

Section 1: Product and Company Identification

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Product Code: Sulfur Dioxide

Section 2: Hazards Identification



Danger

Hazard Classification:

Acute Gas Inhale Toxicity (Category 3)
Gases Under Pressure
Skin Corrosion (Category 1.B)

Hazard Statements:

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
Toxic if inhaled

Precautionary Statements**Prevention:**

Wash thoroughly after handling.
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapors/spray..
[In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.
Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.

Response:

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
Immediately call a poison center or doctor.

Storage:

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
Protect from sunlight.
Store locked up.

Disposal:

Dispose of contents and/or container in accordance with applicable regulations.

Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

CAS #
7446-09-5

Chemical Substance	Chemical Family	Trade Names
SULFUR DIOXIDE	inorganic, gas	SULFUROUS ACID ANHYDRIDE; SULFUROUS OXIDE; SULPHUR DIOXIDE; SULFUROUS ANHYDRIDE; FERMENTICIDE LIQUID; SULFUR DIOXIDE(SO ₂); SULFUR OXIDE; SULFUR OXIDE(SO ₂); STCC 4904290; UN 1079; O2S

Section 4: First Aid Measures

Skin Contact	Eye Contact	Ingestion	Inhalation	Note to Physicians
Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get immediate medical attention. Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing before reuse. Destroy contaminated shoes.	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then get immediate medical attention.	If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.	If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.	For inhalation, consider oxygen.

Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Products of Combustion	Protection of Firefighters
Non-flammable. Use suitable extinguishing media for surrounding fire.	None known	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Non-flammable▪ Non-flammable

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions	Environmental Precautions	Methods for Containment
Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Ventilate closed spaces before entering. Evacuation radius: 150 feet.	Avoid contamination of environment.	Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Reduce vapors with water spray. Do not get water directly on material.

Methods for Cleanup	Other Information
Stop leak, evacuate area. Contact emergency personnel.	Notify Local Emergency Planning Committee and State Emergency Response Commission for release greater than or equal to RQ (U.S. SARA Section 304). If release occurs in the U.S. and is reportable under CERCLA Section 103, notify the National Response Center at (800)424-8802 (USA) or (202)426-2675 (USA).

Section 7: Handling and Storage

Handling	Storage
Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Protect from physical damage. Store outside or in a detached building. Store in a well-ventilated area. Notify State Emergency Response Commission for storage or use at amounts greater than or equal to the TPQ (U.S. EPA SARA Section 302). SARA Section 303 requires facilities storing a material with a TPQ to participate in local emergency response planning (U.S. EPA 40 CFR 355.30).	Keep separated from incompatible substances. Use in ventilated area.

Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Exposure Guidelines
SULFUR DIOXIDE: 2 ppm (5 mg/m ³) OSHA TWA (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993) 5 ppm (13 mg/m ³) OSHA STEL (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993) 5 ppm (13 mg/m ³) OSHA TWA 2 ppm ACGIH TWA 5 ppm ACGIH STEL 2 ppm (5 mg/m ³) NIOSH recommended TWA 10 hour(s) 5 ppm (13 mg/m ³) NIOSH recommended STEL

Engineering Controls

Handle only in fully enclosed systems.

Eye Protection	Skin Protection	Respiratory Protection
Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.	For the gas: Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing. For the liquid: Wear appropriate protective, cold insulating clothing.	Non-flammable

General Hygiene considerations

- Avoid breathing vapor or mist
- Avoid contact with eyes and skin
- Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating or drinking

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State	Appearance	Color	Change in Appearance	Physical Form	Odor	Taste
Gas	Clear	Colorless	N/A	Gas	Irritating odor	N/A

Flash Point	Flammability	Partition Coefficient	Autoignition Temperature	Upper Explosive Limits	Lower Explosive Limits
Not flammable	Not available	Not available	Nonflammable	Nonflammable	Nonflammable

Boiling Point	Freezing Point	Vapor Pressure	Vapor Density	Specific Gravity	Water Solubility	pH	Odor Threshold	Evaporation Rate	Viscosity
14 F (-10 C)	-99 F (-73 C)	2432 mmHg @ 20 C	2.26 (Air=1)	1.462 @ -10 C	22.8% @ 0 C	Acidic in solution	3-5 ppm	>1 (butyl acetate=1)	Not available

Molecular Weight	Molecular Formula	Density	Weight per Gallon	Volatility by Volume	Volatility	Solvent Solubility
64.06	S-O ₂	0.169	Not available	Not available	Not applicable	Soluble: Alcohol, acetic acid, sulfuric acid, ether, chloroform, benzene, suluryl chloride, nitrobenzenes, toluene, acetone

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

Stability	Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible Materials
Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.	Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.	Combustible materials, metals, bases, oxidizing materials, halogens, metal carbide, metal oxides, peroxides, reducing agents, potassium, sodium, nitril chloride, acrolein, metal oxides, carbide

Hazardous Decomposition Products	Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

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Forms sulfurous acid solution on reaction with water.	Will not polymerize.

Section 11: Toxicology Information

Acute Effects

Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation
LC50, 1 hr, rat = 2520 ppm	Not available	Allergic reactions, burns, toxic

Eye Irritation	Skin Irritation	Sensitization
Corrosive, burns	Corrosive, burns	Respiratory tract burns, skin burns, eye burns, allergic reactions

Chronic Effects

Carcinogenicity	Mutagenicity	Reproductive Effects	Developmental Effects
IARC: Human Inadequate Evidence, Animal Limited Evidence, Group 3; ACGIH: A4 -Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen	Available.	Available.	No data

Section 12: Ecological Information

Fate and Transport

Eco toxicity	Persistence / Degradability	Bioaccumulation / Accumulation	Mobility in Environment
Fish toxicity: 3000 ug/L 0.667-0.833 hour(s) (Avoidance) Atlantic menhaden (Brevoortia tyrannus) Invertebrate toxicity: Not available Algal toxicity: 500 ug/L 6 day(s) (Cellular) Green algae (Rhizoclonium hieroglyphicum) Phyto toxicity: Not available Other toxicity: >=150 ug/L NR hour(s) (Biochemical) Duckweed (Lemna minor)	Not available	Not available	Not available

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Section 14: Transportation Information

U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101

Proper Shipping Name	ID Number	Hazard Class or Division	Packing Group	Labeling Requirements	Passenger Aircraft or Railcar Quantity Limitations	Cargo Aircraft Only Quantity Limitations	Additional Shipping Description
Sulfur dioxide	UN1079	2.3	Not applicable	2.3; 8	Forbidden	Forbidden	Toxic-Inhalation Hazard Zone C

Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Shipping Name	UN Number	Class	Packing Group / Risk Group
Sulfur dioxide	UN1079	2.3; 8	Not applicable

Section 15: Regulatory Information

U.S. Regulations

CERCLA Sections	SARA 355.30	SARA 355.40
Not regulated.	500 LBS TPQ	500 LBS RQ

SARA 370.21

Acute	Chronic	Fire	Reactive	Sudden Release
Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes

SARA 372.65

Not regulated.

OSHA Process Safety

1000 LBS TQ

State Regulations

CA Proposition 65
Not regulated.

Canadian Regulations

WHMIS Classification
AD1

National Inventory Status

US Inventory (TSCA)	TSCA 12b Export Notification	Canada Inventory (DSL/NDSL)
Listed on inventory.	Not listed.	Not determined.

Section 16: Other Information

NFPA Rating
HEALTH=3 FIRE=0 REACTIVITY=0

0 = minimal hazard, 1 = slight hazard, 2 = moderate hazard, 3 = severe hazard, 4 = extreme hazard