Section 1: Identification

Product name: Interferon Alfa-2b Liquid Formulation

Manufacturer or supplier’s details
Company: MSD
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Upper Hutt - New Zealand
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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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<td>98530-12-2</td>
<td>&gt;= 0.001 -&lt; 0.3</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:
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
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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.

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 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.

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 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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Further information: Skin absorption

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<td>TWA</td>
<td>20 mg/m³</td>
<td>ACGIH</td>
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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-
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 face shield 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
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.

Molecular weight: Not applicable

Particle size: Not applicable

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

Components:
m-Cresol:
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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
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- **Result:** positive
  - **Test Type:** Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES)
  - **Method:** OECD Test Guideline 471
  - **Result:** negative

**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

Interferon alfa-2b:

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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Species: Rat
NOAEL: 0.38 mg/kg
Application Route: Subcutaneous
Exposure time: 3 Months
Remarks: No significant adverse effects were reported

Species: Mouse
NOAEL: 0.076 mg/kg
Application Route: Intraperitoneal
Exposure time: 9 d
Remarks: No significant adverse effects were reported

Species: Monkey
LOAEL: 0.38 mg/kg
Application Route: Intramuscular
Exposure time: 3 Months
Target Organs: Blood, Bone marrow
Remarks: Significant toxicity observed in testing

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
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