

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Print Date 04/13/2024**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Boric acid

Product Number : B6768

Brand : Sigma

Index-No. : 005-007-00-2

CAS-No. : 10043-35-3

**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**

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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Reproductive toxicity (Category 1B), H360  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 3), H402

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

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<b>Hazard Statements</b>	
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
<b>Precautionary Statements</b>	
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

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

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>
Molecular weight	: 61.83 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 10043-35-3
EC-No.	: 233-139-2
Index-No.	: 005-007-00-2

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>boric acid</b>		
	Repr. 1B; Aquatic Acute 3; H360, H402	<= 100 %

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

**If swallowed**

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). 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

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**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**

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

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Borane/boron oxides

Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

**5.4 Further information**

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

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**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

## 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

#### Advice on safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

#### Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

#### Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

Moisture sensitive.

#### Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1D: Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
boric acid	10043-35-3	TWA	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		
		STEL	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

## 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). Safety glasses

### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

### Body Protection

protective clothing

### Respiratory protection

Recommended Filter type: Filter type P3

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer.

These measures have to be properly documented.

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

### 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

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| a) Appearance | Form: crystalline<br>Color: white |
| b) Odor       | odorless                          |

c) Odor Threshold	Not applicable
d) pH	5.1 at 1.8 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point: > 1,000 °C (> 1,832 °F) - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.1
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
g) Flash point	( )Not applicable
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	The product is not flammable. - Flammability (solids)
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	< 0.1 hPa at 25 °C (77 °F) - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.4
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Density	1.48 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 23 °C (73 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 109
Relative density	1.4923 °C - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.3
n) Water solubility	49.2 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.6 - completely soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -1.09 at 22 °C (72 °F) - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.8 - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
p) Autoignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	none

## 9.2 Other safety information

Dissociation constant 8.94 at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 112

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Risk of explosion with:  
Acetic anhydride  
Violent reactions possible with:  
strong oxidising agents  
Bases

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture.  
no information available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 3,450 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 2.12 mg/l - dust/mist

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 24 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation - 24 h

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Buehler Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: sister chromatid exchange assay

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: S. typhimurium

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Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 471  
Result: negative  
Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test  
Test system: mouse lymphoma cells  
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 476  
Result: negative  
Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test):  
Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells  
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 482  
Result: negative

Test Type: Micronucleus test  
Species: Mouse

Application Route: Oral  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474  
Result: negative

### **Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No ingredient 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 ingredient 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**

May damage fertility.  
May damage the unborn child.

### **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

## **11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 2 yr - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - 17.5 mg/kg - LOAEL (Lowest observed adverse effect level) - 58.5 mg/kg  
Remarks: (ECHA)

RTECS: ED4550000

Toxicity reported for borates in humans: ingestion or absorption may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and erythematous lesions on the skin and mucous membranes. Other symptoms include: circulatory collapse, tachycardia, cyanosis, delirium, convulsions, and coma. Death has been reported to occur in infants from less than 5 grams and in adults from 5 to 20 grams.



To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

After absorption of large quantities:

Vomiting  
Nausea  
Diarrhea  
agitation, spasms  
Tiredness  
ataxia (impaired locomotor coordination)  
drop in temperature

This substance should be handled with particular care.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 79.7 mg/l - 96 h (US-EPA)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 133 mg/l - 48 h Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)
Toxicity to algae	static test EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 52.4 mg/l - 74.5 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

### 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 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

### 12.7 Other adverse effects

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### **13.1 Waste treatment methods**

#### **Product**

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

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## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

#### **DOT (US)**

Not dangerous goods

#### **IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

#### **IATA**

Not dangerous goods

#### **Further information**

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

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## **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

#### **SARA 302 Components**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

#### **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**

Chronic Health Hazard

#### **Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Further information

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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