SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: Stearic acid

Product Number: 175366
Brand: Sigma-Aldrich
CAS-No.: 57-11-4

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses: Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company: Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
3050 SPRUCE ST
ST. LOUIS MO 63103
UNITED STATES

Telephone: +1 314 771-5765
Fax: +1 800 325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone #: 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Synonyms: Octadecanoic acid

Formula: C_{18}H_{36}O_{2}
Molecular weight : 284.48 g/mol
CAS-No. : 57-11-4
EC-No. : 200-313-4

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SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

If swallowed
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Unsuitable extinguishing media
For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Carbon oxides
Combustible.

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information
No data available
SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Avoid breathing dust.
For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions
Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling
Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Storage class (TRGS 510): 11: Combustible Solids

7.3 Specific end use(s)
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

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Remarks
- Lower Respiratory Tract irritation
- Does not include stearates of toxic metals.
- Not classifiable as a human carcinogen varies

| TWA            | 3 mg/m³ | USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) |

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- Not classifiable as a human carcinogen varies
8.2 Exposure controls

**Appropriate engineering controls**
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection**
Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

**Skin protection**
Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

- **Full contact**
  - Material: Nitrile rubber
  - Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
  - Break through time: 480 min
  - Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

- **Splash contact**
  - Material: Nitrile rubber
  - Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
  - Break through time: 480 min
  - Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

**Body Protection**
Choose body protection in relation to its type, to the concentration and amount of dangerous substances, and to the specific work-place. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

**Respiratory protection**
Respiratory protection is not required. Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN 143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Control of environmental exposure**
Do not let product enter drains.

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**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- **Appearance**
  - Form: solid

- **Odour**
  - No data available

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c) Odour Threshold
   No data available

d) pH
   No data available

e) Melting point/freezing point
   Melting point/range: 67 - 72 °C (153 - 162 °F) - lit.

f) Initial boiling point and boiling range
   361 °C 682 °F - lit.

g) Flash point
   113 °C (235 °F) - closed cup

h) Evaporation rate
   No data available

i) Flammability (solid, gas)
   No data available

j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits
   No data available

k) Vapour pressure
   1 hPa at 173.7 °C (344.7 °F)

l) Vapour density
   No data available

m) Relative density
   0.845 g/cm3

n) Water solubility
   No data available

o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water
   No data available

p) Auto-ignition temperature
   No data available

q) Decomposition temperature
   No data available

r) Viscosity
   12 mm2/s at 70 °C (158 °F)

s) Explosive properties
   No data available

t) Oxidizing properties
   No data available

9.2 Other safety information
   No data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity
   No data available

10.2 Chemical stability
   Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
   No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid
   Strong heating.

10.5 Incompatible materials
   Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents
10.6 **Hazardous decomposition products**
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides
Other decomposition products - No data available
In the event of fire: see section 5

**SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

11.1 **Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity**
LD50 Oral - Rat - > 2,000 mg/kg
Inhalation: No data available
LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - > 5,000 mg/kg
No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**
Skin - Rabbit
Result: No skin irritation
(Patch Test 24 Hrs.)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: No eye irritation

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**
No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**
No data available

**Carcinogenicity**
IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

**Reproductive toxicity**
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**
No data available

**Aspiration hazard**
No data available

**Additional Information**
RTECS: WI2800000

Cough, Gastrointestinal discomfort, irritant effects
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.
SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity
No data available

12.2 Persistence and degradability
No data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil
No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Other adverse effects
No data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)
Not dangerous goods

IMDG
Not dangerous goods

IATA
Not dangerous goods

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

SARA 302 Components
No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**
No SARA Hazards

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

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**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

**Further information**
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