



## SECTION 4 – FIRST AID MEASURES

### **First Aid**

- Swallowed: If swallowed **DO NOT** induce vomiting. Give a glass of water to drink. Seek immediate medical assistance if effects persist or contact the Poisons Information Centre.
- Eye: If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes
- Skin: If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water.
- Inhaled Remove victim from further exposure. Remove contaminated clothing and loosen remaining clothing. Allow patient to assume most comfortable position. Seek medical attention if effects persist.

### **Advice to Doctor**

Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5 – FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### **Fire/Explosion Hazard**

This material is not combustible under normal conditions. However, it will breakdown under fire conditions and the organic component may burn. Not considered to be a significant fire risk.

Fumes containing carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide may be formed in large fires.

Keep containers cool by spraying with water to prevent pressure building up inside the drums, causing them to burst.

### **Extinguishing Media**

Use water spray, 'alcohol' foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.  
Avoid using large quantities of water.

## SECTION 6 – ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### **Spills**

Slippery when spilled. Avoid accidents, clean up immediately. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and/or eye contamination and the inhalation of mists or aerosols

Contain using sand or soil. Carefully dilute with water ( fine spray or fog ).  
Wash down area with excess water.

## SECTION 7 – HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling** : Avoid skin and eye contact

**Storage** : Under normal weather conditions store in a well-ventilated area.  
Keep containers closed at all times when not in use. Check regularly for leaks. Remove drum bungs slowly to release any internal pressure.

## SECTION 8 – EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### **Occupational Exposure Limits : Occupational Exposure Limits :**

Occupational Exposure Limits : Threshold Limit Values

Threshold Limit Value (TLV) = 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> ( Sodium Hydroxide ) ( Peak Limitation )

Peak Limitation : For some rapidly acting substances and irritants, the averaging of airborne concentration over an eight hour period is inappropriate. These substances may induce acute effects after relatively brief exposure to high concentrations and so the exposure standard for these substances represents a maximum or peak concentration to which workers may be exposed

**Engineering Control Measures** : Natural ventilation should be adequate under normal use conditions, Keep containers closed when not in use.

### **Personal Protective Equipment :**

Eye: Safety glasses with side shields

Hands: Impervious plastic or rubber gloves.

Other: Not applicable.

Respirator: Use with adequate ventilation.

Always wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking or using the toilet.

Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage and reuse.

## SECTION 9 – PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance/Odour:	Pale Amber Liquid	pH (as is):	12 to 13
Melting Point:	0oC	Flash Point:	Not applicable
Boiling Point:	100°C (approximately)	Volatiles	Water only
Density: @ 25°C	1.08 grams/mL (approximately)	Flammable Limits:	Not applicable
Solubility:	Miscible		

## SECTION 10 – STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability** Incompatible with strong oxidising agents

**Reactivity** May react with strong oxidants.

## SECTION 11 – TOXOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### **Health Effects**

No adverse health effects expected if the material is handled in accordance with the Material Safety Data Sheet. Symptoms that may arise if the material is mishandled are :

### **Acute Effects**

Swallowing: This product is irritating to the gastro-intestinal tract. Ingestion may result in nausea, abdominal irritation, pain and vomiting. Oral LD50( Sodium Hydroxide) = 500 mg/kg (rabbit)

Eye: An eye irritant. Contamination of the eyes with may produce corneal damage

Skin: Irritating to skin. On repeated or prolonged skin contact may lead to irritant contact dermatitis. Dermal LD50( Sodium Hydroxide) = 500 mg/ 24H ( rabbit )

Inhaled: Not normally a hazard due to the non-volatile nature of the product. The vapour or mist is irritating.

### **Chronic Effects**

Principal routes of exposure are by accidental skin or eye contact Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause drying with cracking, irritation and possible contact dermatitis.

### **SECTION 12 – ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Avoid contaminating waterways.

Minor spills and residue may be hosed down with excess water to trade waste treatment plant

Major spills should be contained, absorbed by sand or earth and placed in sealed plastic or epoxy-lined drums for disposal

### **SECTION 13 – DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Refer to Waste Management Authority . Normally suitable for disposal at approved land waste site

### **SECTION 14 – TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Not classified as a Dangerous Good by the Criteria of the Australian Dangerous Good Code

Proper Shipping Name :	Not required	UN Number :	Not applicable
Dangerous Goods Class :	Not applicable	Subsidiary Risk :	Not applicable
Hazchem Code :	Not applicable	Packing Group :	Not applicable

### **SECTION 15 – REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**Classification** Based upon information, classified as hazardous according to criteria of NOHSC

**Poisons Schedule** Schedule 5

### **SECTION 16 – OTHER INFORMATION**

Contact Points

<b><u>Organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Telephone</u></b>	<b><u>Ask For</u></b>
Tasman Chemicals Pty Ltd	Braeside, Victoria, Australia	(03) 9587 6777	Technical Manager
Poisons Information Centre		13 1126	

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*This MSDS summarises our best knowledge of the health and safety hazard information of the product; how to safely handle and use the product in the workplace. If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate risk assessment can be made, the user should contact Tasman Chemicals Pty Ltd. Our responsibility for products sold are subject to our standard terms and conditions, a copy of which appears on all invoices. It is also available on request. Where health or safety data given discloses a risk to the user or environment, it is the responsibility of the Purchaser to pass on that information to employees or those who may be using the product, ensuring that adequate safety procedures are used including good industrial hygiene.*