average

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 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 Organization 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 - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; 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; WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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