

## **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

# **Aluminum Sulphate Solution**

## **Section 01 - Product And Company Information**

Product Use ...... Coagulating agent in municipal and industrial water and wastewater

treatment, additive in papermaking.

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## Section 02 - Composition / Information on Ingredients

Hazardous Ingredients......Aluminum sulphate hydrate 45-55%

Synonym (s).....Liquid alum; aluminum sulfate solution; papermaker's alum; sulphuric acid,

aluminum salt.

#### **Section 03 - Hazard Identification**

**Inhalation**...... Inhalation of mists can be irritating to the respiratory tract and lungs.



Skin Contact / Absorption....... Mild to moderate irritation can occur. Aluminum is very poorly absorbed

through the skin and toxic effects would not be expected following short-

term skin contact.

Ingestion....... Amounts ingested incidental to industrial handling are not likely to cause

injury. Large amounts may cause abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting. Can cause burns of the mouth, bleeding stomach, incoordination, muscle

spasms, and kidney injury.

**Exposure Limits**...... ACGIH/TLV-TWA= 2mg/m³(Soluble Aluminum Salts)

OSHA/PEL-TWA= 2mg/m<sup>3</sup>(Soluble Aluminum Salts)

## **Section 04 - First Aid Measures**

stopped. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Seek immediate medical

attention.

Skin Contact / Absorption...... Remove contaminated clothing. Wash affected area with soap and

water. Seek medical attention if irritation occurs or persists.

eyelids apart to ensure complete irrigation of eye tissue. Seek immediate

medical attention.

breathing in vomitus. Give large amounts of water. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsing person. Seek immediate

medical attention.

Additional Information...... Not available

### **Section 05 - Fire Fighting Measures**

Conditions of Flammability..... Non-flammable

Means of Extinction...... Product itself does not burn. However, decomposition product sulfur

trioxide will react with water to form sulfuric acid. Use appropriate

extinguishing agent.

Flash Point..... Not applicable



Auto-ignition Temperature...... Not applicable

Upper Flammable Limit ...... Not applicable

Lower Flammable Limit..... Not applicable

Hazardous Combustible Products... Under fire conditions (or at temperatures greater than 650°C), product

decomposes to give off sulfur trioxide, an oxidizing agent which will

support combustion.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures..... Wear NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and

protective clothing.

Explosion Hazards..... Liquid alum may react with some metals, to give flammable, potentially

explosive hydrogen gas. Hydrogen gas can accumulate to explosive concentrations inside confined spaces. Follow appropriate NFPA codes.

#### Section 06 - Accidental Release Measures

**Leak / Spill.....** Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Ventilate area. Stop or reduce leak if safe to do so. Prevent material from entering sewers.

Cover spill with dry earth, sand or other non-combustible material.

**Deactivating Materials**..... Lime, limestone, soda ash, sodium bicarbonate, dilute sodium hydroxide

or dilute aqua ammonia.

## **Section 07 - Handling and Storage**

Handling Procedures...... Use proper equipment for lifting and transporting all containers. Use

sensible industrial hygiene and housekeeping practices. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid all situations that could lead to harmful exposure.

Storage Requirements...... Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed,

and away from incompatible materials. Store at temperatures below 40°C

and above 0°C.

## **Section 08 - Personal Protection and Exposure Controls**

#### **Protective Equipment**

**Eyes**...... Chemical goggles, full-face shield, or a full-face respirator is to be worn at all times when product is handled. Contact lenses should not be worn;

they may contribute to severe eye injury.



**Respiratory**...... A NIOSH/MSHA approved air-purifying respirator equipped with acid gas/fume, mist cartridges for concentrations up to 20 mg/m³. An air-

supplied respirator if concentrations are higher or unknown.

Gloves....... Impervious gloves of chemically resistant material (rubber or PVC) should

be worn at all times. Wash contaminated clothing and dry thoroughly

before reuse.

Clothing...... Body suits, aprons, and/or coveralls of chemical resistant material should

be worn at all times. Wash contaminated clothing and dry thoroughly

before reuse.

Footwear...... Impervious boots of chemically resistant material should be worn at all

times.

**Engineering Controls** 

Ventilation Requirements...... Mechanical ventilation (dilution or local exhaust), process or personnel

enclosure and control of process conditions should be provided. Supply sufficient replacement air to make up for air removed by exhaust systems.

Other..... Emergency shower and eyewash should be in close proximity.

## **Section 09 - Physical and Chemical Properties**

Physical State..... Liquid

Odor and Appearance...... Pale straw coloured, clear odourless liquid.

Odor Threshold...... Not available

Specific Gravity (Water=1)...... 1.335

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg, 20C)...... Not available

Vapor Density (Air=1)..... Not available

Evaporation Rate...... Not available

**Boiling Point**...... 101°C

Freeze/Melting Point..... -16°C



Water/Oil Distribution Coefficient.... Not available

Bulk Density...... Not available

% Volatiles by Volume...... Not available

Solubility in Water..... Completely miscible

**Molecular Formula**...... Al<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> 14H<sub>2</sub>O

Molecular Weight...... 594.14

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Stability**...... Stable under normal conditions.

Incompatibility...... Corrosive to carbon steel, aluminum, and zinc. Reacts with strong

bases to form aluminum hydroxide.

Hazardous Products of Decomposition.. May react with many metals including carbon steel and aluminum to

form flammable gases including sulphur oxides and hydrogen. Liquid

alum is stable below 60°C.

Polymerization...... Will not occur

## **Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

Irritancy...... Corrosive

**Chronic/Acute Effects**...... Skin irritation may be aggravated in individuals with existing skin lesions.

Breathing of vapors or sprays (mists) may aggravate acute or chronic asthma and chronic pulmonary disease such as emphysema and

bronchitis.

Synergistic Materials..... Not available

Animal Toxicity Data..... LD50(mouse,oral)= >9000 mg/kg

 $LD_{50}(rat, oral) = >9000 \text{ mg/kg}$ 

Carcinogenicity...... Sulfuric acid mist: Classified 1 (Proven for humans) by IARC, 1 (Known to

be human carcinogens) by NTP

Sulfuric acid mist: Classified A2 (Suspected for humans) by ACGIH



Mutagenicity...... Not available

### **Section 12 - Ecological Information**

Environmental Effects...... May be harmful to aquatic life. Toxicity is primarily associated with the

acidic pH. Acidic soil conditions develop where contamination with this

material occurs.

## **Section 13 - Disposal Consideration**

Waste Disposal...... Dispose in accordance with all federal, provincial, and/or local regulations including the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

## **Section 14 - Transport Information**

**TDG Classification** 

Class..... 8

Group...... |||

Other...... Secure containers (full and/or empty) with suitable hold down devises

during shipment.

## **Section 15 - Regulatory Information**

WHMIS Classification.....E

NOTE: THE PRODUCT LISTED ON THIS MSDS HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HAZARD CRITERIA OF THE CANADIAN CONTROLLED PRODUCTS REGULATIONS. THIS MSDS CONTAINS ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THOSE REGULATIONS.

NSF Certification......Product is certified under NSF/ANSI Standard 60 for coagulation and flocculation at a maximum dosage of 330mg/L.



#### Section 16 - Other Information

**Note:** The responsibility to provide a safe workplace remains with the user. The user should consider the health hazards and safety information contained herein as a guide and should take those precautions required in an individual operation to instruct employees and develop work practice procedures for a safe work environment. The information contained herein is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, accurate. However, since the conditions of handling and use are beyond our control, we make no guarantee of results, and assume no liability for damages incurred by the use of this material. It is the responsibility of the user to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

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